



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Finance (Inspection Wing-Technical) Department

CIRCULAR

No.24/2022-Fin

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated : 19.03.2022

Sub :- Use of standard cement and steel for public works in the State -
Modified guidelines issued - Regarding.

- Ref :- 1. Government Circular No. 8/2016/Fin dated 04.02.2016.
2. Government Circular No. 88/2016/Fin dated 18.11.2016.
3. GOI Notification No. 4 (13)/2016-SD(I) dated 09.08.2016.
4. D.O. No.S-20027/13/2020-TECH dated 12.01.2021.

As per Government Circular cited as 1st and 2nd paper, the contractor shall procure cement of appropriate grade (OPC or PPC) and confirming to relevant Indian Standard Code, from the State Government owned M/s Malabar Cements Ltd. or other reputed manufactures of cement having a production capacity of one million tonnes or more per annum.

Further, the reinforced steel used for the public works shall be from primary steel producers who are using iron ore as the basic raw material/input and having crude steel capacity of two million tonnes per annum and above. In case of non-availability of steel from primary producers, use of TMT reinforcement bars procured from steel producers having integrated steel plants (ISPs) using iron ore as the raw material for production of crude steel which is further ruled into finished shapes in house having crude steel capacity of 0.5 million tonne per annum and more.

In case of non-availability of steel from primary producers as well as ISPs, then the Engineer-in charge may also permit use of TMT reinforcement bars procured from secondary producers for minor works/nonstructural works only; subject to certain conditions.

Subsequently, a lot of representations were received from various stake holders including Associations of local Steel manufactures in the SME sector as well as Cement manufactures to modify the guidelines so as to permit use of their products also without compromising the quality.

It is observed that as per notification cited as 3rd reference, Ministry of Steel, Government of India has withdrawn the classification/ certification of Steel

producers as "Integrated Steel Producers", "Primary Steel Producers", "Secondary Steel Producers", etc. Also, as per DO letter cited as 4th paper, ministry of Steel, Government of India has requested the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, (MoRTH) to permit use of BIS approved Steel products both from large and small producers for their works.

Government after having examined the entire issue in detail, pleased to issue the revised guidelines to the effect that BIS approved Cement of appropriate grade (Both OPC or PPC), depending upon the type of work, and BIS approved Reinforcement Steel of appropriate grade, both from large and small producers, shall be permitted for use in the public works in the State, with immediate effect.

However, in order to ensure the quality control, BIS mark with IS Code No. and License number (CM/L.No.) shall be insisted in the Cement and Steel used for the work and required quality control tests be conducted as per the relevant Standard specifications, IS codes or Quality Control Manual, before accepting the same.

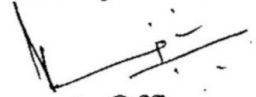
The above modified guidelines may be communicated to all concerned, urgently, for further necessary action.

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To

1. The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) & Secretary (FE).
3. All Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries to Government.
4. The Additional Secretary to Chief Secretary.
5. The Chief Executive Officer, KIIFB, Thiruvananthapuram.
6. The Chairman and Managing Director, KSEBL, Thiruvananthapuram.
7. The Managing Director, KWA, Thiruvananthapuram.
8. All Chief Engineers, PWD/WRD/LSGD/HED.
9. The Managing Director, RBDC/KRFB/KSCC.
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