



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Finance (Industries & Public Works-B) Department

CIRCULAR

No. 50/2020/Fin

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 07/09/2020

Sub:- Execution of Public Works through Non-Governmental Accredited Agencies - Check measurement by the Engineer appointed by the Client Department - Clarification issued - Reg.

Ref:- 1. G.O.(P) No. 95/2017/Fin. Dated 25/07/2017.

2. Government Circular No.E3/6/2020/PWD dated 24/02/2020.

As per Para (12) of Government Order referred 1<sup>st</sup> above, it was stipulated that, in the case of public works being executed through Non-Governmental Accredited Agencies, joint check measurement shall be ensured involving a Governmental Engineer on behalf of the client department.

2) It is observed that the above stipulations are not being complied by some of the Administrative Departments while entrusting public works to Non-Governmental Accredited Agencies like ULCCS, COSTFORD, HABITAT, etc. In certain cases, it is reported that the Engineering Departments are reluctant to spare the service of their Engineers for the above purpose which results in lack of adequate check on the quantity and quality of work including the concealed items, dismantling/demolishing, leading to noncompliance of relevant specifications, mandatory procedures and Government guidelines while executing public works.

3) As per Government Circular cited as 2<sup>nd</sup> reference, it is learned that the PWD Engineers have been directed to avoid sharing the responsibility of issuing Technical Sanction, Supervision, Measurement, Check measurement, Preparation and checking of bills, etc. in respect of public works entrusted to the Accredited Agencies as Project Management Consultant and which are taken up without concurrence of PWD. However, in the case of client Government Department not having adequate Engineering Wing, PWD Engineers can be included in the Technical Sanction Committees with prior permission of their higher officers.

4) In the above circumstances, all Administrative Departments are hereby directed to ensure appointment of a competent Engineer on behalf of client department to ensure that

- (i) All Government guidelines on execution of public works are strictly followed.
- (ii) Quantity of work measured is admissible and quality of work executed is acceptable.
- (iii) Proper supervision of work is maintained.
- (iv) Joint check measurement is done, etc. while entrusting the works to Non-Governmental Accredited Agencies.

5) The competent Engineer maybe selected in the following order of preference:-

- 1) Serving Departmental Engineer in the concerned discipline not below the rank of Assistant Executive Engineer for works costing up to Rs.250 lakhs and Executive Engineer for works costing above Rs.250 lakhs.
- 2) Serving Engineer of PSU/Statutory Body under Government of Kerala in the concerned discipline not below the rank of Assistant Executive Engineer for works costing up to Rs.250 lakhs and Executive Engineer for works costing above Rs.250 lakhs.

3) Competent Retired Engineer in the concerned discipline from the service of Government of India/Government of Kerala/Central PSU/State PSU/Statutory Body not below the cadre of Assistant Executive Engineer for works costing up to Rs.250 lakhs and Executive Engineer for works costing above Rs.250 lakhs.

6) The order of preference shall be scrupulously followed i.e. the second option shall be entertained only if the first option is not feasible and so on.

7) All Administrative Departments shall ensure that the above instructions are compiled scrupulously, in future cases.

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To

1. All Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries.
2. All Heads of PSUs under Government of Kerala.
3. The Principal Accountant General (A&E/G&SSA/E&RSA/Audit), Kerala.
4. The Chief Technical Examiner to Government.
5. All Heads of Statutory Bodies under Government of Kerala.
6. All Chief Engineers, PWD/LSGD/WRD/HED.
7. Stock file (E-14901:3)

Forwarded/By Order,

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