

F—POWERS OF SUBDIVISIONAL OFFICERS

436. The powers specified in clauses (h), (i) and (j) below can be exercised by all subdivisional Officers (permanent and officiating) irrespective of the length of their service.

The powers specified in clauses (a) to (e) and 2(g) below can be exercised by—

(1) Permanent Assistant Engineers recruited from supervisors irrespective of the length of their service as Subdivisional Officers.

(2) Officiating Assistant Engineers recruited from supervisors with 3 years service as subdivisional Officer; and

(3) Direct recruited permanent Assistant Engineers with 3 years service as Subdivisional Officer.

The power specified in clause (d) can be exercised in full by all officiating Assistant Engineers recruited from supervisors irrespective of the length of their service.

(a) Technical sanction to estimate for works other than those relating to residential buildings and electrical works:—

	Upto a limit of Rs.
1. Buildings designed on standard plans ..	1,000
2. Buildings not based on standard plans ..	500
3. Irrigation	Nil

NOTES.—(1) Subdivisional Officers should consult Executive Engineers in any case of doubt regarding foundations.

NOTE (2) Selected Officers who have put in a service of not less than five years as Subdivisional Officers may, however, be recommended by Superintending Engineers to be invested with enhanced powers upto Rs. 2,500 and Rs. 1,500 under items (1) and (2) respectively.

(b) Sanction to estimates for special repairs except in the case of residential buildings and electrical works, subject to the following limits:—

	Rs.
(1) Roads and Buildings	500 00
(2) Irrigation	Nil

(c) Sanction to estimates for ordinary repairs:—

1. Roads and building excluding residential buildings and electrical works subject to the limits prescribed in paragraph 144. 1,000
2. Irrigation limited to earthwork or repairs to bunds and channel banks and only in accordance with T. R. S. levels and sections No masonry work is to be included. 1,000

NOTE—(1) This does not confer powers to sanction estimates containing provision for work—Establishment.

(2) By the words " T.R.S. levels and sections ' is meant " approved standard sections such as those given in the revised list of minor works " .

(d) To accept tenders and to enter into piece work agreements on standard forms.	Rs. 2,500
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(ii) To accept tenders and agreements for electrical works of ordinary and special repairs—Rs 3,000 subject to the condition laid down in the paragraph 255 A of this code.

NOTE.—(1) Direct recruited Assistant Engineers and officiating Assistant Engineers of less than three years service are empowered to accept piece work agreement upto a limit of Rs. 1,000 in the case of works connected with repairs and improvement to all canals, channels and tanks irrespective of whether they form part of irrigation systems or not and to accept written undertakings (for petty works) given by contractors under paragraph 175 of this Code.

NOTE —(2) Selected Officers who have put in a service of not less than five years as Subdivisional Officers may, however, be recommended by Superintending Engineers to be invested with enhanced powers upto Rs 10,000 in the matter of accepting tenders and entering into piece work agreements on standard forms.

NOTE:—(3) The above delegation in respect of “agreements” applies to piece work agreements only subject to the following conditions.—

(i) that the agreements containing lumpsum items, or items not included in the sanctioned estimate or rates in excess of those in the sanctioned estimate or addition to or alterations in the authorized form should be accepted by a higher authority than the Subdivisional Officer; and

(ii) that for items for which lump sums are provided for in sanctioned estimates, the agreements should specify the rates with details and total amount for each of the items, according to the specified rate, should not exceed the lump-sum provision in the estimate. Provided that such specified rates are directly deducible from the accepted schedule of rates of the division and that, in cases where these rates are not so deducible, and where the total of the relevant lump sums in the estimate exceeds Rs. 50 data in support of these rates are got approved by the higher authority before the agreement is accepted.

	Rs.
(e) Powers to purchase tools and plant forming part of a sanctioned estimate, but not including office furniture or livestock	250

(f) Subdivisional Officers have no powers to sanction excesses over estimates sanctioned by higher authority, nor to approve deviation statements of workslips for estimates sanctioned by a higher authority.

(g) They can sanction urgent estimates for tank-bunds or channel banks which have breached but which have not been investigated by the T. R. S. This is applicable only in cases where the estimates referred to therein are classifiable under "ordinary repairs".

(h) Subdivisional Officers can approve of sales of dead and fallen trees in the compounds of public buildings or by the sides of roads in charge of the Public Works Department and on irrigation works upto a limit of Rs. 20 in each case subject to the following conditions. —

(1) that the sale are confined to trees fit for use as firewood only and to those which are less than 4 feet in girth in the case of timber trees used for building purposes.

(2) that wide publicity of the sales is given which must be certified to in the sale accounts submitted by the Subdivisional Officers; and

(3) that if any objections from the public to the notice or conduct of sales are received within a fortnight of the sales, the orders of the Executive Engineers should be taken, the sales in cases where there are no such objections being confirmed after a fortnight.

(i) Sub-divisional Officers are also invested with powers to approve of sales of materials of insignificant value received from works dismantled or undergoing repairs, such as brick debris, Cuddapah slab pieces, at their estimate value upto a limit of Rs. 20 subject to the condition that the articles are not required immediately for use on any works in the locality and subject also to conditions (2) and (3) in clause (j) above.

(j) Subdivisional Officers can approve of grass, fruit and fishery leases upto a limit of Rs. 20 in each case subject to the condition that the period of lease shall not exceed one year and that the sale amount shall not be less than the average of the previous three years.

(k) Under sections 55 and 59 (d) of the Madras Forest Act, 1882 (Madras Act V of 1882), Assistant Engineers are invested with powers of Forest Officers within their respective jurisdiction for the purpose of compounding of forest offences committed in relating to unreserved lands (other than tank bed lands) which are solely under the control of the Public Works Department.

G—POWERS OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, PUBLIC WORKS WORKSHOPS, MADRAS.

437. To approve work order estimates upto a limit of Rs. 200 in each case.

H—POWERS OF CIVIL OFFICERS

I—ACCORD ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL

A—ORIGINAL WORKS OTHER THAN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND ELECTRICAL WORKS.

438. The following authorities, have been empowered to accord administrative approval to original works, other than residential buildings and electrical works the cost of which is debitable to the Public Works grant.—

	Rs.
The Board of Revenue	} 10,000
The Commissioner of Excise	
The Chief Conservator of Forests	
The Director of Public Instruction	
The Director of Industries	
The Director of Agriculture	
The Inspector-General of Prisons and Chief Inspector of Certified Schools	} 5,000
The Inspector-General of Police	
The Inspector-General of Registration	
The Commissioner of Labour	
The Commissioner of Police	
The Surgeon-General	
The District Judges	
The Registrar of Co-operative Societies	
The Registrar, High Court	
The Superintendent of Stationery	
The Collectors and District Magistrates	
The Agents to the Governor, Vishagapatnam and Godavari	
The Chief Secretary to Government (in respect of Secretariat buildings at Madras and Ootacamund.)	
The Director of Fisheries	
The Director of Veterinary Service	5,000
The Chief Presidency Magistrate	500
The Superintendent, Government Press	500
The Chief Secretary to Government in regard to additions and improvements to Secretariat buildings at Madras and Ootacamund.	5,000

	Rs.
The Director of Public Health	1,000
The Superintendent, Government Museum	500
The Principal, Government School of Indian Medicine, Madras.	500
The Superintendent, Government General Hospital Madras.-1.	1,000
The Principal, Stanley Medical College, Madras.	500
The Superintendent, Government Tuberculosis Hospital, Madras.	500
The Superintendent Government Hospital for Women and Children, Madras.	500
The Superintendent, Government Royapettah Hospital, Madras.	500
The Superintendent, Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras.	500
The Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Madras.	500
The Superintendent, Government Stanley Hospital, Madras.	500
The Superintendent, Government Kasturba Gandhi Hospital, Madras.	500
The Principal, Medical College, Madras.	500
The Librarian, Connemara Public Library.	500

NOTE:—(1)—The administrative approval of the authorities empowered to accord such approval in paragraphs 438 to 443 is indicated by their countersignature on the plans and estimates. This delegation will also apply to all the second level officers and subordinate officers, who have been empowered by delegation to accord administrative approval. In all other cases, the authorities empowered to accord the administrative approval should themselves countersign the plans and estimates.

(2)—(i) In the case of works relating to Stationery Sub-Magistrates' Offices which are located in the same building as the Taluk Office, the Revenue Department shall be deemed to be in charge of the whole building; administrative approval to such works shall be accorded by the officers of that department up to the limit of their powers, the expenditure being met from funds provided under "General Administration",

(ii) Works relating to Stationery Sub-Magistrates' Offices which are located in separate or detached buildings even though situated in the same compound with other buildings, shall be deemed to be in charge of the Judicial Department, administrative approval to the proposal shall be accorded by that department up to the limit of their powers, the expenditure being met from funds provided under the head "Administration of Justice".

(3)—The Collector or the Board of Revenue, as the case may be should obtain the prior approval of Government to proposals for the provision of a third set of rooms to Inspection Bungalows with double accommodation.

B—RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

439. The outlay chargeable to the capital account of Government residential buildings requires the sanction of Government subject to the following exceptions:—

(1) The Inspector-General of Police and the Inspector-General of Prisons may accord administrative approval to works connected with constables or jail warders' huts provided that—

(a) the amount of the estimate in each case does not exceed Rs. 5,000 (an estimate must provide for the whole scheme contemplated at the time of its preparation and may not be split up in order to keep the expenditure within the Rs. 5,000 limit;

(b) the proposals are in accordance with the latest type designs approved by Government; and

(c) Outside works are restricted to minor sanitary works such as drains, latrines and wells, the like.

Notes (i)—The above officers are also empowered to sanction finally the execution of the foregoing works departmentally subject to the same conditions and provided further the estimate is based on rates not exceeding those in the current schedules of the Public Works Department.

(2)—Under sub-clause (c) above, the officers concerned may accord administrative approval to works connected with water-supply from municipal mains to the police lines and jail warders' huts, but note 1 above will not apply to such works. They should be got executed by or through the agency of the Public Works Department with reference to paragraph 196 and 254 of this Code.

(3)—The barracks of constables in the camps of the Malabar Special Police are to be treated as constable's huts falling under exception (1) to the rule.

(2) The authorities mentioned in paragraphs 415, 417 and 438 may accord administrative approval to works connected with quarters for employees in inferior service up to the limit of the powers delegated to them in respect of non-residential buildings subject to provisions (b) and (c) in clause (1) of this paragraph. Executive Engineers in-charge of divisions can exercise similar powers—vide paragraph 428.

440. The following authorities may accord administrative approval to proposals for improving the existing residential buildings subject to the conditions that the additions to the capital cost does not exceed Rs. 500 in each case and that the standard rent of the buildings will not exceed 10 per cent of the average emoluments of the class of tenant for whom it is intended:—

The Board of Revenue

The Commissioner of Excise

The Chief Conservator of Forests

The Chief Engineers

The Collectors

The Director of Agriculture

The Director of Industries and Commerce

The Director of Fisheries.

The Inspector-General of Prisons and Chief Inspector of Certified Schools.

The Inspector-General of Registration.

The Inspector-General of Police.

The Registrar, High Court.

The Commissioner of Police.

The Director of Public Instruction.

The Director of Medical Services.

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

The Director of Animal Husbandry.

The Director of Public Health.

The above delegation does not apply to rent-free quarters or to proposals for acquisition of land for additions to compounds of residences whatever the cost or value of the land may be.

NOTE (1)—The Director of Medical Services is empowered to accord administrative approval for estimate not exceeding Rs. 200 for improvement to rent-free quarters.

(2)—In the case of Law Chambers in the High Court, the Registrar, High Court, shall exercise the powers of administrative approval delegated to him upto a limit of Rs. 500 in each case subject to the conditions (1) that the improvements are limited to works of a minor character so as to keep the Chambers upto the standard ordinarily expected in the case of Chambers on a similar scale and (2) that the works sanctioned will not affect the prevailing market rate of rent, as to which the Registrar shall be the judge.

C.—ELECTRICAL WORKS

(1) Non-residential Buildings

441. Outlay on the first installations of electrical works in a building requires the sanction of Government. The authorities mentioned below have, however been empowered to accord administrative approval for additions, improvements and alterations to existing electrical installations upto the limits specified against them:—

Authority.	Limits of power-
Board of Revenue	} Upto Rs. 1,000 for each estimate.
Chief Conservator of Forests	
Chief Engineer (General, Buildings and Roads)	
Chief Engineer (Electricity)	
Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.	
Collectors	} Upto Rs. 1,000 a year for each building including appurtenant buildings in the same compound
Commissioner of Labour	
Commissioner of Police	
Director of Agriculture	
Director of Fisheries	
Director of Industries and Commerce	
Director of Public Instruction	
Director of Veterinary Services	

Authority.	Limits of Power.
District Judges Inspector-General of Police Inspector-General of Prisons and Chief Inspector of Certified Schools Inspector-General of Registration Registrar, High Court Registrar of Co-operative Societies Chief Secretary and other Secretaries to Government including Secretary to the Legislature. Superintending Engineer Superintendent of Stationery Executive Engineer	Upto Rs. 1,000 a year for each building including appur- tenant buildings in the same compound (i) For works in buildings occupied by the Public Works Department upto Rs. 500 a year for each building inclu- ding appurtenant buildings in the same compound. Vide Note 1 under Para- graph 428 I-A (a). (ii) Upto a limit of Rs. 100 per year for each building in the case of small extension to electrical insta- llations in buildings occupied by other department which are in charge of the Executive Engineers vide note 2 under paragraph 442, 42I-A (a)

(2) Residential Buildings

412. Outlay on the first installation of electrical works in residential buildings requires the sanction of Government. The authorities mentioned below are however, empowered to accord administrative approval to additions, improvements and alterations to existing electrical installations in residential buildings upto a limit of Rs. 500 a year for each residence, including out-houses

subject to the conditions, 1) that the standard rent of the quarters does not exceed 10 percent of the average emoluments of the class of tenants for whom the quarters are intended, and (ii) that the current consumption charges are recovered from the tenants:—

The Board of Revenue

The Commissioner of Excise

The Chief Conservator of Forests

The Chief Engineer (Roads and Buildings) and Chief Engineer (Electricity).

The Collectors

The Director of Agriculture

The Director of Fisheries

The Inspector-General of Prisons and Chief Inspector of Certified Schools.

The Inspector-General of Registration

The Inspector-General of Police

The Registrar, High Court

The Commissioner of Police

The Director of Public Instruction

The Surgeon—General

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies

The Director of Veterinary Services

The above delegation does not apply to rent-free quarters

NOTE—(i) The Surgeon-General is empowered to accord administrative approval to additions, improvements and alterations to existing installations, in rent-free quarters up to a limit of Rs. 200 a year in each rent-free quarters including out-house.

NOTE—(ii) In the case of Law Chambers in the High Court, the Registrar, High Court, shall exercise the powers of administrative approval delegated to him up to a limit of Rs. 500 in each case, subject to the conditions (1) that the improvements are limited to works of a minor character so as to keep the Chambers up to the standard ordinarily expected in the case of Chambers on a similar scale and (2) that the works sanctioned will not affect the prevailing market rate of rent, as to which the Registrar shall be the judge.

D.—POWERS OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

443. The Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor has been authorised to accord administrative approval to works connected with the Government House as below:—

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| (i) Ordinary original works relating to Governor's residences and non-residential buildings. | } Up to Rs. 15,000 in each case. |
| (ii) Other residences in the Government House (Raj Bhavan) Compound. | } Up to Rs. 4,500 in each case. |
| (iii) Improvements and additions to electrical works. | Up to Rs. 1,500 |

II. TO ACCORD TECHNICAL SANCTION

444, 445, 446, 447, 448—Deleted.

