



Tamil Nadu Public Works Department Code

WITH APPENDICES

(ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF
GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU.)

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PREFACE

(For the second edition)

The Madras Public Works Department and the Madras Public Works Account Codes which are now issued supersede the various rules and orders contained in the Public Works Department Code, X Edition issued by the Government of India and the Public Works Account Code, 1922, issued by the Auditor-General in so far as Provincial Public Works are concerned. In bringing out these volumes the various old rules and orders compiled together in the Works Audit Manual, Part I, issued by the Accountant-General, have also been examined and incorporated after such revision as was found necessary. Certain rules which are purely of interest to the Audit office have been omitted and will be issued by the Accountant-General as an Office Manual for his office.

2. The present revision has been necessitated by the fact that several of the old delegations have become out of date or obsolete after the Reforms. Further with the coming into force of the Government of India Act all the rules in the old Codes became obsolete until they were replaced or re-issued by the competent authorities. As it was obvious that the revision of the several Codes was a very complicated matter and would take time, the authorities on whom this duty devolved declared that the rules in the several Codes then existing should be taken as the rules issued under the Act and the Devolution Rules until they were revised. The present edition of the Madras Public Works Department Code contains administrative rules, together with the financial rules issued under rule 37 (e) of the Devolution Rules, which are special to the Public Works Department, in so far as Provincial Public Works are concerned. It contains also the delegation of powers to incur expenditure connected with Public Works.

3. As regards Central Civil Works, the Governor is the agent of the Governor-General in Council under Devolution Rule 46 and the issue of rules to be observed in regard to such works rests with the Governor-General in Council. The rules in the Public Works Department Code (Government of India), X Edition as modified by subsequent orders from time to time govern this class of work. As the officers of the Public Works Department have been entrusted with the transactions both of the Central and Provincial Governments, the special rules to be observed by them in regard to agency transactions have been embodied in an Appendix to the Code.

4. Most of the rules in the Public Works Account Code are Accounts rules issued by the Auditor-General, while some are Financial rules issued by the Local Government under Devolution Rule 37 (e) and some are subsidiary rules issued under the Treasury orders. There are also a few connected administrative rules. The Madras Public Works Account Code has been compiled from the Public Works Account Code issued by the Auditor-General and the several relevant orders of the local Government issued in the past after making the necessary examination and revision. Rules which the Auditor-General and not the Local Government has power to issue have also been embodied in this Code as it is important that from the point of view of Departmental Officers the various rules bearing on one subject whether administrative, financial or accounts should be arranged in a logical sequence and the question of authorities issuing them is not relevant. Due care has, however, been taken to obtain the acceptance of the Auditor-General or of his local representative, the Accountant-General, to all modifications of rules issued by him that the Local Government may have deemed necessary to make.

5. The Madras Public Works Department and the Madras Public Works Account Codes contain the rules which are special to the Public Works Department.

They do not reproduce rules which are applicable to the Public Works Department in common with the other departments. The Fundamental Rules and the Subsidiary Rules thereunder including the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules, the Civil Service Regulations (Pension Rules), the Civil Account Code and the Madras Treasury Manual will continue to be applicable in the matter of conditions of service, and pay, allowances, contingencies, etc., drawn on bills encashed at the treasuries.

6. A Memorandum showing the relation between the rules if the Codes now issued and those in the old Codes, is appended. The authority competent to modify the rules now issued has also been indicated.

7. The Madras Public Works Department and the Madras Public Works Account Codes came into force with effect from the 1st June 1926.

8. Reference have been given in those Codes to the numbers assigned to the forms in the Book of Forms issued by the Auditor-General as also to the numbers assigned by the Accountant-General and the Local Government to the same forms printed locally.

9. Consequent on the deletion or revision of certain paragraphs of the other edition of the Madras Public Works Department Code, the paragraph numbers in the present edition have been revised.

10. Officers who notice any error or omissions are requested to bring them to the notice of the Chief Engineer, who is requested to address Government if the error or omission is mortant enough.