



ABSTRACT

Public Works Department - Enhancement of delegation of powers for Acceptance of Tenders in respect of Civil Works to the Chief Engineers of Water Resources Department / Building Organisation of Public Works Department - Orders - Issued

Public Works (G2) Department

G.O.(Ms) No. 32

Dated: 31.01.2021.
Sarvari, Thai-18
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2052

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms)No.28, Public Works (G2) Department, dated 01.02.2012.
2. G.O (Ms) No. 281, Public Works (G2) Department, dated 12.12.2012.
3. From the Engineer in Chief (Buildings) and Chief Engineer (Buildings), Chennai Region, Public Works Department, Chennai Letter No.HDO/A/ 32710/2014, dated 20.01.2021.
4. From the Engineer in Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department Letter No. HDO /Sr.DO/ F-62450 / 2009, dated 22.01.2021

ORDER:

In Government orders first and second read above orders have been issued for enhancement of delegation of powers to the officers of PWD both in respect of Technical Sanction and also in respect of Acceptance of Tenders towards Civil and Electrical Works. Among other things, the following powers have been delegated regarding Acceptance of Tenders in respect of Civil Works:-

Sl.No	Officers	Revised Powers
1.	Assistant Executive Engineers	Rs.1.00 lakh (without tender excess)
2.	Executive Engineers	Rs.10.00 lakh (upto 5% excess) Rs.10.00 lakh to Rs.30.00 lakh (without tender excess)

3.	Superintending Engineers	Rs.10.00 lakh (upto 10% excess) Rs.10.00 lakh to Rs.30.00 lakh (up to 5% excess) Rs.30.00 lakh to Rs.50.00 Lakh (Without tender excess)
4.	Chief Engineers	Rs.10.00 lakh to Rs.30.00 lakh (with 10% excess) Rs.30.00 lakh to Rs.1.00 Crore (up to 5% excess)
5.	Tender Award Committee	Above Rs. 1.00 Crore (Full powers)

2. In his letter fourth read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai has furnished the following points for consideration of the Government:

- (i) The delegation of powers of acceptance of tenders to the Chief Engineers / Tender Award Committee have been issued in the Government Order first read above 9 years back.
- (ii) Subsequently, there was an increase in the value of estimates due to the manifold increase in construction cost inputs as well as increase in labour rates due to scarcity in availability of construction labourers for the past years.
- (iii) The number of new public building projects/ irrigation projects constructed and brought into use for the welfare of general public, the volume of works to be taken up and executed are increased every year in large numbers.
- (iv) Further, every year, the increase in value of estimate due to the schedule of rates have to be accounted for in fixing the monetary limits on acceptance of tenders.

3. The Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai has further stated that in view of the above the comparable & minimum increase in monetary limit on acceptance of tenders to the Chief Engineers of Water Resources Department / Building Organisation of PWD on par with powers already delegated to the Tender Award Committee have to be

essentially required, considering the increase in construction cost inputs, as given below:-

POWERS OF ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS FOR CIVIL WORKS:

Sl. No.	Officers	Proposed Revision
1	Chief Engineers of WRD/ Building Organisation of Public Works Department	In addition to the powers delegated in the G.O.(Ms). No.28, Public Works Department, dated 01.02.2012 Above Rs.1.00 crore (without tender excess)
2	Tender Award Committee	Above Rs.1.00 crore (Full Powers) (with tender excess)

4. The Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai has also furnished the following details:-

- (i) The decisions on the tenders costing above Rs.1.00 crore for civil works (without tender excess) at the Chief Engineers level will be taken rapidly, in order to save the time. The decisions on the tenders costing above Rs.1.00 crore (Full Powers) for civil works (with tender excess) will be vested with the Tender Award Committee only.
- (ii) The proposal for the increase in monetary limit on the powers delegated in acceptance of tenders to the Chief Engineers of Water Resources Department / Building Organisation of PWD would definitely reduce the time required in taking decisions on the tenders and the benefits of all the welfare schemes announced by the Government will reach the general Public on the targeted time frame.
- (iii) The powers delegated in respect of technical sanction of estimates to the Assistant Executive Engineers / Executive Engineers Superintending Engineers / Chief Engineers and in respect of acceptance of tenders to the Assistant Executive Engineers / Executive Engineers / Superintending Engineers in the G.O. first read above and as amended in the G.O second read above shall remain the same.

5. In his letter fourth read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai has requested the Government to issue orders regarding enhancement of delegation of powers for Acceptance of Tenders to the Chief Engineers of Water Resources Department / Building organization of Public Works Department as detailed below:-

POWERS OF ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS FOR CIVIL WORKS:

Sl. No.	Officers	Proposed Revision
1	Chief Engineers of WRD / Building Organisation of PWD	In addition to the powers delegated in the G.O.(Ms). No.28, PWD, dt.01.02.2012 Above Rs.1.00 crore (without tender excess)
2	Tender Award Committee	Above Rs.1.00 crore (Full Powers) (with tender excess)

6. The Government after careful examination, have decided to accept the proposal of the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chepauk, Chennai and to accord sanction to enhance the powers for Acceptance of Tenders delegated to the Chief Engineers of Water Resources Department and Chief Engineers of the Building Organization of Public Works Department and the powers delegated to the Tender Award Committee, in respect of Civil Works as detailed below:-

POWERS OF ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS FOR CIVIL WORKS:

Sl. No.	Officer	Powers delegated in G.O.(Ms)No.28, Public Works (G2) Department dated 01.02.2012 as amended in G.O.(Ms) No.281, P.W.(G2) Dept. dt.12.12.2012	Proposed Enhancement of Power
1.	Chief Engineers	Rs.10.00 lakh to Rs.30.00 lakh (with 10% excess)	Rs.10.00 lakh to Rs.30.00 lakh (with 10% excess)

		Rs.30.00 lakh to Rs.1.00 crore (upto 5% excess)	Rs.30.00 lakh to Rs.1.00 crore (upto 5% excess)
			Above Rs.1.00 crore (without tender excess)
2.	Tender Award Committee	Above Rs.1.00 crore (Full powers)	Above Rs.1.00 crore (Full Powers) (with tender excess)

7. The enhancement of delegation of powers sanctioned in para 6 above are subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The original administrative and financial sanction for the work should have been accorded based on detailed project estimates and not based on rough cost estimates. This would reduce the scope for post tender variations in terms of additional items on quantities.
- (ii) Adequate publicity for tender should have been ensured, in accordance with Rule 11 and 12 of Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Rules, 2000.
- (iii) The minimum time for submission of tenders should have been provided for in accordance with Rule 20 (1) of the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Rules, 2000.
- (iv) Only competitive tenders with participation of two or more bidders should be awarded based on the enhanced delegation of powers.
- (v) In normal circumstances no revised administrative sanction should be sought and in exceptional cases where revised administrative sanction is sought, this shall be placed before the Tender Award Committee for its approval.

8. The Government also direct that the modifications in the powers of Officers of Public Works Department in Technical Sanction of estimates in respect of civil and electrical works in Public Works Department, the Modifications in the powers of officers of Public Works Department in Acceptance of Tenders in respect of electrical works in Public Works Department, the enhancement of monetary limit of Pre-Qualification Tenders and the time gap fixed for the Tender Award Committee Meetings ordered in

the Government Order first read above and as amended in the Government Order second read above shall remain the same.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No. 49617/PW II/2021, dated 31-01-2021.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**K. MANIVASAN,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To

The Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (GI),
Public Works Department, Chennai -5.

The Engineer-in-Chief (Buildings) and Chief Engineer (Buildings),
Chennai Region, Public Works Department, Chennai-5

All District Collectors

All Regional Chief Engineers in Public Works Department.

All Functional and Regional Chief Engineer in Water Resources Department.

The Accountant General, Chennai -18.

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