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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF WORKS
CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
CHIEF ENGINEER (CSQ)
CONTRACTS AND MANUAL UNIT

NO. DGW/MAN/7

NIRMAN BHAVAN, NEW DELHI.
DATED : 1st January 1997

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Delegation of enhanced powers to the officers of Central P.W.D.

In exercise of the powers delegated to the Director General (Works), Central P.W.D. vide Government of India, Ministry of Urban Development letter No.17013/1/91 - EW-I dated 9th June, 1992, the monetary limits of the financial powers delegated to the officers of the CPWD in respect of matters connected with the execution of works are enhanced as detailed in Annexure to this office Memo.

The exercise of the delegated powers is subject to the restrictions which might be imposed by orders issued by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure from time to time and is also subject to the observance of the provisions contained in the various codes.

These orders shall be effective from the date of issue of this O.M.

Encl : As above



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Schedule showing the enhanced financial powers delegated to the officers of the CPWD

S. No.	Nature of power	Designation of the officer	Extent of enhanced power delegated
1	2	3	4
1.	Acceptance of lowest tender with or without negotiations	AE/AEE EE (Division where ASW is provided) EE (Division where ASW is not provided) SE CE - under his own power - with prior approval of ADG - with prior approval of DG(M) - With prior approval of Central Works Board	Rs.30,000/- Rs. 10 lacs Rs. 6 lacs Rs.70 lacs Rs.250 lacs Rs.400 lacs Rs.550 lacs Full powers
2.	Acceptance of single tender with or without negotiations	AE/AEE EE - under his own authority - with prior approval of next higher authority (para 95 CPWD code) SE - under his own authority - with prior approval of next higher authority CE - under his own authority - with prior approval of ADG - with prior approval of DG(M) - with prior approval of Central Works Board	Rs.15,000/- Rs. 1lac Rs. 6 lacs Rs.30 lacs Rs.70 lacs Rs.125 lacs Rs.200 lacs Rs.350 lacs Full powers

NOTE: Full reasons should be recorded by the approving authority who should also guard against the contractor holding out unjustifiably higher rates.

3. Award of work by acceptance, of a tender other than the lowest with or without negotiations.

AE/AEE
EE
SE

Where the lowest tender is not accepted, reasons should be recorded confidentially and prior approval of authority next higher than the one competent to accept the tender should be obtained.

CE - Under his own authority

Rs. 70 lacs

- With prior approval of ADG

Rs. 100 lacs

- With prior approval of DG(M)

Rs. 150 lacs

- With prior approval of Central

Full powers

Works Board

4. Award of work without call of tenders

AE/AEE

Rs. 15,000/-

EE

Rs. 1 lac

SE

Rs. 3 lacs

CE - Under his own authority

Rs. 6 lacs

- With prior approval of ADG

Rs. 30 lacs

- With prior approval of DG(M)

Rs. 60 lacs

- With prior approval of central

Full powers

Works Board

5. Award of work by negotiation ab initio after injunctious call of tender or with a firm which has not quoted for execution of the remaining work after rescission of the contract

AE/AEE

Rs. 20,000/-

EE

Rs 1.5 lacs

SE

Rs 4 lacs

CE - Under his own authority

Rs. 10 lacs

- With prior approval of ADG

Rs. 50 lacs

- With prior approval of DG(M)

Rs. 100 lacs

- With prior approval of Central

Full powers

Works Board

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6	(i) Splitting up projects/ works/Sub-heads	EE SE CE	Upto Rs.6 lacs. Above Rs.6 lacs and upto Rs.70 lacs Full powers.
	(ii) Acceptance of tenders for the split up components	EE SE CE ADG/DG(M)/CW Board.	Upto Rs.6 lacs. Above Rs.6 lacs and upto Rs.70 lacs. Above Rs.70 lacs and upto Rs.250 lacs Full powers.

Note : (i) The tenders for the split up portion shall be accepted by the same competent authority who permitted such splitting for projects/works costing upto Rs.250 lacs. The fact that the project / work has been split up for the purpose of inviting tenders should, however, be clearly brought to the notice of the authority competent for split up, explaining the reasons while forwarding the tenders for such works.

(ii) The tenders for the split up portions of projects/works costing more than Rs.250 lacs. shall be accepted by the ADG/DG(M)/CW Board as the case may be. The fact that the project has been split up for the purpose of inviting the tenders should be clearly brought to the notice of the ADG/DG(M)/CW Board explaining the reasons while forwarding the tenders for their consideration/approval.

(iii) Tenders relating to component parts of the project, if the amount of such component part appears as distinct sub head will be dealt with by the authorities concerned according to their powers of acceptance of the tenders and sanction of estimates and not referred to the higher authorities even though they may form part of the project beyond their acceptance as a whole.

(iv) The procedure mentioned in note (iii) above will also apply in respect of tenders for sanitary and water supply and electrical and furniture work for which provision is made under the distinct sub heads. The tenders for such works need not be submitted to the higher authorities if the amount is within the competence of the authority concerned and the provision exists in the estimates under distinct sub heads even if the total cost of work may be more.

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7. Acceptance of tenders for smaller works likely to crop up during the execution of work / project and for which no provision exists in the sanctioned project estimates.

Full power to accept tenders for such works Subject to availability of funds under sub-head "contingencies" in the sanctioned project estimate.

8. Award of work order - Annual limit for civil / Electrical Division

EE - maintenance division
EE - Construction division

Rs. 15 lacs
Rs. 7 lacs

NOTE : (i) The annual limits include work orders accepted by AEs /AEEs in the subdivisions also.
(ii) Beyond these limits, the work orders, if any, will require prior approval of S.L.

9. (a) To accept highest tender bid for disposal of Government buildings without land at/ and above the reserve price fixed by CE / DG (W)

EE
SE

Rs. 4 lacs
Rs. 35 lacs
Full powers

(b) below reserve price

EE/SE/CE - (Decision to be taken by the next higher authority)

ADG / DG(W)

Full powers

(c) Acceptance of single tender /bid at/ and above reserve price

EE
SE

Rs. 20,000/-
Rs. 20 lacs

CE - With in his powers

Rs. 60 lacs

- With prior approval of ADG

Rs. 70 lacs

- With prior approval of DG(W)

Rs. 85 lacs

- With prior approval of Central Works Board

Full powers

(d) (i) Sale/ dismantlement of public building other than purely temporary structure

CE
ADG/DG(W)

Rs. 6 lacs
Full powers

(ii) purely temporary structure

EE

Full powers subject to the conditions mentioned in para 127 of CPWD Code.

SE

Full powers if the structure etc. is to be sold at lower than reserve price.

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NOTE: (i) The value of building for fixing reserve price should be the current cost of replacement.

(ii) The authority competent to fix the reserve price will be competent to fix the replacement cost as well.

(iii) The reserve price should be fixed as per norms laid down in para 127 CPWD Code.

10. Accord of Technical sanction for detailed estimates
(Civil & Electrical works)

AE/AEE

Rs. 60,000/-

EE - Where ASW is provided
- Where ASW is not provided

Rs. 10 lacs
Rs. 6 lacs

SE
CE/ADG/DG(M)

Rs. 70 lacs
Full powers

NOTE: This delegation of power is subject to restrictions and provisions of orders issued by the Ministry of Finance from time to time and as also the provisions contained in various codes. In this context instructions contained in the ministry of Finance O.M.No. F. 10(28)/E coord. / 77 dated 20.1.1978 and para 2.47 of CPWD manual Vol II regarding Technical Sanction of components should be kept in view.

11. Acceptance of arbitration awards.

CE
ADG
DG(M)

Rs. 7 lacs
Rs. 20 lacs
Full powers

NOTE: (i) These powers are to be exercised where no appeals are to be filed against arbitration awards or where appeals filed against such awards have been dismissed.

(ii) These powers should be exercised in consultation with the financial officer.

12. Accord of sanction to extra / substituted items

AE/AEE

(i) In respect of contracts accepted within his power Rs. 3,000/- or 5% of the contract value whichever is less

(ii) In respect of contracts accepted by a higher authority Nil

NOTE: Where rates cannot be derived either from the agreement or the standard schedule of rates, approval of EE to the fixation of rates of such items shall be obtained.

EE

(i) In respect of schedule and agreement items Rs. 2 lacs

(ii) In respect of other items 25% of the contract value, subject to the ceiling of Rs. 15,000/-

SE

- in respect of schedule and non-schedule items Rs. 13 lacs

CE/ADG/DG(M)

Full powers

NOTE: (i) These powers should be exercised for technical reasons only.

(ii) Scale of accommodation and furniture sanctioned by higher authorities should not be exceeded.

(iii) These powers are in respect of each contract.

(iv) These powers will be exercised independently by each authority.

(v) These powers shall include sanction for exceeding the quantities of various items beyond deviation limits in accordance with DG(W), CPWD OM No. DGW/CON / 85 dt. 30.6.95

13 Award of additional quantities against abnormally

high/ low rated items, variations being more than

25% above or below the schedule of rate duly

enhanced to the extent of cost index which will

be approved by CE concerned from time to time

for particular place with reference to the schedule

of rates to be adopted for the purpose.

AE/AEE

EE

SE

CE/ADG/DG(W)

Rs. 8,000/-

Rs. 60,000/-

Rs. 2.50 lacs

Full powers

NOTE: The officers are allowed to award such quantities upto 25 % of the quantities stipulated in the agreement in respect of work below plinth level and upto 5% in the case of work above plinth level. Beyond these limits, these powers shall be restricted to the monetary limits mentioned above. In the case of low rate items, the quantity decreased beyond 25% / 5% shall be taken as quantity awarded for the purpose of enhanced powers as mentioned above.

14. (1) To undertake deposit works at full rates of Departmental charges

CE

ADG

DG(W)

Rs. 600 lacs

Full powers

Full powers

(2) To undertake deposit works at rates lower than full rates of Departmental charges

ADG

DG(W)

Rs. 400 lacs

Full powers

NOTE: Delegation of full powers will be subject to the condition that DC to be charged shall not vary by more than 20 % of the standard DC and subject to the following conditions :-

(a) Such Departmental charges will be reviewed at every upward revision of normal Departmental charges ; and

(b) Deposit work will be accepted to utilise spare capacity of the CPWD at the zonal level and should not in any way affect Departmental working.

15. Accord of A/A & E/S for construction of houses for CPWD project staff for major projects

ADG

DG(W)

Rs. 100 lacs

Full powers

NOTE : This will be subject to the condition that the cost of construction will be met out of the contingencies of the project where there is no separate provision for the same.

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16. (i) Accord of Administrative Approval and Expenditure
Sanction for construction of houses for CPWD
maintenance staff. ADG DG(W) Rs. 25 lacs
Rs. 40 lacs
- (ii) Accord of Expenditure Sanction CE/ADG/DG(W) Rs. 70 lacs (in case of project costing more than
Rs. 6 lacs pre-Budget financial scrutiny should
have been done by the competent authority
i.e. Bt. Secn., M/O UA & E)

NOTE: (i) Due care should be taken to ensure that powers are not used to create a separate pool of accommodation and to ensure that DG(W)/ADG would draw up a list of maintenance staff for whom the quarters near the enquiry office are essential.

(ii) Power shall be exercised by CE/ADG/ DG(W) in consultation with FO/CCA, M/O UA & E.

17. (i) Local purchase of steel

CE Rs. 4 lacs
ADG Rs. 40 lacs
DG(W) Full powers

(ii) Local purchase of steel on grounds of emergency

EE Rs. 1.2 lacs
SE Rs. 6 lacs
CE Rs. 30 lacs
ADG Rs. 50 lacs
DG(W) Full powers

NOTE: 1. Purchase of steel from stock-yards of main producers viz SAIL, TISCO, IISCO & Rashtriya Ispat Nigam will not be treated as local purchase. However, quotations will be obtained from the main producers through press notice and orders placed at lowest rates f.o.r. destination. All supply orders for purchase of steel from the stock yards of main producers shall be approved by the Superintending Engineer concerned except in case of Central Stores at Delhi where such approval shall be accorded by the Chief Engineer in-charge of Central Stores.

2. Powers of local purchase of steel on grounds of emergency will be exercised in the event of emergent requirements and responsibility for declaring emergency necessitating the purchase of steel shall rest with the ADG/CE (Head of the Department). These powers should be exercised in case when non-acquisition of articles concerned is likely to hold up the work. Such purchase should be limited to absolute minimum required to tide over the emergency in a particular situation created by sudden failure of machinery or by on act of God.

Sd/- (K.S. Arora) Sd/- (P.K. Mathur) Sd/- (Shyam Kishore)
Executive Engineer (Manual) Superintending Engineer (C&M) Chief Engineer (C.S.Q.)
Sd/- (P.B. Vijay)
Director General (works)