



ABSTRACT

Highways Department - Delegation of powers to all the Chief Engineers of Highways Department and Commissionerate of Tenders for approval of Tenders – Partial Modification - Issued.

Highways and Minor Ports (HN2) Department

G.O.(Ms) No. 25

Dated: 08.02.2021

சார்வரி, தை 26, திருவள்ளூர்வராண்டு 2052

Read :-

1. G.O.(Ms).No.163, Highways and Minor Ports (HN1) Department, Dated 01.10.2012.
2. G.O. (Ms) No. 32, Public Works (G2) Department, Dated 31.01.2021.
3. From the Director General, Highways Department Letter 01291/Tech Cell/2021, Dated: 04.02.2021.

Order:

In the Government Order first read above, orders have been issued for enhancing the powers of approval of tenders in Highways Department to the Divisional Engineers, Superintending Engineers, Chief Engineers, Board of Engineers and Commissionerate of Tenders.

2. In the letter third read above, the Director General, Highways Department has sent the proposal of the Chief Engineer (H), Construction and Maintenance for revision of delegation of powers for approval of tenders for the Chief Engineers of Highways Department and the Commissionerate of Tenders, on par with the delegation of powers made in the Public Works Department in the Government Order second read above.

3. The Chief Engineer. (Construction and Maintenance), Highways Department has stated that, since Highways Department is similar to Public Works Department in execution of Civil works, Public Works Department is the parental department and Schedule of rates of Public Works Department is being followed by the Highways Department for the preparation of estimates, the delegation of powers for approval of tenders to the Chief Engineers of Highways Department and Commissionerate of Tender have also to be enhanced on par with that of Public Works Department so as to maintain uniformity.

4. The Director General, Highways Department has therefore requested the Government to revise the delegation of powers for all the Chief Engineers of

Highways Department and Commissionerate of Tenders for approval of Tenders as indicated below in partial modification to Government Order first read above.

Sl. No.	Authority	Powers Delegated as per G.O. (Ms) No. 163, Highways & Minor Ports (HN1) Department, Dated 01.10.2012	Proposed Delegation of Powers
1.	Chief Engineer	Upto Rs.1.00 Crore (Upto 6% Tender Excess)	Upto Rs.1.00 Crore Upto 6% Tender Excess
		Above Rs.1.00 Crore to Rs.6.00 Crore (for individual works) (All cases with No Tender Excess)	Above Rs.1.00 crore without any Tender Excess (irrespective of individual works and package works)
		For more than Rs.1.00 Crore to Rs.7.50 Crore (for packages) (All cases with No Tender Excess)	
2.	Commissionerate of Tenders	Upto Rs.50 Lakhs (Above 10% Tender Excess)	Upto Rs.50 Lakhs (Above 10% Tender Excess)
		Upto Rs.1.00 Crore (Above 6% Tender Excess)	Upto Rs.1.00 Crore (Above 6% Tender Excess)
		Above Rs.1.00 Crore to Rs.6.00 Crore for individual works (All cases with any Tender Excess)	Above Rs.1.00 Crore with Tender Excess (irrespective of individual works and package works)
		Rs.1.00 Crore to Rs.7.50 Crore (for Packages) (All cases with any Tender Excess)	
		Above Rs.6.00 Crore (individual works)	
Above Rs.7.50 Crore (for all Packages) (All cases irrespective of Tender Excess)			

5. The Government after careful examination accept the proposal of the Director General, Highways Department and revise the delegation of powers to all the Chief Engineers of Highways Department and Commissionerate of Tenders for approval of Tenders in partial modification to Government Order first read above as below subject to the following conditions:-

Sl. No.	Authority	Powers Delegated as per G.O. (Ms) No. 163, Highways & Minor Ports (HN1) Department, Dated 01.10.2012	Modified Powers Delegated in this order
1.	Chief Engineer	Upto Rs.1.00 Crore (Upto 6% Tender Excess)	Upto Rs.1.00 Crore Upto 6% Tender Excess
		Above Rs.1.00 Crore to Rs.6.00 Crore (for individual works) (All cases with No Tender Excess)	Above Rs.1.00 crore without any Tender Excess (irrespective of individual works and package works)
		For more than Rs.1.00 Crore to Rs.7.50 Crore (for packages) (All cases with No Tender Excess)	
2.	Commissionerate of Tenders	Upto Rs.50 Lakhs (Above 10% Tender Excess)	Upto Rs.50 Lakhs (Above 10% Tender Excess)

	Upto Rs.1.00 Crore (Above 6% Tender Excess)	Upto Rs.1.00 Crore (Above 6% Tender Excess)
	Above Rs.1.00 Crore to Rs.6.00 Crore for individual works (All cases with any Tender Excess)	Above Rs.1.00 Crore with Tender Excess (irrespective of individual works and package works)
	Rs.1.00 Crore to Rs.7.50 Crore (for Packages) (All cases with any Tender Excess)	
	Above Rs.6.00 Crore (Individual works) Above Rs.7.50 Crore (for all Packages) (All cases Irrespective of Tender Excess)	

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.
- (vi) It should also be ensured that in such cases the land for the project is in the Department's possession at the time of the issue of the work order and the work site can be fully handed over to the contractor, to avoid time and cost overrun.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.37/DS(SA)/PW-1/2021, dated 08.02.2021.

(By Order of the Governor)

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