



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Public Works(C) Department

CIRCULAR

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Sub: Insisting Quality control test certificates for payment – reg.

Ref:-1. G.O(P) No. 13/2012/PWD dated 01.02.2012.

2. Govt.Circular No.23631/G2/2013/PWD
dated. 01.11.2013

The quality control system stipulated in clause 2401.1 of the revised PWD manual approved as per reference 1st cited insists that PWD shall follow a two tier Quality Control Monitoring system for ensuring quality of works done. The clause stipulates that first tier quality control testing shall be carried out by the field officers executing the work. For this, testing has to be done in the approved laboratories and the expenses are to be borne by the contractor.

The second tier of quality monitoring has to be carried out by the Quality Control units of PWD, who shall carry out necessary test checks on materials and works selected on a random basis. For this, Executive Engineers shall intimate commencement of works and forward the documents required by the Quality Control wing.

It has been specified under clause 2402 of the revised PWD manual that Quality Control tests are to be done as per guidelines evolved by the Bureau of Indian Standards, the Indian Road Congress and the quality manual published along with the revised PWD Manual.

Clause 2214 of the revised PWD manual insists that preparation of bill for a work and its payment shall be done only with Quality test certificates. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to produce necessary test certificates related to the first tier. The clause also stipulates that test certificates are to insisted for all works above the Technical sanction powers of Assistant Executive Engineer. Such stipulations are detailed under clause 2103 and 2402 also.

Government have established Quality control testing laboratories in 13 districts in addition to the Kerala Highway Research Institute at Thiruvananthapuram to carry out the second tier quality monitoring of works executed. The Executive Engineers of Buildings / Roads Division in each district have already been directed to ensure that works executed in their divisions are checked by Quality Control wing regularly.

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Government vide reference 2nd cited has directed that setting up of field laboratories by the contractors is mandatory for all works consisting above Rs.2Crores for carrying out the first tier tests.

Inspite of all the efforts taken, it is noticed that first tier tests are not being done by the field officers regularly and that Quality Control test certificates are not being insisted for preparation and passing bills. Under the circumstances, it hereby directed that no bills including part payments for works costing above Technical Sanction powers of Assistant Executive Engineer shall be passed by the disbursing officers without first tier quality control test certificates with effect from 15.05.2014. The second tier certificates shall also be attached if the QC wing has taken samples for testing for the items covered in the bill. Bills shall not be prepared and recommended by the Assistant Engineer without attaching the required quality control test certificates.

It is further directed that all facilities including vehicle and man power for inspection, sampling and testing required for the second tier QC monitoring shall be provided by the Executive Engineers concerned to the Assistant Executive Engineers of QC in their respective districts.

Executive Engineers concerned shall ensure that the contents of the circular is followed by all field officers under their control. Superintending Engineers shall conduct quarterly review of implementation of the two tier Quality Control System and forward reports to Government under intimation of the Chief Engineers and the Director, Quality Management. The Director, Quality Management shall monitor the working of the QC laboratories and implementation of the second tier QC system quarterly and submit his recommendation to the Chief Engineer, DRIQ Board for discussion in the Chief Engineers Committee.

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