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List 'A'


MINUTES OF TECHNICAL SESSION OF DGW WITH MES BAI
ON 26TH JUL 2013

1. Minutes of "Technical Session of DGW" with MES BAI on 26 Jul 2013 are enclosed as Appendix 'A' for information and necessary action please
2. Instructions to List 'B', 'C' and 'D' may please be circulated at your end.

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MINUTES OF TECHNICAL SESSION OF DGW WITH MES BAI

ON 26TH JULY 2013

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1.	<p>DILUTION OF STRINGENT CONTRACT CONDITIONS:</p> <p>The existing contract conditions provide purchase of Cement and Steel directly from the manufacturers. This becomes unpractical in cases where the quantity required is less due to refusal by the manufacturers and redirecting the builders to their dealers. We request that in CsWE and GEs contracts the builders are permitted to purchase these materials from the dealers of the manufacturers. Similarly, in such contracts the condition of site laboratories and use of Ready mix concrete may be condoned keeping in view the difficulties and T&P involved. RMP is available on sale only in bigger cities and not at all Defence locations.</p>	<p>Instructions have already been issued for purchase of steel and cement through their authorised dealers for maintenance works . CWE and GE not to specify RMC when quantity is less and impracticable to be supplied by RMC manufacturers. Capacity of mixer should also be commensurate with the contract requirement . Site labs to be established by contractor are to be specified for works costing more than Rs 1 Cr only.</p>
2.	<p>UNPRACTICAL ZONAL SPECIFICATIONS, NON IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY LETTERS FROM THE E-in-C's BRANCH, ISSUANCE OF CONTRAVENING POLICIES BY DIFFERENT FORMATIONS AND DIFFICULTIES IN OUTSOURCING OF DRAWINGS ISSUED WITH TENDER DOCUMENTS:</p> <p>In many areas, specially as an after effect of reorientations the Zonal Specifications of far away Zones are being stipulated whereas those of nearest geographical Zone ought to have been done so.</p> <p>Certain Commands float such policies that are in contravention of those already made by the E-in-C's Branch which give rise to unworkable and difficult situations.</p> <p>In quite a few tenders the department has outsourced the drawings to external agencies which have many shortcomings and are based on book knowledge than based on actual ground requirements.</p> <p>The quantity of steel catered for is very much on higher side than is required thus causing huge expenses on Government exchequer.</p> <p>We request for an early consideration of these points so</p>	<p>Builders brought out that different zones specify different specifications at one station due to different locations of CE zones which results in difficulties during execution.</p> <p>DGW stated that the specifications followed in same station should not differ.</p> <p>Builders stated that even though there are instns not to accept tender unless site is clear and there is no obstruction. There are cases where bldgs have not be demolished for more than two years after acceptance. DGW stated that instns are being reiterated to CE Comds and CE Zones</p> <p>Builders stated that the</p>

	<p>that the works progress smoothly.</p>	<p>outsourcing of drgs has resulted in mismatch and confusion during execution.</p> <p>DGW stated that accepting offr shall take necessary steps to verify any anamolies. Builders also should bring out discrepancy in drg before tender is received.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>INCREASE IN FINANCIAL POWERS OF GEs AND AAOs:</p> <p>These limits were set quite some years ago and definitely require an upward increase due to increased costs. This shall decrease burden on higher offices and shall save lots of time too.</p>	<p>These are under consideration at higher level.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>REVIEW OF RULES REGARDING BANK DRAFTS TOWARDS COST OF TENDERS:</p> <p>We have brought out this issue to you earlier and reiterate that the entire process has now become very unpractical due to reduction of validity date of bank drafts from six to three months. Either the issue of tenders within that time has to be ensured or the entire purchase system has to be changed. We request that this issue is considered and rectified at the earliest to save time, energy and money of the builder and the department.</p>	<p>Builders brought out that the cost of renewing the Bank Drafts is more than the initial cost also Banks are reluctant to consider the drafts after the period of three months and contractors are put to loss.</p> <p>DGW stated that date of issue of tender should be adhered to by tender issuing officer and revalidation should be avoided as far as possible.</p> <p>With e- tendering the issue may get resolved. Use of postal orders is under examination.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>DELAYS IN FINAL BILLS AND MONITORING OF TC BILLS:</p> <p>The problem in delays in payment of final bills is really serious and huge finances of builders are held up for long. DOs and Star Rates involve a very lengthy and time consuming process and result in delaying the bills still further. There appears no rule to monitor the passage of TC bills which aggravate the problems of builders taking up smaller works. We plead that strictly applicable policies are framed so that these unwarranted delays are minimized.</p>	<p>Builders brought out that Final Bills are pending for years. The ADD Back Dos are also not placed till date of completion. Star Rates are not finalised and there are different star rates in same station fore same item. TC bills are also pending.</p> <p>DGW stated that instructions</p>

		<p>to monitor and take necessary remedial measures shall be issued. It was also brought out that in case of vitrified tiles the provisions in SSR are clear and Star Rate is not necessary.</p> <p>CE Comnds and CE zones to take further action.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>UNDUE INTERFERENCE OF USERS AND OTHER AGENCIES:</p> <p>In the present times such interferences have become very common and there are many instances of changes proposed by people who are not qualified for the purpose to do so. The views of qualified Engineer officers are overlooked and it results in a situation where works are held up pending decisions. We request that the users are only involved during the planning stages and should in no way ask for changes in stages where work has already commenced and/or materials procured. Changes if any, should be recorded in official site documents and period of completion be extended automatically as a result of them.</p>	<p>Builders brought out that Users and PMG have become most powerful and even Schedule A notes indicate that PMG shall interact.</p> <p>DGW stated that Accepting Officers to ensure that changes should be incorporated in tender stage and further changes should be minimal. Role of PMG shall be reiterated.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>DIFFICULTIES IN ENTRY AND ISSUE OF PASSES:</p> <p>It has become a regular routine for the builders to run from pillar to post to obtain passes for themselves and their workers for the works area. Our members from Andaman & Nicobar Islands are being forced to obtain such passes from 5 different formations present in the small cluster of islands. We suggest that our enlisting authority which has already got our Police verification done should issue an Identity card to the enlisted builders which should be acceptable all over the country.</p>	<p>The issue of Passes to the Directors / Partners can be taken up with appropriate authority based on Enlistment letter containing photographs . CE Commands to examine the difficulties and issue directions to address this issue.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>CATEGORIES FOR E CLASS BUILDERS:</p> <p>Mostly E class builders undertake maintenance works which cater for small quantities of works from different enlistment categories. It would not be out of order to seek liberal consideration in this matter and issue such tenders to all E class applicants irrespective of their enlistment categories.</p>	<p>DGW declared that Category a (i) can include internal electrification, internal plumbing and water supply. Letter already issued.</p>

<p>9.</p>	<p>ISSUE OF TENDERS TO ONE CLASS BELOW APPLICANTS AND REVISION OF NORMS OF UPGRADATION :</p>	<p>Builders brought out difficulties in upgradation due to non issue of tenders of one class above. The norms of upgradation from Class 'B' to A has become impossible due to non issue of tenders of Class A.</p> <p>DGW stated that action to review the norms shall be taken. MES BAI to submit their proposal.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>REALISTIC TIME FOR COMPLETION OF WORKS:</p> <p>We plead for realistic time period for contracts keeping in view the impediments like shortage of funds, interference by other agencies, site conditions, availability of materials in addition to the time required under normal conditions. This shall save the department and the builder from getting reprimands due to extension of time frequently.</p>	<p>Builders stated that the tender issuing authorities reduce the time period which becomes unrealistic.</p> <p>DGW stated that point has been elaborately being clarified and it is necessary to have realistic period of completion.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>REQUIREMENT OF THREE PHASE ELECTRIC CONNECTION AND SUPPLY OF WATER:</p> <p>As per our present stipulations we have to install RMPs and other T&P at work sites which work only on a three phase electric connection whereas in many Zones the CA specifies provision of single phase connection by the department which needs to be changed at the earliest to enable proper working of the plants. In case of water the specifications suggest boring of wells while the local laws prohibit the same. We suggest that prior clearance is obtained by the department so that the work commences without any hiccups.</p>	<p>The issues be considered by the Accepting Officers.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>PAYMENT AS PER CLAUSE 63 OF IAFW 2249:</p> <p>We are thankful for the clarification issued in this regard but still there are reservations being expressed by the GEs to release payments on this account. The procedure too is quite cumbersome and lengthy. We request for a smooth process or on the alternative, insertion of price escalation clauses in all tenders.</p>	<p>Builder were intimated that it is mandatory that proper documents are produced along with claims as per the condition. Only on production of such documents claim can be allowed.</p>