



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA



Abstract

Agriculture Department - Department of Soil Survey and Soil Conservation - Delegation of financial powers for inviting tenders, award of work and execution of agreement - Sanctioned - Orders Issued.

AGRICULTURE (IFA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.3/2021/AGRI Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 08/01/2021

Read:- Letter No.PG (4) 10392/17 dated 04/07/2019 and 15/09/2020 of the Director of Soil Survey and Soil Conservation Department.

ORDER

The Director, Department of Soil Survey and Soil Conservation as per letter read above informed that the Department does not have a separate financial delegation of power for inviting tender or for executing agreement once tender is accepted. A clear financial delegation of powers for inviting tenders is required since Department is following system of tendering while implementing soil and water conservation schemes with 100% subsidy and also individual works with estimate cost higher than ₹ 1 Lakh (Rupees. One Lakh only). Hence the Director has requested for financial delegation for inviting tender and executing agreement for the various level of Officers of the Department, so as to invite tender and execute Soil and Water Conservation works.

2. Government have examined the matter in detail. All major public works related to Agriculture Department requiring technical expertise should be implemented through the competent designated agencies of Government like Irrigation Department, LSGD Engineering Wing, Agriculture Engineering Wing or Kerala Land Development Corporation only. However, Government hereby accorded sanction for the delegation of powers to the departmental officers for according technical sanction, inviting tenders, award of work, execution of agreement, etc. in respect of normal public works now being implemented by Department of Soil Survey and Soil Conservation as stipulated below:-

1) Issue of Technical Sanction:-

- i. Committee comprising the Assistant Director/District Soil Conservation Officer

- as Chairman with Assistant Engineer (Civil) from Soil Conservation Department/Minor Irrigation Department/LSGD and Soil Conservation Officer as members - ₹ 6 Lakh.
- ii. Committee comprising the Deputy Director as Chairman with Assistant Director/ District Soil Conservation Officer and Assistant Engineer (Civil) from Soil Conservation Department/Minor Irrigation Department/ LSGD as members - ₹ 15 Lakh.
 - iii. Committee comprising the Joint Director as Chairman with Assistant Executive Engineer (Civil) from Minor Irrigation Department/LSGD and Deputy Director as members - ₹ 50 Lakh.
 - iv. Committee comprising the Additional Director as Chairman with Joint Director and Executive Engineer (Civil) from Minor Irrigation Department/LSGD as members - ₹ 100 Lakh.
 - v. Committee comprising the Director as Chairman with Additional Director and Executive Engineer (Civil) from Minor Irrigation Department/LSGD as members - ₹ 300 Lakh.

2) Inviting tenders, award of work and execution of agreement:-

- i. Assistant Engineer / Soil Conservation Officer - Nil
- ii. Assistant Director/ District Soil Conservation officer - up to ₹15 Lakh
- iii. Deputy Director - ₹15 to ₹50 Lakh
- iv. Joint Director - Nil
- v. Additional Director - ₹50 Lakh - ₹ 300 Lakh

3) Recording of measurements:-

The practice of recording the measurements by the subordinate staff in the categories of Overseers, Surveyors and Work Superintends should be dispensed with immediately as per prevailing Government norms. The Soil Conservation Officer/Assistant Engineer should record the measurements of work and Assistant Director / District Soil Conservation officer should check measure the same as per the regulations in Kerala PWD Manual 2012.

The Director, Department of Soil Survey and Soil Conservation, is hereby directed to arrange mandatory training for recording of measurements in Measurement Books, Levels in Level Field Books, etc to all Soil Conservation Officers, Assistant Engineers and Assistant Directors/District Soil Conservation Officers and make

necessary amendments for the above in the Agriculture Department Manual, if required.

(By order of the Governor)
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SECRETARY

To

The Director, Department of Soil Survey and Soil Conservation,
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit)/(A&E), Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Finance Department (File No.1371732/NC-A4/42/2019-FIN dated 09/12/2020).

The Information and Public Relations (Web and New Media) Department.

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PA to APC & Principal Secretary(Agriculture).

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Forwarded /By order,



Section Officer