



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Standardization of observed data for regular use in public works in the State and updation in PRICE software - Inter Departmental Committee Constituted - Orders Issued.

FINANCE (INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC WORKS - B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.6544/2021/FIN

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 06/10/2021

Read :- 1) G.O.(Rt.) No.310/2020/PWD dated 13/03/2020.

ORDER

As per Government Order read above, the standardization of non-schedule items of works shall be done by the Departments depending upon its core functions. Hence, the non-schedule items of works related to Roads, Bridges and Buildings construction shall be standardized by Public Works Department. The non-schedule items related to anti-sea erosion works, river and backwater protection works, navigation works and irrigation works shall be standardized by the Irrigation department. The non-schedule items related to water supply, sanitary and drainage works shall be standardized by the Kerala Water Authority. Non-schedule items related to Power shall be standardized by Kerala State Electricity Board.

2. The Chief Engineer's Committee after approving the standardized data and rates of non-schedule items pertains to the core functionalities of their department shall communicate the same to the PRICE - Project Management Unit of PWD for incorporating the same in PRICE software.

"The PRICE PMU and NIC shall take necessary steps to publish standardized data and rates of non scheduled items in PRICE software so that the same can be used by all departments and organizations who use PRICE software for the management of public works.

Any discrepancies in observed data / rates of non scheduled items shall be brought to the notice of Finance Department by the PRICE PMU for reconciliation".

3. Finance Inspection Wing (Technical) has observed that there are many common non scheduled items which are regularly being used by various agencies taking up the public works. There are wide variations in the estimate rates of same items from department to department or agency taking up the work.

(For example, rates of coconut pole driving being adopted by PWD/Irrigation Department / Local Self Government Department /Harbour Engineering Department are ranging from @ Rs.850/m to Rs.300/m . It is gathered that the market rates of pipes being recommended by Kerala Water Authority for observed data were @25% higher than market rates.)

4. Therefore, it is high time to rationalize the observed data/market rates of non scheduled items being adopted by various agencies taking up public works in the State, in the interest of public exchequer.

5. The Government have examined the issue in detail and are pleased to **constitute an Inter Departmental Committee** with representatives from all major Engineering Departments and PSUs taking up public works in the State with the following composition:-

The Chief Technical Examiner & Ex-officio Secretary - Chairman.

The Chief Engineer (PWD Admn.) - Member.

The Chief Engineer (I & A) - Member.

The Chief Engineer (LSGD) - Member.

The Chief Engineer (HED) - Member.

Assistant Chief Technical Examiner - Convener

6. Besides the above members, Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) may nominate any other persons (experts) from time to time . The Chief Engineer (Civil), Kerala State Electricity Board Limited and The Chief Engineer (General), Kerala Water Authority shall be made as a special invitee to the committee for related works .

7. The above committee shall scrutinize the Observed Data/Market rates submitted by the Committee of Chief Engineer's and submit the same to Finance Department for approval. All observed data in PRICE software shall be uploaded with the concurrence of Finance Department only.

**By Order of the Governor,
RAJESH KUMAR SINGH IAS
Additional Chief Secretary (Finance)**

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