



CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Subject: Powers of S.Es. to utilize amounts available under contingencies of the work/project

As per Para 4.18 of 'Works Manual 2003', the amount provided for contingencies can be utilized as per directions of the officers of the rank of Superintending Engineer and above.

Above provision does not lay down limit upto which Superintending Engineer can utilize the amount available under contingencies. In this regard, following clarification is issued.

Superintending Engineers can give directions for utilization of amounts available under contingencies upto expenditure sanction amount limit of Rs. one crore of a work. Chief Engineer is fully competent to approve against contingencies of the work/project for any amount of expenditure sanction of a project,

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Superintending Engineer(C&M)

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Prior to Works Manual 2003, Chief Engineer, CPWD were vested with full powers to accept tenders for smaller works likely to crop up during the execution of the work of the project for which no specific provision exists in the sanctioned estimate subject to availability of funds under the sub head contingencies in the sanctioned project estimate. (Refer F/A – Extract from Swamy's compilation of CPWD Vol.II).

Following was added in Works Manual 2003 :-

“The amount provided for contingencies shall be utilized as per directions of the officers of the rank of Superintending Engineer and above.”

Above provision of Works Manual 2003 does not lay down limit upto which the amount available under contingencies can be utilized by Superintending Engineer. In this regard, it appears that following clarification should be issued.

‘Superintending Engineers can give directions for utilization of amounts available under contingencies upto the limit which is against sub heads of sanctioned work/project falling within competence of SE , EE & AE to accord of technical sanction’.

A draft O.M. in this regard is placed below for approval of DG(W)

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