



ABSTRACT

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department – Water Supply works and maintenance – Reconstitution of District Level Purchase Committee and adoption of the schedule of rates of Tamil Nadu Water Supply And Drainage Board (TWAD) and Public Works Department (PWD) for Water Supply materials – Orders issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS - III) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 144

Date:22.12.2009

Read:

1. G.O. (Ms) No.159 Rural Development (P3) Department, dated 15.05.1997.
2. G.O. (Ms) No.84 Rural Development (P3) Department, dated 05.05.1998.
3. G.O. (Ms) No.63 Rural Development & Panchayat Raj (C2) Department, dated 29.06.2006.
4. From the Commissioner of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Letter No.75373 / 2009 / PRI.III.2, dated 24.11.2009

Order:

As per the G.O. first read above the District Purchase Committee for the fixation of rate contract of materials for Water Supply works, should consist the following members:

District Collector	-	Chairman
Project Officer, DRDA	-	Vice Chairman
Personal Assistant (Dev.) To Collector	-	Member Secretary
Divisional Engineer, Highways	-	Member
Executive Engineer, TWAD	-	Member
Executive Engineer, TNEB	-	Member
Two Panchayat Presidents nominated by the District Development Council	-	Members
Assistant Executive Engineer, (HP & PP Maintenance), Collectorate.	-	Special Invitee.

(P.T.O.)

2. The Commissioner of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj in his letter fourth read above has stated that in the G.O. second and third read above the limit of the expenditure at the level of Village Panchayats for Water Supply works has been fixed. Until last year the Districts were calling tenders for fixing Rate Contract for the following 5 categories of Water Supply Maintenance works:-

- Supply and delivery of Standard Deep Well (India Mark II) Hand Pump Sets and Specials.
- Drilling of bore wells in hard rock area and in alluvial soil.
- Supply and delivery of G.I. Pipes.
- Supply and delivery of Pumpsets, Starters, Panel Boards and Cables.
- Supply and delivery of PVC Pipes, specials and PVC HDPE Tanks.

The Commissioner of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj has stated that the present system of fixation of rate contract for the above 5 category of Water Supply maintenance works have the following shortcomings:-

- (i) Separate PWD and TWAD Board Schedule of Rates are already available for all items of works pertaining to Water Supply maintenance other than Mark II Hand Pumpsets and specials. The Rates fixed by the District Purchase Committee are not much in variance as compared to the PWD and TWAD Board Schedule of Rates and hence fixation of separate rate contract through the District Purchase Committee is a wasteful exercise.
- (ii) Each and every District has to incur a lot of time and expenditure on the Tender to fix the Rate Contract for Water Supply maintenance works. This can be avoided by adoption of TWAD Board and PWD Schedule of Rates.
- (iii) The Village Panchayat Presidents find it very difficult to get the spare parts from the approved Dealers / Manufactures. To circumvent this problem, the Village Panchayat Presidents purchase these spare parts locally and in some cases, get the bills only from the approved Dealers and Manufacturers, which results in severe audit objections.
- (iv) The rates for Water Supply maintenance related spare parts normally fluctuate throughout the year. When the rates are high, the Dealers / Manufactures avoid the supply and this creates problems in the maintenance of water supply by village Panchayats.
- (v) In the existing District Purchase Committee, the Personal Assistant (Dev.) to Collector is the Member-Secretary. However, he is not at

all connected with the Water Supply maintenance works as such and it is the Assistant Director (Panchayats) who co-ordinates such matters in the Rural Development and Panchyat Raj Department in the Districts. Likewise, the Divisional Engineer, Highways is not connected with the maintenance of Water Supply works in the village. The District Development Council is not there at present. Also, the post of Assistant Executive Engineer (PPM) has now been abolished.

3. The Commissioner of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj has therefore requested the Government to reconstitute the District Level Purchase Committee and to adopt the schedule rate of TWAD Board & PWD for Water Supply materials by the rural local bodies.

4. The Government have carefully examined the request of the Commissioner of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj and decided to accept it. Accordingly, the Government reconstitute the District Level Purchase Committee as follows:

District Collector	-Chairman
Project Officer, DRDA	-Vice Chairman
Assistant Director (Panchayats)	-Member Secretary
Executive Engineer, RD	-Member
Executive Engineer, (RWS) TWAD	-Member
Accounts Officer, DRDA	-Member

5. The Government also direct that instead of calling for Rate Contracts for 5 category of Water Supply related works, Only one tender should be called for by this Purchase Committee 'for the Supply and delivery of Standard Deep well (India Mark II) Hand Pump sets and Specials'. Since the rates of G.I Pipes and Specials, PVC Pipes and Specials, Drilling of bore wells, Pumpsets, Motors and Panel Boards are already available in the Schedule of rates of TWAD Board and PWD, such rates itself should be adopted by the rural Local bodies concerned. However the Works should be awarded by following the existing tender procedure / DGS & D rates.

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6. This orders issue with the concurrence of Finance Department vide U.O.No. 542 / SS (P.K) / RD / 2009 - 1, dated 17.12.2009.

(By Order of the Governor)

K.ASHOK VARDHAN SHETTY,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To:

The Commissioner of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Chennai -15.
All District Collectors (except Chennai).
All Members of District Level Purchase Committee (through District Collectors)
The Commissioner of Local Fund Audit, Chennai – 108.
The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Water Supply And Drainage Board , Chennai -5.
The Account General, Chennai -35 / 18 / 6.

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The Public Works Department, Chennai -9.
The Senior P.A. to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister.
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