

3.15 Observations during field inspection by Director of Rural Development to improve the quality of construction

D.O.Lr.No. 20001/98/JVVT-2 dated 24.6.1998

Dear Thiru

Sub : IAY – implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes –Improving the quality of construction of Group Houses – Certain instructions issued- Reg.

Ref : DRD Circular No.20001/98/JVVT-2 dated 19.5.98

We have been reiterating time and again for the necessity of improving the quality of group houses constructed under IAY. During our field inspection, we noticed that the quality of group houses constructed are not upto the mark. We also noticed that in most of the cases, the quality of plastering, roofing and finishing is substandard leading to cracks, leaks, and damages in the roof within 2-3 years of construction. This is due to the connivance of Overseers and careless supervision of Overseers and BDOs.

You are also aware that only keeping in mind, the difficulties experienced in the cost of construction of these group houses, Government of Tamil Nadu have enhanced its contribution from Rs.7,000 to Rs.12,000 for all these Group houses. This amount is specifically meant for roofing. Therefore, we have already instructed that in all the group houses, roof should be laid with 1:2:4 (One cement two sand and four hard broken stone) cement concrete and finished smoothly with 1:3 cement mortar of 10mm thickness of inner plastering and similar 1:3 cement mortar mixed with water proofing materials for 20 mm thickness as top plastering. We will reiterate these instructions once again and request you to ensure that the plastering and roofing quality is at its best.

In this regard, the Honb'le Minister for RD & LA also feels that the increase of Rs.5,000 for RCC roofing is a substantial increase and therefore it is possible to provide flat roof instead of slope roof. He has also instructed, while putting the flat roof, the roof tiles should be provided compulsorily. Therefore, I request you to take note of this point and wherever possible you can modify the type design accordingly for putting the flat roof in the place of slope roof without altering the other ingredients like phial, cross wall etc.

DIRECTOR OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

To
All Collectors