

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department – Construction of 55 bridges sanctioned under NABARD-RIDF V & VI and entrusted to Highways Department during 2001 – Construction dropped - Orders Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS1) Department

G.O.(Ms.) No.43

Dated : 2.6.2009.

Read :

- 1)G.O.(Ms) No.148, Rural Development Department, dated 12.6.2000.
- 2)G.O.(Ms)No.294, Rural Development Department. dated 7.11.2000.
- 3)G.O (Ms) No.21, Rural Development Department. dated 25.1.2001.
- 4)G.O.(Ms) No.273, Rural Development Department, dated 2.11.2001.

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ORDER:

In the Government Orders 1st, 2nd and 3rd read above, the Government among others have sanctioned 35, 9 and 11 bridges totalling 55 bridges, at a total cost of Rs.15.37 crores under NABARD-RIDF V & VI. The construction of these 55 bridges were entrusted to the Highways Department at a total cost not exceeding to Rs.15.37 crores, in the Government Order 4th read above, due to lack of infrastructure, shortage of technical personnel in Rural Development Department at that time. Subsequently, the Highways Department after field survey opined that estimates had to be revised as per the site conditions which warranted high level bridges in place of ordinary culverts and updation of estimates to 2001-02 Schedule of Rates, since the original estimates were on the basis of 1999-2000 Schedule of Rates. The Highways Department had also indicated that only 45 bridges were found feasible to be executed by the Highways Department, out of 55 bridges originally sanctioned by Rural Development Department, due to site conditions and approached NABARD with a revised proposal for the construction of 45 bridges for Rs.20.00 crores. The NABARD had not admitted the increase in the project cost and advised to send a fresh proposal under RIDF VII in lieu of sanctions accorded earlier to the Rural Development Department. However, in the meeting held by the Secretary, Highways Department, on 19.1.2004, NABARD had decided to drop the proposal of construction of 45 bridges since it involved re-sanction of the project already sanctioned by the Rural Development Department at a higher outlay and that necessary proposal for dropping this proposal has to be initiated by the Chief Engineer (H) (NABARD & RR). Following the decision taken in the meeting, the Chief Engineer (H) (NABARD & RR) has sent proposal for dropping the construction of 45 bridges.

2) The Government have examined the proposal in detail and decided to accept it. Moreover, it is also considered that since the Rural Development Department had originally transferred the construction of 55 bridges to the Highways Department in the G.O fourth read above (which includes 45 bridges found feasible for construction by Highways Department), orders for dropping the construction of all the 55 bridges will have to be issued now. Accordingly, the Government pass the following orders:

- (i) Construction of 55 bridges sanctioned in the G.O.(Ms) No.148, Rural Development Department, dated 12.6.2000, G.O.(Ms) No.294, Rural Development Department, dated 7.11.2000 and G.O (Ms) No.21, Rural Development Department. dated 25.1.2001, among others, at a total cost of Rs.15.37 crores are dropped.
- (ii) The order issued in G.O.(Ms) No.273 Rural Development Department dated 2.11.2001 transferring the construction of 55 bridges to Highways Department is hereby cancelled.

3) This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.78328/Finance (RD)/2008, dated 5.3.2009.

(By Order of the Governor)

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