



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

PUBLIC WORKS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY LOCAL BODIES-FIXING OF MARKET RATE
AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL-PROCEDURE PRESCRIBED -ORDERS ISSUED

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION (P) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(P)No.246/97/LAD

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated,6th November 1997

Read:-1.G.O.(Ms)No.115/90/LAD dated 1-10-1990 of Local Administration (K) Department.

2.G.O.(P)No. 216/97/LAD dated 23-9-1997 of Local Administration (N) Department.

ORDER

As per the Government order read as 1st paper regarding works related to untied funds, Grama Panchayats were given the freedom to take up works by preparing estimates at market rates to be determined by them. In the Works Rules issued as G.O.read as second paper, there is a provision for fixing of schedule of rates every year by the District Level Committee of Experts headed by the District Collector. This Committee of experts has to follow the procedure prescribed by the Government. Action is being taken to set up the Committees and prescribe the procedure to be followed.

Rule 5 of the Works rules empower the Government to make interim arrangements till the Schedule of Rates is finalised by the District Level Committee. The annual plan of the local bodies has been finalised by most of them. A large number of public works are intended to be implemented by beneficiary committees with full participation of the people. Therefore it is absolutely essential to make interim arrangements for finalising market rates at the district level so that works can be carried out without delay.

A sub-group of the District Level Expert Committee set up as part of the decentralised planning campaign will finalise the market rates. This group will consist of the following persons:

- 1.District Collector-Chairperson
2. Executive Engineers of the District Panchayat Division.
- 3.Finance Officer of the Collectorate

4. District Labor Officer.

5. Two other technical members of the District Level Expert Committee (the senior most Government Engineer and the senior most non-government Engineer) If any of these officers have not yet become members of DLEC, they are to be included.

The Committee can fix different rates for different regions. If felt necessary proposal can be called for from local bodies. The standards and specifications of the PWD would have to be adhered to and only the cost can be varied by the Committee.

While fixing the rates, the Committee shall consider the following points:

1. The prevailing rates of the accepted tenders of the Public Works Department, Irrigation Department etc.
2. The sales price of materials by public sector companies.

The Committee shall attempt to reduce prices of materials for works to be done for the local bodies even below the market rate by holding discussions, transport etc. If required draft rates can be prepared and discussed in the DLEC:

The market rates decided as per this procedure should not lead to the estimate rates which exceed the estimates based on 1996 PWD schedule of rates by 50% or more.

The market rates would apply only for direct execution and for works done through committees. In all cases where works are done by contractors through tendering the PWD schedule of rates will apply.

This procedure is only for works taken up in the financial year ending 31st March 1998.

By order of the Governor,

S.M.VIJAYANAND,

Secretary to Government.

To

All District Collectors

All Local Bodies

All Secretaries to Government

All Heads of Departments
The Director of Public Relations.