ABSTRACT

Public Works Department – Revision in the monetary limit for categories of Registration of Contractors - Registration of Contractors in Public Works Department at concerned Regional Chief Engineers Office, Public Works Department and Renewal of Live Certificate – Orders – Issued.

Public Works (G2) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.195 **Dated: 14.12.2021**
பிலவ – கார்த்திகை-28
திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2052

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms)No.1789, Public Works (G2) Department, dated 29.12.1992.
2. G.O.(Ms)No.222, Public Works (G2) Department, dated 08.04.1999.
3. G.O.(Ms)No.36, Public Works (D2) Department, dated 11.02.2008.
4. G.O.(Ms)No.221, Public Works (G2) Department, dated 16.08.2018
5. G.O.(Ms)No.267, Public (Special-B) Department, dated 07.05.2021.
6. G.O.(Ms)No.100, Public Works (D2) Department, dated 23.06.2021.
7. From the Engineer in Chief (Buildings) and Chief Engineer (Buildings), Chennai Region, Public Works Department, Chennai Letter No.HDO(A)/32710/2014-6, dated.05.07.2021.

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ORDER:

The Hon'ble Minister (Public Works) during the discussion while moving the Public Works Demand No.39 on 27.08.2021 made the following Announcement on the floor of the Legislative Assembly:-

ஒப்பந்தக்காரர் பதிவு ஆண்டுக்கு ஒரு முறை புதுப்பித்தல் என்பதிலிருந்து மூன்றாண்டுகளுக்கு ஒரு முறை என மாற்றப்படும். புதிய ஒப்பந்தக்காரர் பதிவு மற்றும் புதிப்பித்தல், மண்டல தலைமைப் பொறியாளர்கள் அளவிலேயே இனி மேற்கொள்ளப்படும்

2. In the letter seventh read above, the Engineer-in-Chief (Buildings) and Chief Engineer (Buildings), Chennai Region, Public Works Department in his letter dated 05.07.2021 has furnished the following details:-

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(i) Based on the rules for the Registration of Contractors for undertaking Government works in Appendix XXIII of Tamil Nadu Public Works Department Code, the Government have issued orders in G.O.(Ms) No.1789, Public Works (G2) Department, dated 29.12.1992 with regard to the procedures for Registration of Contractors in Public Works Department / Highways Department.

(ii) The recommendations of the Report of the High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Justice Thiru. G. Ramanujam constituted to examine and recommend procedural reforms and other measures for eliminating and preventing corruption and administration have been examined by Government and among other things, in the Government Order second read above the following orders were issued regarding Registration of Contractors:-

Sl. No.	Recommendations of the High Level Committee	Orders of Government
1	The existing categorisation of contractors into five classes with reference to the value of works they are considered competent to execute may continue	The monetary limit for categories of Registration of Contractors shall be revised as follows: Class-I : Above Rs.75 lakh Class-II : Upto Rs.75 lakh Class-III : Upto Rs.30 lakhs Class-IV : Upto Rs.15 lakh Class-V : Rs.6 lakh
2	Registration of contractors shall be done at two levels. One at the level of Executive Engineer in regard to categories IV and V and the other at the level of Superintending Engineer in regard to categories I, II and III Registration at each level shall be decided by Committee of Officers.	Registration of Contractors of Class V only shall continue to be done by the Executive Engineers. The other classes of contractors shall be registered by the Superintending Engineers. There is no need of a Committee for taking decision on registration of contractors.

3. In the Government Order third read above, among others, orders have been issued for the functioning of Water Resources Department and Public Works Department as two separate departments.

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4. In the Government Order fourth read above, the following orders have been issued regarding registration of contractors:-

(i) Registration of all the contractors in all Classes I to V i.e. Division Level, Circle Level and State Level shall be done as a single window system by the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai-5.

(ii) The applications received in the office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai-5 from the contractors with payment of prescribed application fee shall be sent to the respective Division / Circle in which territory the contractor intending to register, for thorough scrutiny of the applications as per the rules / orders in force for ensuring the eligibility of the contractors for registration and for verifying the bonafide of the evidences produced by the applicants. After that, the applications may be sent back to the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai-5 with recommendation of the Superintending Engineer / Executive Engineer concerned.

(iii) Hereafter, the application for the renewal of contract registration for every year shall be submitted to the office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai-5, before the expiry date of renewal, so as to keep the contractor registration alive. The contractor registration live certificate will be valid only for a period of one year from the date of issue of renewal order.

(iv) All the records / registers along with relevant files, in original, in respect of the existing registered contractors in all the Circles / Divisions shall be handed over to the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai immediately.

5. In the Government Order fifth read above, among others, the Government have issued the following orders:-

> "The subject relating to Water Resources Department has been allocated to the Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources and the subject relating to Public Works Department has been allocated to the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works".

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6. In the Government Order sixth read above orders have been issued for formation of a separate GENERAL UNIT in the office of the Engineer-in-Chief (Buildings) and Chief Engineer (Buildings), Chennai Region, Public Works Department, Chepauk, Chennai to deal with all establishment matters of Public Works Department viz., Recruitment, Preparation of Estimate of vacancy, Panel proposals, Promotions, Transfer and Postings, Pay fixation, Disciplinary matters, Retirement, Pension proposals, as per the provisions of existing Statutory Acts and Rules.

7. In his letter seventh read above, the Engineer in Chief (Buildings) and Chief Engineer (Buildings), Chennai Region, Public Works Department has further stated that during the Meeting held by the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works Department with the PWD Contractors and Officials of Public Works Department on 19.06.2021, the following decisions were taken:-

(i) Recommended for 3 years for the renewal of Live Certificate instead of 1 year.

(ii) New Registration of Contractors may be registered and Renewal of Contractors Live Certificate may be issued at concerned Regional Chief Engineer (Buildings) of Public Works Department.

8. The Engineer in Chief (Buildings) and Chief Engineer (Buildings), Chennai Region, Public Works Department has requested orders of the Government on the following proposals:-

(1) The New Registration of Contractors in Public Works Department may be registered at concerned Regional Chief Engineer (Buildings) of Public Works Department.

(2) The contractors who are getting registered in Public Works Department may renew their Live Certificate at concerned Regional Chief Engineer (Buildings) of Public Works Department.

(3) The validity period of Renewal of Contractor's Live Certificate for every year, as ordered in the Government in G.O. (Ms) No.221, Public Works (G2) Department, dated 16.08.2018, may be modified, as validity period of renewal of Contractors Live Certificate for 3 years.

9. The Government have also decided to revise the Class slabs for the contractors taking into consideration the escalation cost over the years and low value procurement and delegation of powers with respect to Tender Award Committee, since the Class slabs fixed vide Government Order second read above are very low.

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10. The Government after careful examination have decided to accept the proposal of the Engineer in Chief (Buildings) and Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department, Chennai Region and the Government hereby issue the following orders:-

(i) The monetary limit for categories of Registration of Contractors shall be revised as follows:-

Sl. No.	Class	Existing Monetary Limit (As per G.O. (Ms) No.222, Public Works (G2) Department, dated 8-4-1999)	Revised Monetary limit
1.	**Class-I**	Above Rs.75 lakh	Above Rs.10 crore
2.	**Class-II**	up to Rs.75 lakh	From Rs.5 crore to Rs.10 crore
3.	**Class-III**	up to Rs.30 lakh	From Rs.2 crore to Rs.5 crore
4.	**Class-IV**	up to Rs.15 lakh	From Rs.50 lakh to Rs.2 crore
5.	**Class-V**	up to Rs.6 lakh	up to Rs.50 lakh

(ii) New Registration of contractors in Public Works Department in all classes from Class I to V shall be done by the Regional Chief Engineers of Public Works Department viz., the Engineer-in-Chief (Buildings) and Chief Engineer (Buildings), Chennai Region, Public Works Department, Chennai; the Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department, Trichirappalli Region, Trichirappalli / Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department, Madurai Region, Madurai.

(iii) The applications received in the above said offices of the Regional Chief Engineers of Public Works Department from the contractors with payment of prescribed application fee shall be sent to the respective Division / Circle in which territory the contractor intending to register, for thorough scrutiny of the applications as per the rules / orders in force for ensuring the eligibility of the contractors for registration and for verifying the bona-fide of the evidences produced by the applicants. After that, the applications shall be sent back to the Regional Chief Engineers of Public Works Department with recommendation of Superintending Engineer / Executive Engineer concerned.

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(iv) The validity period of Renewal of contractors live certificates shall be 3 (three) years.

(v) The Registration shall be Maintained in an electronic ledger/ format and visible from Chennai Headquarter at all times.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No. 55244/PW-I/2021, dated 13-12-2021.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

SANDEEP SAXENA
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To

The Engineer-in-Chief (Buildings) and Chief Engineer (Buildings),
Chennai Region, Public Works Department, Chennai-5.
The Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineer (General),
Water Resources Department, Chennai-5.
The Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department, Trichy Region, Trichy.
The Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department, Madurai Region, Madurai.
The Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department,
Coimbatore Region, Coimbatore.
The Superintending Engineer (Electrical) Circle, Public Works Department,
Chennai / Trichy / Madurai / Coimbatore.
The Superintending Engineer, Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle,
Chennai / Vellore / Trichy / Salem / Coimbatore / Madurai / Tirunelveli.
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The Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Secretariat, Chennai -9.

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The Finance (PW.I/ PW.II) Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.
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