Abstract

Public Works Department – Handing over of charges in a complete shape by the Assistant Engineer / Junior Engineers / Assistant Executive Engineer at the time of their relief from their sections / Sub Divisions on promotion, leave transfer etc – Amendment to Note 2 under Para 366 of Public Works 'D' Code and Note under Para 513 of Public Works 'A' Code – Orders – Issued.

Public Works (G2) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.262 Dated : 18.8.2008
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Read :

1. G.O.(Ms) No.1975, Public Works Department, dated 7.10.87.
2. From the then Chief Engineer (General), Chennai-5 letter No.CII(3)/2759/95-1, dated 30.3.95.
3. From the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department & Chief Engineer (General), Chennai-5 letter No.CII(3)/2759/ 95-9 dated 10.1.06.

ORDER :

In the Government order 1st read above the Government have issued amendments to para 366 of Public Works 'D' code and para 513 of Public Works 'A' code in connection with handing over of charges by Assistant Engineer / Junior Engineer / Assistant Executive Engineer at the time of their relief. According to the said Government Order, the relieved officers can hand over their charges to their successors on their arrival by signing the C.T.C. and they can join duty in the new station. Afterwards and within 60 days from the assumption of charge by the successors they have to point out the discrepancies in the materials account, to their predecessor and within the same 60 days, the concerned Assistant Executive Engineers and Executive Engineers should inform the relieved officers about the discrepancies in the account of materials.

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2. The Chief Engineer (General) in his letter second read above has stated that the procedure for account of materials as prescribed in paras 322, 323, 329, 340, 341, of PW 'A' code are fool proof for maintaining perfect accounts but implementation involves collective responsibility among the officers viz., Junior Engineer / Assistant Engineer / Assistant Executive Engineer and Executive Engineers. If any one among Assistant Engineer / Junior Engineer is slack or fail to follow the said codal provisions scrupulously the entire system fails as in the case of failure of a chain with several links in its performance due to the presence of one broken link in the chain even though all the other links in the chain is strong enough. Mere ordering of recovery of the value of materials which were found short will in no way help the administration in safeguarding the interests of the Government, but will encourage the officers to misappropriate the Government property in one lump sum and to repay the same through several instalments after several years. Therefore the Chief Engineer (General) has opined that the orders of Government issued in G.O.Ms.No.1975 Public Works Department dated 7.10.87 are observed more in breach than in practice and the very purpose of the orders of Government amending Note 2 under para 366 of PW 'D' code and note under para 513 of Public Works 'A' code are defeated because of the evasive attitude of the officers. Such attitude of the officers are to be discouraged to prevent loss to Government and in order to inculcate responsibilities on the officers, they have to be forced to follow revisied procedures.

3. The Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineer (General) in his letter third read above has suggested that the discrepancies in the charge papers should be communicated to the Relieved Officer, within 60 days from the date of signing of CTC., from the Sub Divisional Officer to the relieved officer and accordingly suggested amendments to Note 2 under para 366 of the Tamil Nadu Public Works 'D' code and Note under para 513 of the Tamil Nadu Public Works 'A' code.

4. The Government have decided to approve the proposal of the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department & Chief Engineer (General) sent in his letter third read above and accordingly issue the following amendment to the Tamil Nadu Public Works 'D' code and the Tamil Nadu Public Works 'A' Code :-

AMENDMENT

Tamil Nadu Public Works 'Department ' Code :-

In para 366 of the Public Works 'D' code for the existing Note 2, the following Note shall be substituted, viz.,:-

"Note 2 The relieved officer should hand over transfer papers, within 15 days from the date of signing of C.T.C. and the discrepancies, if any in the

transfer papers, should be communicated to the relieved officer, within 60 days from the date of relief of the relieved officer by the Sub Divisional Officer under whose control the section office lies."

Tamil Nadu Public Works 'Account' Code :-

In para 513 of the Public Works 'Account' Code for the existing Note, the following Note shall be substituted, viz.,:-

"Note The relieved officer should hand over transfer papers, within 15 days from the date of signing of C.T.C. and the discrepancies, if any in the transfer papers should be communicated to the relieved officer, within 60 days from the date of relief of the relieved officer by the Sub Divisional Officer under whose control the section office lies."

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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