ABSTRACT

Public Works Department – Construction of a New Complex for Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly at Omandurar Government Estate, Chennai– Revised Administrative Sanction for the construction of Block-A for Rs. 425.57 crore – Orders – Issued.

PUBLIC WORKS (H1) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms.) No. 316 **Dated 25-10-2008**.
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Read again:

1) G.O.(Ms.)No. 209, Public Works Department, dated 04.07.2007.
2) G.O.(2D)No. 69, Public Works (H1) Department, dated 05.11.2007.
3) G.O.(Ms.)No. 371, Public Works (H1) Department, dated 10.12.2007.
4) G.O.(Ms.)No. 229, Public Works (H1) Department, dated 27.07.2008.
5) G.O.(Ms.)No. 257, Public Works (H1) Department, dated 12.08.2008.

Read also:

6) From the Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department, Chennai Letter No. AEE / T10 / 22602 / 2007, dated 20.10.2008.

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ORDER:

Pursuant to the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister during the Golden Jubilee celebration of "**Kalaignar in Legislative Assembly**" on 12.5.2007, orders were issued in Government Order first read above, for construction of a new Legislative Assembly Complex by Public Works Department with a plinth area of about 8 lakh sq.ft. in an identified area of about 25 acres, in the Omandurar Government Estate, Chennai at a cost of Rs.200 crore. Besides the Legislative Assembly Hall and the facilities thereof, the new Complex will accommodate the Legislative Assembly Department, Chief Minister's Secretariat, Chambers for all the Ministers, Chief Secretary's Secretariat, certain core departments like Public, Home, Finance etc., Conference Halls and other common facilities.

2. In Government Order second read above, orders were issued constituting a Committee headed by the Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department for evaluating the design and plans and selecting the Architect under the powers vested in the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998. This Committee was also designated as Tender Accepting Authority for the above specific work. This

Committee after due evaluation selected the Architectural Firm " M/s. gmp International", Berlin, Germany for rendering architectural services.

3. In Government Order third read above, orders were issued constituting a Committee of Secretaries to advise the Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department in the matter of space requirements and other facilities to be provided in the New Legislative Assembly Complex.

4. During the review meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister on 26.3.2008, it was decided, among others, to construct a new Complex consisting of two Blocks A and B, so as to accommodate all the Secretariat Departments, as the original Government Order contemplated to accommodate only the Legislative Assembly Department, Chief Minister's Secretariat, Chambers for all the Ministers, Chief Secretary's Secretariat, certain core Departments like Public, Home, Finance etc., and other common facilities. It was also decided to construct Block-B close to Block-A. In the following High Level meeting held by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 17.04.2008, the Architectural Consultant, "M/s. gmp International" presented schematic design concept for Block-A and the same was accepted. The concept for Block-B presented by "M/s. gmp International" was also accepted and it was emphasized to finalize the proposal for Block-B simultaneously. "M/s. gmp International", furnished total plinth area as 9,46,880 sq.ft. for Block-A which was found to be on the higher side when compared to floor area requirement of 6,40,400 sq.ft. finalized by the Committee of Secretaries. Later, in the High Level meeting held by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 11.6.2008 while reviewing the progress of work, it was decided to accept the revised plinth area of 9,30,297 sq.ft. The Committee also recorded the reasons that the increase in the area is due to the adoption of circular shaped design concept and also provisions for foyers, storage and area for walls etc. as brought out by M/s. gmp International. Accordingly, in Government Order fourth read above, orders were issued accepting the revised plinth area of 9,30,297 sq.ft. of "M/s. gmp International" in respect of Block-A of the new Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Complex.

5. In the Government Order 5th read above, orders were issued constituting a Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Engineer (Buildings), for the purpose of evaluation and recommendation of the bid documents received for approval by the competent authority, in accordance with the powers vested in the Rules under the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and also directing him to follow all the procedures as per the said Act and Rules. The Tender Evaluation Committee accordingly evaluated the tenders and recommended the lowest tender to the Tender Award Committee.

6. In his letter sixth read above, the Chief Engineer (Buildings) has reported that as per the Tamil Nadu Public Works Department Code, para.102, the technical sanction should be accorded only after Revised Administrative Sanction, if the cost exceeds more than 10% of the original Administrative Sanction. However, in view of urgency and to adhere to the time schedule he accorded technical sanction on 29.9.2008 for Rs.347 crore (rounded) which consists of value put to tender of Rs.262.89 crore and the lumpsum provision of Rs.84.09 crore. The lumpsum provision consists of two components – (i) civil subsidiary works at Rs.38.75 crore (ii) Statutory and Consultancy charges of Rs.45.34 crore. The Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department has also reported that the Superintending Engineer, Buildings (Construction & Maintenance) Circle, Chennai had invited

tenders on 23.7.2008 with last date for receipt of tenders on 5.9.2008, in anticipation of technical sanction to be given by the Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department.

7. The Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department has also reported that the Tender Award Committee in its 103rd meeting held on 17.10.2008, after due consideration, accepted the lowest tender of M/s. East Coast Construction and Industries Limited, Chennai-6 for a final value of Rs.341,46,08,454/- (including the excess of 29.89% i.e. Rs.78,57,27,938/-) over the value put to tender of Rs.262,88,80,516/- pending obtaining Revised Administrative Sanction from the Government.

8. The Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department has further reported that the revised total cost of Block-A, now works out to Rs.425.57 crore (Rupees Four hundred and twenty five crore and fifty seven lakhs only), which consists of technically sanctioned amount of Rs.347 crore and tender excess of Rs.78.57 crore. This is against the original Sanction of Rs.200 crore.

9. In view of the foregoing reasons, the Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department has requested orders on the following:

a) To accord Revised Administrative Sanction at a cost of Rs.425.57 crore (Rupees Four hundred and twenty five crore and fifty seven lakhs only) - (Rs.347 crore of technical sanction + Rs.78.57 crore of tender excess) as against the original Administrative Sanction of Rs.200 crore for the construction of new Complex for the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly - Block-A;

b) To ratify his action in having accorded Technical Sanction on 29.9.2008 for Rs.347 crore (without tender excess) in anticipation of Revised Administrative Sanction of the Government,

and

c) To ratify the action of the Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department, Buildings (Construction & Maintenance) Circle, Chennai in having invited the tenders on 23.7.2008 in anticipation of Technical Sanction to the detailed estimate by the Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department.

10. The Government after careful consideration have decided to accept the proposals of the Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department and accord Revised Administrative Sanction for Rs.425.57 crore (Rupees four hundred and twenty five crore and fifty seven lakhs only) including tender excess (Rs.347.00 crore as per Technically sanctioned estimate + Rs.78.57 crore tender excess) for the Construction of a New Complex for the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly -- Block-A in the Omandurar Government Estate, Chennai.

11. The Government also ratify the action of the Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department, in having technically sanctioned the detailed estimate for Rs.347.00 crore, (Rupees three hundred and forty seven crore only) in anticipation of Revised Administrative Sanction of Government and the action of the

Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department, Buildings (Construction & Maintenance) Circle, Chennai in having invited the tenders, in anticipation of Revised Administrative Sanction of Government and technical sanction to the estimate by the Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department.

12. The expenditure sanctioned in para. 10 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

> "4059 – Capital outlay on P.W. – 01. Office Buildings – 051. Construction – Schemes in Eleventh Five Year Plan. II. State Plan – JY – Modernisation of Secretariat – 16. Major Works. (DP Code No. 4059 – 01 – 051 – JY – 1605)"

13. A sum of Rs.75 crore has already been provided in the Budget Estimates for 2008-2009 for the aforesaid work. Any additional funds, if required will be provided in Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation.

14. The Government also direct that for each of the individual items of lumpsum provisions except statutory payments, architect consultancy payments, advertisement charges, unforeseen items, petty supervision charges, labour welfare fund, price escalation, photographic, video charges and documentation charges, separate approval of the Government should be obtained before incurring the expenditure.

15. The Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department, is directed to take early action for commencement of the construction work and see that the work is completed within the stipulated time.

16. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.447 / DS(AR) / 2008 dated 25.10.2008 and A.S.L. No.1105. (One thousand one hundred and five).

(By Order of the Governor)

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