

Government of Orissa,  
Works Department.

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From

Shri A.N. Nanda.,  
Engineer-in-Chief-cum-Secy. to Govt.

To

The Chief Engineer, Roads/  
Chief Engineer, N.H. & Projects/  
Chief Engineer, Buildings-I/  
Chief Engineer, Buildings-II/  
Chief Engineer, R.L.E.G.D.

Subj:-

Payment of final bills of contractors.

Sir

I am directed to say that many a time contractors are filing their representations before the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Minister, Works, Chief Secretary and undersigned for non-payment of their final bills for years together from the date of completion of the works. This is a very disquieting state of affairs and for the laches of the concerned field functionaries, the Department puts to an embarrassing position and on many occasions faces unnecessary litigation.

2. In this connection it may be pointed out that as per Clause-8 of the F2 Agreement Form, the final bill shall be prepared within one month of the date fixed for completion of the work. It has been stipulated in para. 3.5.29 of the O.P.W.D. Code Vol. I that all payments due to the contractors for work done, services rendered and materials delivered should be promptly settled, in any case not later than 60 days after the satisfactory completion of the work at the latest unless otherwise provided in any contract.

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all auditors

Copy to all SDOs / D.A / Estimator for information and strict guidance. The SDOs should please bring this to the knowledge of the J.Eg under their control.

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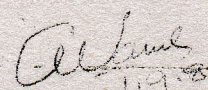
Further to ensure timely finalisation of the accounts of the contractors, it has been enjoined upon the S.Es. in Para. 3.5.23 ibid to review the agreements during their local inspection of the Divisions.

3. Notwithstanding the specific codal provisions as indicated above and issue of executive instructions to the field officers on several occasions in the past for prompt finalisation of the accounts of the contractors after completion of the works, there has been no appreciable improvement in the position and delay is still persisting. Government therefore, view with displeasure the inaction on the part of the concerned field officers in due discharge of their codified functions for timely squaring up of accounts of contractors including works accounts.

4. You are, therefore, requested to impress upon the S.Es. and E.Es. to ensure finalisation of the final bills of the contractors within one month from the date of completion of the works. The S.Es. may be specifically instructed to review the pending final bills quarterly and furnish a quarterly return to you which may be reviewed at your end.

5. Receipt of this letter may be please be finalised.

Yours faithfully,

  
Engineer-in-Chief-cum-Secy. to Govt.

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