

GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA  
WORKS DEPARTMENT

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From

Sri D. Satapathy, OAS(S),  
Joint Secretary to Government.

To

All Chief Engineer/All Superintending Engineer/  
All Executive Engineers

**Sub: *Site verification certificates by the competent officers before processing estimates by the higher authorities or according technical sanction.***

Sir,

In inviting a reference on the subject stated above, I am directed to inform that even though it is obligatory on the part of each technically competent officer to verify the site and evaluate the actual requirements before preparation of the estimate for onward transmission of the same either for the purpose of availability of funds or accordance of administrative approval, as the case may be, the practice is not followed scrupulously. This is resulting in inaccurate DPRs which unnecessarily cause a large deviations and escalation of project cost during the process of execution of the work. It is needless to say that visiting of the site before finalization of DPRs would definitely eliminate the aforesaid defects which unnecessarily cause the delay in completion of the project and cost over-run. It is, therefore, decided that the officers as mentioned below would invariably visit the site before finalization of DPRs and give a certificate to that effect in their own handwriting before according technical sanction or processing the DPRs to the higher authorities either for the purpose of technical sanction or accordance of administrative approval.

**Designation of Senior Officer      Site/spot visit certificate to be given on the amount of estimates**

(a) <u>For road works</u>	
Executive Engineer	Above Rs. 10.00 lakh
Superintending Engineer	Above Rs. 3.00 crore
Chief Engineer	Above Rs. 15.00 crore

(b) <u>For building works</u>	
Executive Engineer	Above Rs. 5.00 lakh
Superintending Engineer	Above Rs. 50.00 lakh
Chief Engineer	Above Rs. 3.00 crore

It is also observed that many often soil investigation works are carried out by the field officers through different agencies and many often the results reported by these firms are found to be erroneous which results in large deviations from the original provisions of the agreement during execution. It is, therefore, decided that the Chief Engineers will examine and review the performance of such private firms dealing with soil investigation works and if found unsatisfactory, report to Government about such defaulting firms who will be declared black listed and they will be debarred from carrying out any such work. Further more, since there is a full fledged Quality Control Laboratory with availability of technical competent staff of Orissa Bridge & Construction Corporation Limited, the Chief Engineers are requested to take advantage of them and award such works to Orissa Bridge & Construction Corporation Limited within the rate prescribed by Government observing formalities.

However, powers vested with different officers will be governed as mentioned in the OPWD Code.

Yours faithfully,

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Joint Secretary to Government