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GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

No. Irr-1-WB (FOT) 33/2004

Date.

From

Sri B. K. Patnaik, IAS,  
Principal Secretary Govt.

TO

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government,  
Works Department.

Sub: Amendment of OPWD code.

Sir,

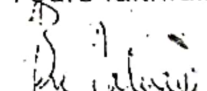
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I am directed to invite a reference on the above subject and to say that the Participatory Irrigation Management programme is being implemented in the State since 1996. The farmers are being involved in the management of Irrigation system in order to avoid heavy investment in the Irrigation Sectors. The Orissa Pani Panchayats Act, 2002 and Rules, 2003 have been formulated in the State for formation and regulation of Pani Panchayats under all Major, Medium and Minor irrigation projects in the State with a greater participation (copies enclosed)

Now Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered in file No-Irr-1-WB (FOT)- 33/2004 that there should be amendment in the OPWD Code to enable the Pani Panchayats to under take repair and maintenance work of minors, sub-minors and field drains under K<sub>2</sub> agreement without inviting tender up to Rs.50,000/-

As per the Orissa Pani Panchayat Act, 2002 & Rules, 2003 Pani Panchayat will undertake the repairs and maintenance of distributary system, minors, sub-minors and field drains. Govt., is providing @ Rs.100/- per hectare for undertaking above work. The areas which have not been handed over to the Pani Panchayats, but where Pani Panchayats have already been constituted, the repair & maintenance work of minors, sub-minors & field drains should be entrusted to such Pani Panchayats for execution of the work under K<sub>2</sub> agreement up to Rs.50,000/- following other rules prescribed without inviting tenders. The Pani Panchayats which are receiving grant-in-aid from Govt. should not be eligible for the purpose.

You are, therefore, requested to please take necessary steps to amend the OPWD code accordingly under intimation to this Dept. at the earliest.

Yours faithfully

  
Principal Secretary to Govt.

