



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
WORKS DEPARTMENT

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From

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F.A-cum- Special Secretary to Government.

To

The Engineer-in-Chief (Civil-cum-Roads),
Nirman Soudha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Cartelization in tendering process.

Sir,

In inviting kind reference to the captioned subject, I am directed to say that, a lot of Grievance petitions pertaining to cartelization and bid rigging in Tendering Process are being received in Works Department. Fixing of tender prices by violating the Code of Integrity in Public Procurement undermines the basic principles of transparency and competitive bidding. Such practices cause an adverse effect on competition and have been declared as an offence under the **Competition Act, 2002** and amended by **Competition (Amendment) Act, 2007**.

After scrutiny of these petitions, Govt. have decided that **in case of evidence of cartel formation, detailed cost analysis of the tender may be done and suitable administrative actions (i.e rejecting the bids, reporting the matter to Competition Commission of India etc) may be resorted.**

In view of above facts and kind observation of Govt, it is therefore, requested to issue suitable instruction to all CEs and all the Tender Inviting Authorities under your administrative control that **in case of any such instance is noticed by Government, the concerned Tender Inviting Authority shall be personally held responsible.**

Yours faithfully,


F.A-cum-Special Secretary to Government.



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