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- All the Chief Engineers, HPPWD.
- All the Superintending Engineers, HPPWD.

Subject:- Approval of Deviation cases.

In this regard your attention is invited towards this office letter No. 10948-11047 dated 02-09-2019 vide which the instructions regarding subject cited matter have been issued for strict compliance, but it has been observed by the undersigned that despite issuance of instructions, the deviation cases are being received in this office without taking into consideration the instructions contained in Standing Order No. 1/2001 dated 19-1-2001 and amendment to ibid Standing Order issued on 27-10-2004.

In this regard it is intimated that the contractor are allowed to carry out deviations by the Executive Engineers without seeking prior approval and without ensuring commitment of additional funds and availability of A/A & E/S before allowing deviation. The provision to regulate deviation under standard agreement/bid document is being construed as power to carry out deviations. Officers are not appreciating the fact that wherever financing is done under project mode, deviations without prior approval of sanctioning authority of such project means personal liabilities of Executive Engineers for such deviations.

In case of the project specific works under programme like RIDF, Central Road Fund, National Highway, PMGSY, HUDCO etc. detailed Project Report (DPR) are approved by concerned funding agency outside the State Government funds and flow of fund expenditure is required to be restricted within the overall sanctioned DPR cost. Hence, any action taken by Executive Engineer, Superintending Engineer, Chief Engineer leading to additional financial implication without prior approval of such funding agency/programme administering agency is illegal and amounts to action at personal risk and cost of such officer of the Department.

It shall be the duty and responsibility of concerned Executive Engineer to complete the work without any deviations and if any deviation is necessitated prior approval including change of specifications, substitutions, extra items etc in writing of the competent authority shall be obtained before executing such deviations and incurring expenditure or creating financial liability.

You are therefore, requested to direct Executive Engineers working under your control to adhere these instructions strictly and ensure that no deviations/variations are allowed without prior approval of the competent authority.

Any laxity in this regard will be viewed seriously and action will be taken against the defaulting Officers.

Engineer-in-Chief HPPWD, Shimla-2

Copy of the above is forwarded to the following for:-

- 1. The Principal Secretary (PW) to the Govt. of H.P. for information.
- 2. The Engineer -in Chief, (Project) for information.
- 3. All the Superintending Engineers working in HP PWD for information and strict compliance.
- 4. All the Executive Engineers working in HP PWD for information and strict compliance.

5. The Executive Engineer (IT) in this office for information. He is requested to upload the same on the departmental website.

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