

No.PWD-A-B0(14)/16/2025  
Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Public Works Department

From

The Secretary(PW) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

To

The Engineer-in-Chief,  
HPPWD, Shimla-171002.

Dated: Shimla-2 the

2025

Subject:-

Non-Adherence to Legal and Procedural Provisions by  
HPPWD Officers in Execution of Works in HPPWD-  
instruction thereof.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that serious irregularities being observed in the execution of various works by officers of the Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department as it has been noted with concern that several provisions of law and departmental procedures as detailed below are not being adhered to despite of repeated instructions issued by the Government / ENC, HPPWD / Hon'ble Courts, which is leading to administrative, financial, and legal complications :-

1. Execution of works without obtaining Administrative Approval (AA) and Expenditure Sanction (ES)
2. Execution of works in excess of the approved Expenditure Sanction
3. Execution of works without inviting tenders or through unauthorized awards
4. Granting of extension of time for completion of works without approval of the competent authority
5. Change in scope of works without prior approval of the competent authority
6. Tendering of works without completion of codal formalities
7. E-Tendering of works with estimated cost less than ₹1.00 lakh.

These actions are in clear contravention of the Himachal Pradesh PWD Code, CPWD Works Manual, and other applicable financial rules and guidelines. Such practices not only compromise transparency and accountability but also pose serious risks of audit objections, cost escalations, and legal complications.

You are requested to kindly take cognizance of the above and issue necessary directions to all concerned to ensure strict adherence to the relevant rules, procedures, and codal formalities in the execution of all departmental works. Failure to comply with these directions will invite disciplinary action under the extant rules.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by

Surjeet Singh Rathore

Date: 27-06-2025 20:23:44  
(Surjeet Singh Rathore)

Addl. Secretary(PW) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Endst.No:As above Dated: Shimla-2 the 28/06/2025  
Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Special /Addl./Under Secretary (PW) to the Government of H.P.
2. All the Chief Engineers in HPPWD
3. All the Superintending Engineers in HPPWD.
4. All the Ex Engineers in HPPWD
- ✓ 5. The Nodal Officer (IT) for uploading said instruction on website of the department.

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