

Himachal Pradesh  
Public Works Department  
No. PW-CTR-32-20/Gen.Inst/2014- 5028-5127

Dated: 28/3/14

From:

Engineer-in-Chief

To

All the Chief Engineers  
HP PWD,

All the Superintending Engineers  
in HP PWD

Subject: **Finalization of bills of contractors.**


I would like to draw your attention towards this office letter of even file no. 21194-22284 dated 28-01-2012 & subsequent letter No. 4859-4940 dated 28-05-2012 on the subject cited matter vide which the instructions regarding finalization of bills of contractor has been issued. In this connection, a photocopy of letter No PW-SE-Arb/Misc/14-2631-32 dated 08-01-2014 is enclosed herewith for information & necessary action.

It has come to the notice that final bills of the contractors are not finalized even for years after the completion of work for want of approval of deviation, extra items etc and even the security is also not released to the contractors on one pretext or the other resulting in No's of Arbitration cases. This has two fold impact on the arbitration cases i.e. the limitation period gets extended benefiting the contractors and the security deposit continues to be with held by the department so there is added liability of interest thereon in case of an arbitration case.

You are, requested to look in to the matter personally and direct all the field offices working under your control to adhere to the instructions and get the rates of extra/substitute item approved during the execution of work and finalized the bill of contractor with in time to avoid un-necessary Arbitration/ litigation in later stage. Any departure of these instructions shall be viewed seriously and personal liabilities will be fixed.

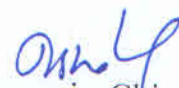
**Please treat it as urgent**

Encl: As above

  
Engineer-in-Chief  
HP PWD, Shimla-2

Copy to:

- 1 The Superintending Engineer Arbitration Circle Solan for information.
- 2 Copy through e-mail to all the Executive Engineer in HP PWD for information and necessary action.
- ✓ 3 Copy to the Executive Engineer (IT) HP PWD Nigam Vihar Shimla for information and necessary action. He is requested to place the same in departmental web site.

  
Engineer-in-Chief  
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