

No.SO.(LG)38-3/2017 GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB LOCAL GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Dated Lahore, the 4th April, 2017

To

- 1. All Mayors of Metropolitan / Municipal Corporations in Punjab.
- 2. All Chairmen, District Councils in Punjab.
- 3. All Chairmen, Municipal Committees in Punjab.

Subject:

STOP GAP / INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO NOTIFICATION OF PUNJAB LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (WORKS) RULES, UNDER PLGA, 2013

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and to inform that the Local Governments under PLGA, 2013 are functional with effect from 02.01.2017 and there is dire need of the Punjab Local Governments (Works) Rules, but the same are under process and it is likely that same would be notified shortly. Therefore, it is imperative that the provisions of the Tehsil / Town Municipal Administration (Works) Rules 2003 so far as these are not inconsistent with PLGA, 2013 may be utilized, by invoking the provisions of section 155 of the act ibid, for the works to be undertaken by the Local Governments subject to the following guidelines:

(a) The Development Committee of Local Government shall exercise the powers of according Administrative Approval of the work, if it has been approved by the house and is reflected in the Annual Development Programme. The powers of the Development Committee will be as under:

Sr. #	Local Government	Local Government Development Committees		Limit to accord Administrative Approval
1.	Municipal Committee	Chairman	Convener	Upto 10 million
		Chief Officer	Member	
		Municipal Officer (Finance)	Member	
		Municipal Officer	Member/	
		Infrastructure	Secretary	
2.	I) District Council and Municipal Corporation	Chairman / Mayor	Convener	Upto 20 Million
		Chief Officer	Member	
		District Officer Finance / Municipal Officer Finance	Member	
		District Officer Infrastructure /	Member/	
		Municipal Officer	Secretary	
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	II) District Council and Municipal Corporation	Chief officer	Convener	Upto 3 Million
		Municipal Officer Finance	Member	
		District Officer Infrastructure/	Member/	
		Municipal Officer	Secretary	
		Infrastructure		
3.	I) Metropolitan Corporation	Mayor	Convener	Upto 50 Million
		Chief Officer	Member	
		Municipal Officer (Finance)	Member	
		Municipal Officer	Member/	
		(Infrastructure)	Secretary	
	II) Metropolitan Corporation	Chief Officer	Convener	Upto 5 Million
		Municipal Officer (Finance)	Member	
		Municipal Officer	Member/	
		(Infrastructure)	Secretary	

(b) The work estimates beyond the abovementioned limits shall be submitted to the District Development Committee, Divisional Development Committee or Departmental Development sub-Committee or Provincial Development Working Party, as the case may be, as notified by the Government, for administrative approval.

(c)

Unless otherwise provided, the Local Government Engineer shall have the same powers of technical sanction, approval of rates of non-standardized items and all other powers not specified in the rules as delegated to the engineers of the, corresponding ranks in the Communications and Works Department, Public Health Engineering Department, Housing and Physical Planning Department under the Punjab Delegation of Financial Powers Rules 2016.

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- (d) An Engineer in BS-17 working as an independent engineer in-charge in a local government shall have the powers to accord the technical sanction up to Rs.1.000 million.
- (e) The technical sanction of the detailed estimates exceeding the limit of the powers of the Engineer of a local government shall be accorded in the following manner:

Sr. #	Local Government Engineer seeking technical sanction beyond his powers	Local Government Engineer by whom technical sanction is accorded	
1.	Engineer in BS-17	Engineer in BS-18 in the respective District or Division.	
2.	Engineers in BS-17 and BS-18	Engineer in BS-19 in the respective District or Division or the Chief Engineer (HQ), PLGB.	
3.	Engineers in BS-17, BS-18 and BS-19	Engineer in BS-20 in the respective Division or the Chief Engineer (HQ), PLGB.	

(f) All the tenders or bids shall be opened at the time and place specified in the public notice, in the presence of such contractors as may be present, by the following Committee:

1.	Chief Officer	Convener
2.	Representative of the Deputy Commissioner concerned	Member
3.	Assistant Engineer, LG&CD concerned	Member
4.	District Officer / Municipal Officer (Finance)	Member
5.	District Officer / Municipal Officer (Infrastructure)	Member / Secretary

- (g) The members of Committee shall affix their initials and date on every tender or bid so opened and also on the comparative statement. The rates quoted by the contractors shall be written in figure as well as in words.
- (h) The absence of any one member of the Committee shall not affect the proceedings of the Committee.
- 2. It is reiterated that above arrangements are purely temporary and subject to final notification of the Punjab Local Governments (Works) Rules under section 144 of PLGA, 2013. Therefore, all concerned are directed to meticulously comply with the above guidelines. However, the provisions of Tehsil / Town Municipal Administration (Works) Rules 2003; and the nomenclatures and terms used therein so far as these are not inconsistent with PLGA, 2013 may be utilized for the works to be undertaken by the Local Governments. The offender(s) shall be personally responsible for any transgression, lapse or inaction to comply with the above guidelines.

(Shabbir Ahmad Mughal) Section Officer (Regulations)

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- 1. The Secretary, Finance Department, Government of the Punjab.
- 2. All Divisional Commissioners in Punjab.
- 3. The Provincial Director, Local Fund Audit, Lahore.
- 4. All Deputy Commissioners in Punjab.
- 5. Additional Secretary (Dev), LG&CD Department.
- 6. The Director General, LG&CD Punjab.
- 7. All Chief Officers of Metropolitan / Municipal Corporations in Punjab.
- 8. All Chief Officers of District Councils in Punjab.
- 9. All Chief Officers of Municipals Committees in Punjab.
- 10. PS to Minister for local government
- 11. PS to Secretary, LG&CD Department.

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