

CIRCULAR
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Sub: Changes in CPWD specifications and PRICE Software

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CPWD has published the new Schedule of Rates – DSR 2016 and Cost Index. Government of Kerala has directed all Engineering Departments to change over to DSR 2016 from April 2017 onwards. As such, PRICE software has been updated to DSR 2016. In this connection, the following points may be noted.

1. There will be no change in the estimates for which TS has already been issued.
2. The estimates which are already created for which Technical Sanction is not accorded, will have to be changed to DSR 2016. For this it is compulsorily required to use the RECALCULATE button. Only then the estimates will be available for editing or forwarding.


CPWD has made some modification / deletions / additions in the new CPWD 2016 with respect to DSR 2014. For eg:

- (a) In DSR 2016, Spec 5.1.1 in chapter 5 have been deleted. If such specifications which have been deleted in the DSR 2016 have been used in the estimates, they will be available as deleted specifications and will be shown in red. Such specification need

to be deleted from the estimates and new ones are to be added, if necessary.

- (b) In chapter-5, spec 5.3 was RCC for beams, roofs, etc using 1:2:4. In DSR 2016, it have been changed to RCC for beams, roofs, etc using 1:1¹/₂: 3. Such specifications which have been used in previously prepared estimates will become observed data in the estimate.
 - (c) Chapter 23 – Horticulture and Landscaping have been deleted in DSR 2016 and Chapter 24, 25 and 26 have been renamed to chapter 23, 24 and 25. As such, estimates in which specifications of chapter 23 – Horticulture and landscaping were used, will be shown as deleted specifications once recalculation is applied. Such specification need to be deleted from the estimates and new ones to be added, if necessary. Items of horticulture are available in chapter 30.
3. Approved observed data have been corrected with DSR 2016 & with prevailing market rates.
 4. The rate of Bitumen for the first half of the Financial Year 2017 – 2018 has been published by Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B). The same has been updated in PRICE software.
 5. PWD has not published the rate of SS emulsion. Hence it has not been updated. Further classification regarding the rate of SS emulsion will be published in consultation with PWD.
 6. The market rates which have been used in user created observed data will not change automatically. If the change is found necessary, the user may change it by themselves. The already user created observed data will be changed to DSR 2016 as and when they are called in an estimate.

7. It is advised that before using the RECALCULATE button, a copy of the Detailed Estimate may be downloaded using the DPR / Abstract button in each estimate. This will help in finding the Deleted specifications as explained above and the newly formed Observed Datas, once the RECALCULATE button is applied.
8. All the officers are directed to check each specifications, rates, amounts, etc after applying the RECALCULATE button.
9. Calculations for Department Supply have been included in the software. All officers are directed to be aware of this while selecting the Department Supply as YES in the Detail 1 page.
10. Any discrepancy noted may be brought to the attention of this office as soon as possible.
11. It is recommended that all the officers shall go through the new DSR 2016 PRICE changes for one or 2 days for familiarizing the same. The Officers may accord the TS preferably after April 12, 2017.



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