

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

<u>Abstract</u>

Local Self Government Department - Public Works taken up by Local Governments - Providing market rates for cement and steel - Orders issued.

Local Self Government (DA) Department

GO(MS) No.14/2008/LSGD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 15.01.2008

Read: 1. G.O.(MS) 228/07/LSGD Dated Thiruvananthapuram, 05.10.2007.

- 2. G.O.(MS) No.289/2007/LSGD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 22.12.2007
- 3. G.O.(MS) No.1/2008/LSGD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 01.01.2008
- 4. Note No.2963/Dev.3/08/Finance dated 14.01.2008.

ORDER

As per Government Orders read above, Local Governments have been allowed to meet the market rate of bitumen supplied by public sector units as on the date of tender for road works involving use of bitumen. During discussions with Chairpersons of DPC and representatives of different Local Government Associations held on 27th December it was pointed out that a similar provisions needs to be made in respect of cement and steel in view of the increase in cost of these materials over and above the rates included in the 2007 Schedule of Rates of the Public Works Department and in view of the fact that Local Governments are not allowed to pay tender excess.

Government have examined the matter and are pleased to issue the following orders with the concurrence of the Finance Department.

(1) Market rate of cement as fixed by Malabar Cements Ltd., Palakkad and market rate of steel as fixed by Steel Authority of India Ltd., (SAIL), as on the date of tender would be adopted by Local Governments for the purpose of estimates.

(2) In respect of works for which estimates have already been prepared and or the works tendered but the contract not yet finalized, Local Governments are permitted to meet the difference of cost between the 2007 PWD Schedule of Rates of cement and steel and the market rates as indicated above or meet the tender excess which is lower.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR

S.M.Vijayanand Principal Secretary to Government

The Director of Panchayats, Thiruvananthapuram

The Commissioner for Rural Development, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director of Public Relations (for immediate Press Release)

All District Planning Officers.

The State Performance Audit Officer.

The Member Secretary, State Planning Board

Additional Chief Secretary (Finance)

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram (with CL)

The Accountant General (A & E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram (with CL)

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