



GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

Highways Department – Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project – Policy framework required for early project appraisal and effective implementation – Approved – Orders issued.

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Highways (HN1) Department

G.O.Ms.No.183

Dated. 16.10.2002

Read the following

1. From the Country Director, World Bank, letter dated 22.04.2002.
2. From the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project, Letter No.1230/C/6.8.2002.

**ORDER:**

In 1995, the Government of Tamilnadu invited the World Bank to assist with the Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project. The World Bank came forward to render Technical loan assistance for the project. Accordingly M/s. Kinhill Engineers Pty Limited, Australia was appointed as consultant for preparation of Feasibility Report for 1500 Km of roads and also for undertaking Detailed Engineering study in order to widen and strengthen 732 Km of roads inclusive of 13 bye-passes, apart from 2600 Km of existing roads under maintenance component. The World Bank's Mission of April-2002 observed that a policy framework would be prepared covering:-

- (i) The proposals for Project Steering/Governing Board and on Empowered Committee to take project related policy decisions and procurement/payment related issues.
- (ii) Plan to make timely payments for works and consultancy services.
- (iii) Commitment to adhere to Contract Dispute Resolution Mechanism.
- (iv) Statement regarding the treatment of corporate/income taxes for payment when preparing and negotiating contracts with consultants/contractors/suppliers.

Accordingly in his letter second read above the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project has sent policy framework and requested orders of Government.

2. The Government have carefully examined the proposal and decided to accept the policy frame work consisting of the following aspects:-
  - a) Procurement of consultancy, goods and works.

- b) Time commitment for finalisation of consultancy and civil works.
- c) Empowered Committee.
- d) Steering Committee
- e) Evaluation Committee
- f) Designation of Project Director as Head of Department
- g) Contract Management adviser to the Project Director
- h) Institutional Development Strategy (IDS) Steering Committee
- i) Settlement of Bills.
- j) Settlement of Disputes
- k) Treatment of Taxes and Duties.
- l) Tamilnadu Transparency in Tenders Act 1998.
- m) Establishment matters
- n) Interdepartmental Co-ordination
- o) Procurement of contracts
- p) Special status to Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project.

The above aspects shall facilitate quick decision for effective and smooth implementation of the Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project. The Government have also decided to issue separate orders on relevant sections of the framework.

3. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project is requested to adhere to the policy framework approved by the Government in Para 2 above and take effective and timely action for early appraisal and effective implementation of the Project.

4. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No. 4607/F5/P/2002, Dated 7.10.2002.

(By order of the Governor)

A.NAGARAJAN,

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To

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