



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Tendering of works - Postponement and Preponement of Tenders - Modified Directions - Orders Issued.

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FINANCE (INSPECTION WING - TECHNICAL) DEPARTMENT

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G.O. (Ms) 23/2010/Fin

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 18.01.2010

Read:- G.O(P) No.84/97/PW&T dated 19.08.1997.

ORDER

It has come to the notice of the Government that Tendering authorities under various Government departments are Preponing/Postponing tenders without any valid reasons and in several such cases proper notice or advertisement are not seen resorted to either through the newspapers or through the official websites. This ultimately results in over burden to the exchequer by way of exorbitant quoted PAC due to improper and unhealthy competition in the tender process.

2. In the above circumstances, the Government are pleased to issue the following directions to all the tendering authorities under Government of Kerala and other institutions directly or indirectly funded by Government, for strict adherence.

- i. Works once tendered should not be postponed/preponed without any valid reason to substantiate such postponement/preponement. Flimsy reasons like "tender schedules not prepared", "delay in scrutinizing estimate" etc should not be a ground for postponement, since the date of tender is fixed after considering the time required for all the official formalities.
- ii. There are several instances where tenders are postponed/ preponed for want of A.S, T.S etc. While inviting tenders for works, Administrative Sanction, Technical Sanction and Financial Sanction should be obtained as per rules, prior to such tender calls.

- iii. Whenever a tender is postponed/preponed, the prior approval of the next higher authority should be obtained. Such an authority may verify whether there is sufficient grounds for postponement/ preponement and approval issued in deserving cases only.
- iv. The application for tender schedules received prior to the postponement/preponement of tender, should be taken into record and such tenderers should be appraised of the date postponed/preponed by Registered post with A/D.
- v. Whenever a tender is postponed/preponed, due the unavoidable administrative reasons the notice for the same should be advertised in the media/news paper which published the original tender notice. This should be published through the official web site of the department/Public Relations Department also.

A period of minimum 7 days must be kept between the date of publication of postponement/preponement notice in the news paper official/web site and the date of receipt of tenders.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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The Accountant General (A&E/Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Addl. Chief Secretary Water Resources Department.

The Addl. Chief Secretary, Fisheries Department.

The Principal Secretary, Ports Department.

The Principal Secretary, Public Works Department.

The Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department.

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The Principal Secretary, Industries Department.

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