**Copy of Accountant General's letter No.WM/II/4-8A/1175/1013 dt. 14-3-1983** of the Kerala Branch: Trichur to the Special Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Trivandrum.

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Sub:- Delay in refund of Earnest Money Deposits of unsuccessful tenderers

According to Para 18 of Appendix XV (b) of the Kerala, Public Works Departmental Manual (Notice inviting Tenders for works), the refunded immediately after tabulating the tenders keeping only the earnest money of the first three lowest tenders. The E.M.D of the remaining unsuccessful tenders is required to be refunded within a week from the date of acceptance of the tender.

During course of Inspection of a P.W .Division Office it has however, come to the notice of this office that there is considerable delay in the refund of the deposits to the unsuccessful tenders EMD received as early as in March 1977 still remain to be refunded in some cases. It is seen that the amount involved in respect of one sub Division alone amounted to Rs. 0.54 lakhs.

It is requested that strict instructions may kindly be issued by Government to the officers concerned to ensure that prescribed time limit.

Sd/-Accounts Officer.

Copy to all Chief Engineers for information and necessary action. The subordinate formation may be instructed suitably in the matter. Endt. ,No.W2-9742/83 dt.29-3-1983

Copy forwarded to Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Central Circle, Trichur for necessary action.

Sd/-For Chief Engineer (Irrigation)

Endt. on D9.812/83 dt. 20-4-83.

Copy to all Executive Engineers for necessary action. Copy to all sections in DB's, HD's F.S,A.a,J.S,and to personal Assistants and Superintending Engineer's table.

For Superintending Engineers.