

Sub:- Central Public Accounts Committee - Party seventh Report -
Report - Recommendations No. 23(1) on the Audit Report 1965 -
Implementation of - transfer of works from one Department
to another -

Following the State Re-organization in 1956, the control of the Rural Water Supply Scheme in Malabar area formerly exercised by the District Collectors was transferred to the Public Health Engineering Department. Though the Scheme was initiated in 1956, control was actually transferred to the Public Health Engineering Department only in 1959. During the interim period of three years from 1956 to 1959 nobody took serious responsibility in regard to the Rural Water Supply Scheme. Then it came under the Public Health Engineering Department in 1959 it was found that a number of wells were lying unutilised and some of them collapsed. Government considered the whole thing and decided that, because of the delay, the concession should not suffer. Accordingly the claims of those who had executed the works were settled on the assessed value of work done.

2. The Central Public Accounts Committee, while considering the case, has observed in paragraph 4-46 of its report that transfer of one item of work from one Department to another should not be taken as a valid excuse for neglecting it nor should it present any insuperable difficulty in fixing responsibility for such negligence.

3. Attention of the heads of Departments and Offices is invited to the above observation of the Central Public Accounts Committee. Government would like to impress upon all officers concerned that, when one item of work is transferred from one Department to another for administrative convenience or otherwise the transfer is final and it is the responsibility of the Department to which the work has been transferred, to take it up immediately and complete it on schedule. It is the primary duty of every Department to see that the works which are intended for the benefit of the tax-payer are not neglected on the excuse of their transfer from one Department to another. Government would also emphasize that negligence on the part of any officer involved in this regard will be viewed seriously and stringent action will be taken against the persons responsible.

SD/- Finance Secretary.

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