



ABSTRACT

Corporations and Municipalities (except Greater Chennai Corporation) - Engineering Works - Appointment of Tender Inviting Authorities, Tender Accepting Authorities, Administrative Authorities, Technical Sanction Authorities and Measurement and Check Measurement Authorities - Revision of Monetary limit of authorities - Sanction accorded - Orders - Issued.

Municipal Administration & Water Supply (MC.4) Department

G.O (Ms) No.158

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Read:-

1. Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary No.258, Dated 26.08.2008.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.125, Municipal Administration and Water Supply (MA2) Department, Dated 09.07.2010.
3. G.O.(Ms) No.44, Municipal Administration and Water Supply (MA2) Department, Dated 24.02.2016.
4. G.O.(D) No.334, Municipal Administration and Water Supply (Election) Department, Dated 03.08.2016.
5. G.O.(Ms) No.67, Municipal Administration and Water Supply (MA2) Department, Dated 27.06.2018.
6. From the Director of Municipal Administration Letter Roc.No.6743/2022/EA1, Dated 26.04.2022.

ORDER:

In the letter sixth read above, the Director of Municipal Administration has stated that there are 20 Corporations and 138 Municipalities (except Greater Chennai Corporation) in Tamil Nadu. The infrastructural development works are being done to improve the livelihood status of the urban society. In this aspect, it is necessary to regulate the organization and process the selection of Engineering infrastructure development works, approval and sanction the works/projects on administrative grounds and sanction the same on analyzing the technical feasibilities by the competent authority. The

institutional arrangements have to be made to appoint Tender Inviting Authorities, Tender Accepting Authorities, Administrative Authorities, Technical Sanction Authorities and Measurement and Check Measurement Authorities and powers have to be entrusted to implement the development works.

2. In the Government Order fourth read above, the Government have enhanced the monetary limit of the Municipalities for according Administrative Sanction to the estimate cost of civil works to be taken up by the Municipalities as below:-

Competent Authority	Monitory limit
Second Grade Municipalities	Upto Rs.35 lakh
First Grade Municipalities	Upto Rs.40 lakh
Selection Grade Municipalities	Upto Rs.48 lakh
Special Grade Municipalities	Upto Rs.55 lakh
Regional Director of Municipal Administration	Upto Rs.68 lakh
Commissioner of Municipal Administration	Upto Rs.650 lakh
Government	above Rs.650 lakh

3. In the reference first cited above, the Government have fixed the monetary limit of the Corporations for according Administrative Sanction to the estimate cost of civil works to be taken up by the Corporations as below:-

Competent Authority	Monitory limit
Ward Committee	Upto Rs.5 lakh
Commissioner of the Corporation	more than Rs.5 lakh up to Rs.10 lakh
Mayor of the Corporation	more than Rs.10 lakh up to Rs.20 lakh
Standing Committee other than taxation and financial	more than Rs.20 lakh up to Rs.30 lakh
Standing Committee on taxation and financial	more than Rs.30 lakh up to Rs.50 lakh
Council of Corporation	more than Rs.50 lakh up to Rs.100 lakh
Commissioner of Municipal Administration/ Government	more than Rs.100 lakh

4. In the Government Order fifth read above, the Government have enhanced the financial powers of the Special Purpose Vehicles to approve and accord Administrative Sanction to the Smart City Projects/Proposals for effective implementation of project under the Smart Cities Mission, subject to the financial limit increased as below:-

	Cost of the Project/Proposal
Special Purpose Vehicles of Corporations (other than Chennai) for Smart Cities Projects	Rs.3.00 crore
Special Purpose Vehicle of Greater Chennai Corporation for Smart Cities Projects	Rs.25.00 crore
Commissioner of Municipal Administration for Smart Cities Projects	Rs.15.00 crore

5. The Director of Municipal Administration has further stated that the Urban Local Bodies are taking up major projects such as underground drainage scheme, water supply schemes, solid waste management, special road works, bus stand, modernized gasifier crematorium, modernizing slaughter houses, multi-storied parking stands, multi level shopping complex and markets, office buildings etc., at huge estimated costs for providing infrastructures and basic facilities to the public. Further, the estimate cost is escalating every year for various reasons such as periodical increase in the cost of material and labour cost etc., Further, if according Administrative Sanction is delayed, the project cost will be escalated and will lead to revised estimate and time overrun. The prevailing powers of according Administrative Sanction by the Municipalities were enhanced five years back. Therefore, in view of the above reasons, enhancement of monetary limit for according Administrative Sanction by the Municipalities is absolutely necessary to reduce the time taken for the same. The monetary limit for according administrative sanction has been given to the council irrespective of the source of funds. In this regard, it is suggested that the council shall be entitled to accord Administrative Sanction for the infrastructure development works/ maintenance works carried out under the Municipal/Corporation General funds.

6. Therefore, taking into account of the inflation of cost of material, labour cost, the size of projects and the orders issued in Government Order fifth read above in respect of Smart Cities Projects, the Director of Municipal Administration has requested the Government to enhance the monetary limit of the infrastructure development works carried out under the Central Government funds, the State Government funds, Externally Aided funds and Municipal/Corporation General funds, the Administrative Sanction shall be entitled to the authorities as in Table 1 below:-

Table 1 (A) (Capital works for Municipality)

The Competent Authority to accord Administrative Sanction for the infrastructural development works:		
Source of Fund	Estimate Value for infrastructure development works Costing	Competent Authority to accord Administrative Sanction
Central Government/State Government funds/ External Aided funds	up to Rs.100 lakh	Regional Director of Municipal Administration
	More than Rs.100 lakh upto Rs.1000 lakh	Director of Municipal Administration
	more than Rs. 1000 lakh	Government
Municipal General Funds	up to Rs.40 lakh	Council of Second Grade Municipalities
	up to Rs.50 lakh	Council of First Grade Municipalities
	up to Rs.60 lakh	Council of Selection Grade Municipalities
	up to Rs.70 lakh	Council of Special Grade Municipalities
	up to Rs.100 lakh	Regional Director of Municipal Administration
	more than Rs.100 lakh up to Rs.1000 lakh	Director of Municipal Administration
	more than Rs.1000 lakh	Government

Table 1 (B) (Capital works for Corporation)

The Competent Authority to accord Administrative Sanction for the infrastructural development works		
Source of Fund	Estimate Value for infrastructure development works Costing	Competent Authority to accord Administrative Sanction
Central Government/State Government funds/ External Aided funds	upto Rs.100 lakh	Commissioner of Corporation
	more than Rs. 100 lakh upto Rs.1000 lakh	Director of Municipal Administration
	more than Rs.1000 lakh	Government
Corporation General Funds	upto Rs.10 lakh	With the concurrence of Commissioner of Corporation, the Ward Committee shall sanction and subsequently to be placed in the Council for Record.
	more than Rs.10 lakh upto Rs.20 lakh	With the concurrence of Commissioner of Corporation the Standing Committee for Health, Education and works shall sanction and subsequently to be placed in the Council for Record.
	more than Rs. 20 lakh upto Rs.30 lakh	Corporation Commissioner shall sanction and subsequently to be placed in the Council for Record.
	more than Rs. 30 lakh upto Rs.50 lakh	Mayor of the Corporation shall sanction in consultation with Corporation Commissioner, subsequently to be placed in the Council.
	more than Rs. 50 lakh upto Rs.100 lakh	Council of Corporation
	more than Rs.100 lakh upto Rs.1000 lakh	Considering the Council Resolution the Director of Municipal Administration shall sanction
	more than Rs.1000 lakh	Considering the Council Resolution the Government shall sanction

7. In respect of maintenance/ repair works carried out under the general funds shall be entitled to the authorities as in Table (2) below:-

Table 2(A) (Maintenance works for Municipalities)

The Competent Authority to accord Administrative Sanction for the Maintenance/ Repair works		
Source of Fund	Estimate Value Maintenance/Repair works costing	Competent Authority to accord Administrative Sanction
Municipal General Funds	upto Rs.5 lakh	Council of Second Grade Municipalities
	upto Rs.10 lakh	Council of First Grade Municipalities
	upto Rs.15 lakh	Council of Selection Grade Municipalities
	upto Rs.20 lakh	Council of Special Grade Municipalities
	upto Rs. 25 lakh	Considering the Council Resolution, the Regional Director of Municipal Administration shall sanction
	more than Rs.25 lakh upto Rs.500 lakh	Considering the Council Resolution, the Director of Municipal Administration shall sanction

Table 2(B) (Maintenance works for Corporations)

The Competent Authority to accord Administrative Sanction for the Maintenance/ Repair works		
Source of Fund	Estimate Value Maintenance and Repair works costing	Competent Authority to accord Administrative Sanction
Corporation General Funds	upto Rs.5 lakh	With the concurrence of Commissioner of Corporation, the Ward Committee shall sanction and subsequently to be placed in the Council for Record.
	more than Rs. 5 Lakh upto Rs.10 lakh	With the concurrence of Commissioner of Corporation, the Standing Committee for Health, Education and works shall sanction and subsequently to be placed in the Council for Record.
	more than Rs.10 lakh up to Rs.15 lakh	Commissioner of Corporation shall sanction and subsequently to be placed in the Council for Record.
	more than Rs.15 lakh up to Rs.25 lakh	With the concurrence of Commissioner of Corporation, the Mayor of the Corporation shall sanction and subsequently to be placed in the Council for Record.
	more than Rs. 25 lakh up to Rs.50 lakh	Council of Corporation
	more than Rs.50 lakh	Considering the Council Resolution the Director of Municipal Administration shall sanction

8. In the Government Order third read above, the Government have enhanced the monetary limit of the Engineering Personnel for according Technical Sanction to the estimate cost of civil works to be taken up by the Municipalities/ Corporations has been prescribed as below:-

Competent Authority	Monetary limit
Chief Engineer	on par with the Chief Engineer in the Public Works Department (No ceiling)
Superintending Engineer / City Engineer in the Corporation (except Greater Chennai)	Rs. 100 lakh
Executive Engineer in the Corporation / Executive Engineer in the Municipality/ Municipal Engineer Grade I	Rs. 50 lakh
Assistant Executive Engineer in the Corporation / Assistant Executive Engineer in the Municipality/ Municipal Engineer Grade II	Rs. 25 lakh
Assistant Engineer, Junior Engineer in the Corporation / Assistant Engineer, Junior Engineer in the Municipality/ Municipal Engineer Grade III	Rs. 10 lakh

9. The Director of Municipal Administration has proposed to revise the Technical Sanction and measurement and check measurement considering the maintenance/ repair works under the Municipal/ Corporation General fund or any other fund, and the infrastructure development works under Central Government fund, State Government fund, External Aided fund and Municipal General fund, the authority competent to accord the Technical Sanction shall be revised as in Table (3) below:-

Table 3

Technical Sanction Authority and the monetary limit		
Competent Authority	Monetary limit for original works	Monetary limit for Maintenance works
Chief Engineer	on par with the Chief Engineer in the Public Works Department (No ceiling)	on par with the Chief Engineer in the Public Works Department (No ceiling)
Superintending Engineer	Rs. 300 lakh	Rs. 100 lakh
City Engineer in the Corporation	Rs.100 lakh	Rs. 50 lakh
Regional Executive Engineer	Rs. 100 lakh	Rs. 25 lakh
Executive Engineer	Rs. 60 lakh	Rs. 20 lakh
Assistant Executive Engineer	Rs. 40 lakh	Rs. 15 lakh
Assistant Engineer, Junior Engineer while acting as Municipal Engineer with adequate experience (AE with 5 years experience and JE with 10 years experience)	Rs. 20 lakh	Rs. 5 lakh
Note: Relaying of roads will not be considered as maintenance works or repair works.		

10. The authorities competent to measure and check-measure the original works, maintenance and electrical works done or materials supplied, whether by contract or by departmental agency for all works shall be as specified as in Table 4 below:-

Table 4 (A)

Measurement and Check measurement Competent Authorities in Corporation	
Measuring Officer	Assistant Engineer /Junior Engineer
Check- measuring Officer	Assistant Executive Engineer
Test Check Officer	Executive Engineer
Super check for the works value less than or equal to Rs.100 lakh	City Engineer / Deputy Superintending Engineer
Super check for the works value more than Rs.100 lakh	Chief Engineer, office of DMA

Table 4(B)

Measurement and Check measurement Competent Authorities in Municipalities	
Measuring Officer	Overseer/Junior Engineer/ Assistant Engineer
Check- measuring Officer	Assistant Engineer / Junior Engineer / Assistant Executive Engineer / Executive Engineer who works in the capacity of Municipal Engineer
Test Check Officer	Regional Executive Engineer
Super check for the work value more than Rs.100 lakh.	Superintending Engineer / Chief Engineer
Note: The Technical Sanction authority is responsible for the completion report of the work for Technical Sanction accorded by them.	

11. In exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 (Tamil Nadu Act 43 of 1998), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby appoints Tender Inviting Authorities and Tender Accepting Authorities, as indicated in Table 5 below:-

Table 5

Tender Inviting Authority and Tender Accepting Authority						
Sl.No	Category of works	Tender Inviting Authority	Tender Accepting Authority			
			In case of no tender excess	For tender excess up to 5 %	For tender excess more than 5 % up to 10 %	For tender excess more than 10 %
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Infrastructure development works under Central Government funds/ State Government funds / External Aided funds.	Corporation Commissioner / Municipal Commissioner	Corporation Commissioner / Municipal Commissioner	Accept with the approval of CE o/o DMA	Accept with the approval of Tender award Committee Chaired by CE o/o DMA as per Engineering manual	Accept with the approval of the Committee Chaired by DMA, as per the G.O second read above.
2	Maintenance/ repair works under Scheme fund/ Central Government funds/ State Government funds / External Aided funds.					

3	Infrastructure development works under General funds of Corporations/ Municipalities	Corporation Commissioner / Municipal Commissioner	Municipal / City Council	Municipal / City Council	The Council shall accept with the approval of Tender award Committee Chaired by CE o/o DMA as per Engineering manual	The Council shall accept with the approval of the Committee Chaired by DMA, as per the G.O second read above.
4	Maintenance/ repair works under General funds of Corporations/ Municipalities					
<p>Note: Necessary provisions shall be made in the budget estimate or revised budget of the Corporation/ Municipality, for the Urban Local Bodies contribution for the tender excess amount. Further, in the case of no tender excess then the tender accepting authority has to accept the tender within 7 days from the date of recommendation of tender scrutiny committee and in the case of tender excess then the tender accepting authority has to accept the tender within 15 days from the date of recommendation of tender scrutiny committee.</p>						

12. Considering the necessity to regulate the organization and process with regard to selection of engineering infrastructure development works, the Director of Municipal Administration has requested the Government to consider and issue necessary orders

- (i) for the revised institutional set up on Tender Inviting Authorities, Tender Accepting Authorities, Administrative Authorities,
- (ii) for the revised financial power for Administrative Sanction, Technical Sanction and
- (iii) reiterating and assigning the Measurement and Check Measurement Authorities for implementation of development works to the satisfaction and expectation.

13. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Municipal Administration at Para 12 above and to speed up the implementation of infrastructural development works in Municipalities and Corporations (except Greater Chennai Corporation), accord sanction:-

- (i) for the revised institutional set up on Tender Inviting Authorities, Tender Accepting Authorities, Administrative Authorities as mentioned in Para 11 above.
- (ii) for the revised financial power for Administrative Sanction, Technical Sanction as mentioned in Para 6, 7 and 9 above and
- (iii) reiterating and assigning the Measurement and Check Measurement authorities for implementation of development works to the satisfaction and expectation as mentioned in Para 10 above.

14. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.46833/Finance(MAWS)/2022, Dated 02.11.2022.

// BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR //

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