

**Himachal Pradesh
Jal Shakti Vibhag**

No. JSV-SE (P&I-I)-D-I-Technical Committee-2023-24- 962-72

Dated:- 15/5/23

To

The Engineer-in-Chief (Project),
Jal Shakti Vibhag, Mandi

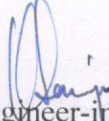
The Engineer-in Chief,
Irrigation and Flood Control,
Dharamshala

The Chief Engineer,
Hamirpur Zone, Shimla Zone,
Mandi Zone, WSSO & PMU

Subject: Minutes of 3rd Meeting of State Level Technical Committee for the year 2023-2024.


Enclosed please find herewith the minutes of 3rd State Level Technical Committee meeting for the year 2023-24 held on 09.05.2023 at Jal Shakti Bhawan, for your kind information and necessary action.

DA: As above


Engineer-in-Chief,
Jal Shakti Vibhag,
Jal Shakti Bhawan, Shimla-05.

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1. The Secretary (JSV) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh Shimla-02 for information please.
2. The Chief Engineer (D&M), Jal Shakti Vibhag, Jal Shakti Bhawan, Shimla-05 for information please.
3. The Controller (F&A), Jal Shakti Vibhag, Jal Shakti Bhawan, Shimla-05 for information please
4. The Superintending Engineer (Works), Jal Shakti Vibhag, Jal Shakti Bhawan, Shimla-05 for information please.


Engineer-in-Chief,
Jal Shakti Vibhag,
Jal Shakti Bhawan, Shimla-05.

Minutes of 3rd meeting of State Level Technical Committee for the year 2023-24 held on 09.05.2023 at Jal Shakti Bhawan Shimla-05.

3rd meeting of the State Level Technical Committee to deliberation upon the technical suggestions received from the officers of the department was held at Jal Shakti Bhawan and through Video Conference on 09.05.2023

At the outset, the Superintending Engineer (P&I-I) welcomed the Chairman and all members to the 3rd meeting of SLTC for FY 2023-24.

List of Participants is as per Annexure "A" attached.

Accordingly, agenda items were taken up for discussion one by one as detailed below:

A. Internal Discussion

1. Validation Period for Enlistment of Contractors:

Rules of Enlistment of contractors in HP IPH Department, 2013, which came into force from 1st Day of November, 2013, were notified by the government vide Notification No. IPH-B (C) 17-4/2008-I dated 29th October, 2013. Para 7 of the said Rules provides as under:

*Validity Period- The enlistment shall be valid for a period of **three** years. The enlistment can, however, be revalidated in accordance with rules in this regards. Each revalidation shall be for a period of **three** years from the date of expiry of the previous enlistment/revalidation. The enlistment shall be open to review by the enlistment authority and liable to termination, suspension or any other such action any time if considered necessary by the enlistment authority, after issue of show cause notice.*

As provided under para 7 of the aforesaid rules, the Contractors are enlisted for a period of **three years** and their enlistment is revalidated for a period of **three years** in the I&PH Department (now Jal Shakti Vibhag).

HP PWD Enlistment Rules, 2015 were notified by the government vide Notification No. PBW (B) 22-1/2002 dated 26th May, 2015. Para 7 of the said Rules provides as under:

*Validity Period- The enlistment shall be valid for a period of **five** years. The enlistment can, however, be revalidated in accordance with rules in this regards. Each revalidation shall be for a period of **five** years from the date of expiry of the previous enlistment/revalidation. The enlistment shall be open to review by the enlistment authority and liable to termination, suspension or any other such action any time if considered necessary by the enlistment authority, after issue of show cause notice.*

As provided under para 7 of the aforesaid rules, notified by the Public Works Department, the Contractors are enlisted for a period of **five years** and their enlistment is revalidated for a period of **five years** in the Public Works Department.



As such, it is proposed that the validity period for enlistment of contractors and the revalidation may be raised to **five years** as provided under HP PWD Enlistment Rules, 2015. After detailed deliberation the committee agreed to the proposal and approve consequently Rule 19 of the rules of the enlistment of contractor in I & PH Department , 2013 may also be amended.

2. Tendering process in Himachal Pradesh IPH Department (now Jal Shakti Vibhag):

Instructions regarding Tendering Process in Himachal Pradesh IPH Department (now Jal Shakti Vibhag) were issued by the Government of Himachal Pradesh vide Additional Chief Secretary (IPH)'s letter No. IPH-B (C) 17-4/2008-I dated 29th October, 2013, which came into force from 1st November, 2013. Annexure-IV to the said instructions provided the *threshold limit for floating 'e-tendering'*, which were applicable from 1.07.2014, and are reproduced here under:

Threshold limit for floating "e-tendering"		
i)	Tenders for works upto Rs.1.00 lacs	Off-line
ii)	Tenders for works above Rs.1.00 lacs	On-line
iii)	Tenders for works above Rs.1.00 lacs and upto Rs.10.00 lacs	Offline but On-line submission will also be accepted till 1 st July, 2014

Subsequent to this, another instruction was issued by the government vide letter No. IPH (A)9-1/2010-I dated 20th February, 2014 stating that the option of e-tendering will not be available for works above Rs.1.00 lac and upto Rs.10.00 lacs.

On 14th February, 2019 vide Notification No. IPH-B (F)7-6/2016, the Government of Himachal Pradesh, with a view to curtail time taken in tendering process in case of emergent works, enhanced the existing limit of calling tender by Executive Engineers without press notice from 1.00 lakh to 4.99 Lakh with the overall ceiling of Rs. 25.00 lakh per Division per annum subject to the following:-

1. A certificate of exigencies/emergency would be given by Executive Engineer.
2. When sufficient reasons exist which indicate that it is in public interest.
3. Tenders will be uploaded on departmental website and notice board of the Sub-Division and Division alongwith schedule of quantity.
4. NIT register will be maintained and will be available for contractors for perusal during a fixed time on working days of tenders not invited through e-tendering.

Subsequently, a corrigendum dated 16th February, 2019 to the aforesaid notification dated 14th February, 2019 was issued stating:-

“The words ‘with overall ceiling of Rs. 25.00 lakh per Division per annum’ appearing in third and fourth line of the notification above are hereby deleted.”

However, Government of Himachal Pradesh, reissued Notification No. IPH-B (F) 7-6/2016 dated 19th July, 2019 to this effect, in supersession to Notification dated 14th February, 2019 and Corrigendum dated 16th February, 2019.

The Government of Himachal Pradesh, vide Notification No. JSV-B (C) 17-3/2023 dated 17th February, 2023, has modified and enhanced the power of Assistant Engineer to accept the lowest tender upto Rs. 2.00 lakh. Since nature of work upto this amount generally pertains to petty works, small repairs or urgent maintenance works, publicity of the NIT should be limited to Notice Board of the Sub Division and Division to curtail processing time. Hence, the conditions 1 and 3 for such tenders, as incorporated in the tender process vide Notification No. IPH-B (F)7-6/2016 dated 19th July, 2019 are proposed to be modified as under accordingly:-

1. A certificate of exigencies/emergency would be given by Executive Engineer except for tenders up to Rs. 2.00. For the works up to Rs. 2.00 lakh, such certificates will be issued by the Assistant Engineers.
2. No Change
3. Only tenders above Rs. 2.00 lakh will be uploaded on the departmental web site. The tenders below Rs. 2.00 lakh will be put on the Notice Board of Sub-Division and Division alongwith schedule of quantity.
4. No Change.

The Committee recommended change in the Threshold limit of the Tendering process as proposed.

3. The State will ensure that 10% of total project cost is earmarked for Source Sustainability in the Detailed Project Reports and Estimate.

As per the Budget Assurance of the Hon’ble Chief Minister sustainability of the water sources of Drinking water and Irrigation scheme is to be ensured by the Deptt. The State will ensure that 10% of total project cost is earmarked for source sustainability in the Detailed project Reports and Estimate. Further, as per the practice of the Department under NRDWP guidelines:- *“A maximum of 10% of the funds will be earmarked for sustainability component on a 100% Central Share basis to be allocated among States/ UTs which will be used to encourage States/ UTs to achieve drinking water security through sustainability of sources and systems. States will be required to prepare district –wise Drinking Water Security Plan and funds under NRDWP will be used to fund the gap in the plan.”*

The matter was deliberated upon and discussed in detail & the committee recommended as under

“Provision for source sustainability measures shall preferably be made @ 10% for water supply and irrigation schemes. The provision for source sustainability will include only bonafide structures/components to ensure sustainability of the source keeping in view the requirement at the site. The

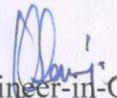
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above provision shall be made in all state sponsored and NABARD funded schemes and in case of the centrally sponsored, Externally Aided Programs provisions shall be made as per the guidelines of these programs.”

B. Proposal for which the registration process completed and requires approval of the committee:

S. No	Subject	Address	Remarks	Comments/ Action Required to be taken
1	Application for Registration of the Product.	Er. ArunThakur , # 130/2, Ram Bagh, Upper Haripur, Sunder Nagar-1, Distt. Mandi (H.P.)-175018. Contact No. 9418011307 Email : arunconstructions07@gmail.com	During the 4 th meeting of SLTC for the FY 2022-23 held on 06.10.2022, It was decided that firm may undertake a demonstration of their product free of cost under JSV Circle Sundernagar. The Superintending Engineer, Jal Shakti Circle, Sundernagar vide letter No. SE-JSC-SNR-WS-WA-SNR-STAC-2022-23 Dated 20.03.2023 intimated that the firm was requested to use the product (Stanvac leakage proof coating) in overhead tank exhibiting severe leakage since 3 to 4 months and as per report received from SE Circle Sundernagar performance of the product is found satisfactory.	The Committee decided to approve the “ Stanvac Leakage Proof Coating ” to be used in the department for a period of two years based on the performance report received from Superintending Engineer, Jal Shakti Circle Sundernagar dated 20.03.2023

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.


Engineer-in-Chief,
Jal Shakti Vibhag,
Jal Shakti Bhawan, Shimla-05

Annexure-A

List of Participants who attended 3rd meeting of State Level Technical Committee for FY 2023-24 held on 09.05.2023 at Jal Shakti Bhawan or through VC

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Er. Dharmender Gill	Engineer-in-Chief (Project) through VC
2.	Er. Sunil Kanotra	Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation and Flood Control) through VC
3.	Er. Anju Sharma	Chief Engineer (SZ)
4.	Er. Joginder Singh Chauhan	Chief Engineer (WSSO)
5.	Er. Upender Vaidya	Chief Engineer (MZ) through VC
6.	Er. Vijay Kumar Dhatwalia	Chief Engineer (HZ) through VC
7.	Er. Anil Mehta	Chief Engineer (D&M)
8.	Sh. Vikas Bhushan Lalit	Controller (F&A)
9.	Er. Vishal Jaswal	Superintending Engineer (WSSO)
10.	Er. Rajesh Kashyap	Superintending Engineer (P&I-I)