

Ref : AO (Fin)'s Observation in para...110-112.../c.

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This is regarding Transmit Tribal Hostel constructed out of the plan budget of the Tribal Welfare Department at Brookshabad. Construction of the hostel was completed in the year March'2010 and it was to be handed over to the Tribal Councils, Nancowry for use of the tribals visiting Port Blair as per the approved scheme included under the Plan programme of the Tribal Welfare department.

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Even after the building was handed over to the Tribal Welfare department in March'2010, some minor civil works like electrification, installation of pipe fittings, installation collapsible gate, tap connection & water reservoir etc were to be completed.

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In the meanwhile APWD withdrew the security provided to the building. Hence the Tribal Welfare Department had to arrange and provide necessary security for watch and ward of the building immediately. As per the approval of the then Secretary (TW) we adopted the quotation approved by Social Welfare Department as the requirement of security for the newly constructed Hostel being urgent, the time was too short to go in for tender / quotation for engagement of security guard in the department. However the quotation approved by the Social Welfare Department was latest i.e. accepted during January, 2010 (a copy of acceptance letter alongwith the agreement of the Social Welfare Department is placed at Flag X for reference).

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Therefore even if we went for quotation for engaging security guard by our department, there could not be any possibility of for lower rate than the rate accepted by Social Welfare Department.

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Having adopted the rate approved by the Social Welfare department for engaging security guard for newly constructed hostel at Brookshabad, we continued to engage security guard for watch and ward of the Hostel and paid the bills to the firm from time to time. The expenditure involved in engaging security guard was within the financial power of the Director (TW).

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After completion of the works the building was handed over to the Tribal Council in Nov'2011. The Chairperson, Tribal Council was requested to make the payment of the security guard from Dec'2011 onwards. But the Chairperson of Tribal Council, Nancowry vide letter dated 19.10.2012 informed that they could not generate funds to meet the expenditure towards the security guard engaged in Transit Tribal Hostel and therefore requested the Tribal Welfare department to make the payment till the security guard were engaged ie 14.10.2012 and thereafter to discontinue the services of security guard.

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As per the item No. 2 viz. Normal contract/purchase delegation of financial power (253 dated. 29.1.2009) HOD is Competent to sanction the expenditure on engagement (contract) of security guard.