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Sub: Execution of works allotted by PWD to registered contractors in Nicobars.

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13. Chief Engineer has discussed two difficulties faced by the department in getting good participation and performance by contractors for the works of APWD in Nicobars District: First issue is whether trade licence is required for such contractors for executing the works.

14. 2. It is observed that trade/business licence has not been given in the past for registered contractors for whom work is allotted as per due process by the PWD. Further, each work is an individual item by itself. It is not a continuing trade/business. In addition, it is also to be noted that this is being done at the initiative, expenditure and under the supervision of APWD in accordance with the approved programmes of the Government.

15. 3. Therefore, for such specific purpose of execution of contract by registered contractors for works allocated and supervised by APWD, trade/business licence under the PAT Regulation need not be taken. We may clarify to DC (Andamans) and DC (Nicobars) that in the above class of contractors, trade/business licence need not be insisted upon and the past practice may continue.

16. 4. The second issue is regarding the administrative stipulation that for each non-tribal worker, who is engaged by the contractor, a caution deposit of Rs.5,000/- is to be kept with the DC (Nicobars) for ensuring repatriation of the worker after completion of the work. Small contractors represented against this that keeping such a caution deposit adds to their financial commitments. In order to remove their difficulty the Chief Engineer has suggested that APWD will obtain a commitment from the contractor regarding the repatriation of non-tribal labourers from Nicobars District and will release the final payment on completion of the work only after getting a no objection letter from the DC (Nicobars) for such payment after the repatriation of the labourer. In this way additional financial commitment of the contractors will be avoided. For future contracts such a specific provision will be added. For the existing contracts a letter for agreeing to such terms by the contractor may be obtained by the APWD.

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