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**Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
Public Works (R&B) Department  
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar/Jammu**

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**Circular No. 09-PW(R&B) of 2021  
Dated: 16-07-2021**

Public Works (R&B) Department is engaged in executing Planning, Designing, Construction and Maintenance of Government assets like Roads, Bridges, Flyovers and Buildings. The Department is also involved in developing building infrastructure like Hospitals, Schools, Colleges, Public utilities and office buildings for various Departments.

It has been observed and perceived by public, media, authorities that projects go on and on for years together for their completion. Various reasons have been highlighted by the HoDs of R&B Department in the matter like delay in identification of suitable land, acquisition/ transfer of land for the projects, disputes through court cases, forest clearance, shifting of utilities, meagre annual fund allocation and their utilization for slow progress and delayed completion of projects. All these above reasons attribute to poor public opinion on project completion capacity of the department.

Concerns on the above lines have been expressed from the various forums by activists, groups, intellectuals and government functionaries on many occasions. These have been duly noted and recognized by the Chief Secretary as well, who in Committee of Secretaries (CoS) meeting advised GAD to issue order/ circular for abandoning projects which are going on for more than 3 years.

Meanwhile the Finance Department vide its File No. FD-BDGT0D-16/31/2021-03-FINANCE DEPARTMENT has

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communicated in order to work out a mechanism to arrest this trend, which reads as under:

*"The undersigned is directed to refer the subject cited above and to request to consolidate details of all such works which have been initiated prior to 2018-19 and are still ongoing along with cogent reasons of failing to complete them in previous financial years and submit the information to Finance Department for taking a considerate view".*

In light of above, all HoDs/ Executive Engineers are advised to provide cogent reasons for not completing on-going projects of R&B Department and other departments prior to referred period by the Finance Department. All Executive Engineers of R&B Department/ JKPCC shall obtain appropriate reasons for not completing projects prior to the period mentioned above from every funding Agency/ Project Authorities (PA)/ Departments.

It is enjoined upon all HoDs/ Engineers of R&B Department not to carry on with ongoing projects which are initiated prior to 2018-19 till the time reasons provided by the Engineers and Project Authorities are accepted by the Finance Department and suitable guidelines is not issued by the Administrative Department in consultation with Finance Department in having mechanism to ensure complete funding for the projects from the Finance Department in timely manner to complete projects within a stipulated period.

This shall also be ensured that:

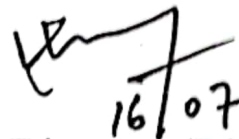
- a. Before tendering, availability of encumbrance free land certificate is available with executing agency.
- b. Funds required for forest clearance, land compensation, shifting of utilities and approach road, electricity and water connection are included in the DPR.
- c. NOCs/approval from Regulatory authorities are available.
- d. Tender document is prepared as per J&K Engineering Manual, 2020.
- e. Work is allotted only through e-tendering process.



- f. Work is allotted to successful bidder after issuance of Technical Sanction by the designated authority, availability of funds and Administrative Approval by the project authority as mentioned in the Tender document.
- g. Technical Sanction shall not be accorded by the Development Commissioner Works/ Chief Engineers/ Superintending Engineers/ Executive Engineers unless encumbrance free land certificate is incorporated with seal and signature of the Project Authority in the DPR.

Above circular instructions will be applicable to all Engineers borne on R&B Cadre. Circular instructions are applicable for UT Sector Schemes and not for Centrally Sponsored Schemes/PMDP.

Any violation of this circular instruction may result into RDA against the delinquent officer.



Joint Director (P&S)  
Public Works (R&B) Department

No: PWD-PLNG/103/2021-05

Dated 16.07.2021

Copy to the:

- 1) Chief Secretary, J&K
- 2) All Administrative Secretaries
- 3) Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/ Kashmir
- 4) Development Commissioner Works
- 5) All Deputy Commissioners
- 6) MD JKPCC
- 7) All Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Department
- 8) All SEs of PW(R&B) Department
- 9) All Executive Engineers of PW(R&B) Department
- 10) Pvt Secretary to Principal Secretary PW(R&B) Department
- 11) Office Record File