

Joint Action Committee of A.P.P.R Engineers Associations

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Sir,

Sub:- PRED-Waada wadalo Chandranna-construction of C.C roads in
Villages - Certain issues – Redressal requested – Regd.

We bring to your kind notice that the Panchayathi Raj Engineers worked hard day and night and achieved a herculean task of laying 3300 km of C.C. Roads in the state, in a short period of 3 months, withstanding all the hardships in the field. This programme has been executed through people's participation but not through qualified contractors. It is worth to mention that never in the history of P.R. Engineering department, even in combined state, such a huge length of C.C. roads were constructed. We are happy to note that the Honb'le Chief Minister has applauded the achievement of P.R. Engineers. We thank all the officials and Sarpanches for their co-operation.

But now the authorities are resorting to victimisation tactic in the disguise of testing the quality. The combined Executive Committee meeting of A.P.P.R. Engineers Association and A.P.P.R. Diploma Engineers' association, with representatives from 13 districts, which was held on 15-05-2016 discussed various issues pertaining to the construction of C.C. Roads and the following resolution are made.

1. Phase – I C.C. Roads shall be checked at random only, not exceeding 10% of works as envisaged in circulars. The results of cores, rebound hammer test and cubes shall be analysed and suggestions may be made for further improvement in future programme.
There shall not be any action on the field Engineers on Phase – I CC roads, since the programme was executed in a record time of 3 months by engaging number of batches, as instructed by higher authorities through SMS and Whatsapp messages, for laying concrete.
2. For the future programme, if testing of samples through Core Cutting is mandatory for all works, it is proposed that the work will be recorded and payment recommended only after testing the Cores by Quality Control wing, after 28 days of curing period.
3. There are no assistants to the Section officer unlike other Mandal level officers. Hence each section officer shall be supported by at least 2 regular site Engineers or Work Inspectors with defined responsibilities.
4. All Mandal Engineering Officers and other Panchayat Raj Engineers (Field Engineers), shall be exempted from the attendance through Bio-metric (e-mudra) system, since the field officers will be present at the work site early in the morning.
5. On an average there are 3 tele-conferences, 3 video conferences, and 2 meetings in a week. Valuable time of field Section officers and Dy. Executive Engineers is being consumed and field engineers are left with little time for execution of works. Hence field Engineers shall be exempted from meetings and Video conferences.
6. An amount of Rs 3000/- per month shall be paid as FTA to the field Section officers as per the norms of NREGS from 3% administrative sanction.
7. Masons shall be trained through NAC and they shall only be engaged for CC Roads.

8. In few districts, Collectors are sending Quality Control Inspection teams with the Engineers of other departments. We strongly oppose this. Collectors may be advised to stop such teams and take our QC wing into confidence. The district administration may be advised not to exert undue pressure on the field engineers by fixing unrealistic targets and late night meetings, teleconferences etc.
9. In the year 2015-16, lot of administrative charges lapsed without utilization. We request the authorities to provide 1 computer and printer to each MEO / Section officer to facilitate them to prepare estimates and monitor progress of works.
They may be permitted cell phone charges of Rs 500 per month.
10. The rates of items of CC roads shall be made realistic by allowing 13.615% over head charges in the data for all nomination works similar to those of tender works.
11. Present sand rate is not realistic. A workable rate may be arrived by considering excavation, and loading manually including idle hire charges.
12. Different specifications are being insisted for C.C.roads under different grants. It is creating lot of confusion in the field. Hence Uniform specifications as specified in Govt memo no 1073 / Progs.I/ 2016-1 dated 25.01.2016 & modification dated 28-01-2016 may be adopted for all CC roads being executed through people's participation (i.e Sarpanch / VWC) irrespective of grant.
13. The M.E.O. is under administrative control of M.D.O. and technical control of Dy. Executive Engineer. As such M.E.O. is suffering under the dual control and is not able to coordinate with 2 higher officers. At present no extension officer is under the control of MDO. Similarly all the Mandal Engineering Officers (MEOs) may be detached from the administrative control of MDO and shall be kept under control of Dy. Executive Engineer.

14. PR section officers shall be exempted from other unrelated duties such as Smart Village, Disbursement of Pensions etc.,

We request the Government to kindly resolve the above issues before 31.05.2016 by issuing necessary orders and create a good working environment in the field, failing which we will be rather constrained to stop all CC road works from 01.06.2016 without further notice.

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