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Dear Colleague

While taking over the charge of DG(W) with effect from 1st February, 2009, I convey my best wishes to all the members of CPWD family.

As is customary, I am being asked to lay down targets to be achieved, although a limited one, for my tenure. Since I have been actively involved in all facets of CPWD management at the headquarter for the last two years and have seen number of targets fixed by my worthy predecessors and achievements thereof, I would like to reiterate that I propose to pursue the same very targets with a hope to achieve at least few of them during my tenure as mentioned below-

1.0 MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS

As all of us know, CPWD has been at the receiving end for quite some time because of some shortcomings/deficiencies noticed while providing maintenance services to our clients both in residential and non-residential sectors in general and in residential sector in particular. This situation is not because CPWD has not done anything to improve the situation but it is basically because of the increased aspirations of the individuals vis-a-vis general degradation in the quality of services being provided. It is despite the fact that CPWD during my tenure as Additional Director General (TD), CPWD has upgraded the norms of facilities/services and the specifications in maintenance with the active cooperation and concurrence of Ministry of UD. Comprehensive guidelines have been issued in April, 2008 by Directorate for its implementation but the results so far have not been up to the desired expectations of the directorate as well as of our clients. I, for one, therefore will like to work in this field in more detail with the cooperation of all my colleagues in the field to bring out tangible improvements in maintenance services.

2.0 STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The directorate had taken up updating of our publications related to works and had brought out CPWD Works Manual - 2007, DSR-2007 and its Analysis of Rates - 2007 in December 2007/February 2008. Works Manual had been revised to give more autonomy in works procedures to facilitate speedy execution. Thrust on mechanization has been given while revising Delhi Schedule of Rates. The Specifications of Works for the items covered in DSR - 2007 are under advance stage of finalization and it is proposed to be ready by July 2009.

3.0 ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY CONSTRUCTION

The issue of Green Buildings involving reduction in emission of Green House Gases and use of energy efficient technologies and low energy embodied materials are under active deliberation in almost all the forums of construction industry. CPWD certainly cannot be immune to all these particularly being a front runner of the Central Government in the Construction and Maintenance sector. To achieve this CPWD had decided to adopt GRIHA Rating System being evolved under the auspices of Ministry of New and

Renewable Energy. We have formalized internal certification procedure for the buildings which are taken up by CPWD for planning and construction. These guidelines have been circulated to all senior officers of CPWD for feedback by 15.02.09. Based on your active participation, these guidelines are slated to be issued in very near future.

Being a bulk user of RCC in construction, CPWD has been working out methods to use Flyash in the construction activity so as to reduce dependency on ordinary portland cement which in turn leads to reduction in emission of Carbon Dioxide. A study has already been completed by Structural Engineering Research Centre, Chennai on a project assigned by CPWD and a report has been received. A committee is finalizing its recommendations to bring out comprehensive guidelines on use of Flyash and PPC in construction works executed by CPWD.

4.0 COMPUTERIZATION

As you all know it has been my endeavor to streamline the monthly progress reporting system in respect of works undertaken by CPWD. To meet this end we implemented "PROMOTE" on experimental basis for a limited period and now we have decided to have an integrated Project Monitoring System which is conjugate with Divisional Accounting System. The software is in trial stage with South Zone I, Chennai. I intend to have its pan India implementation by April 2009. You may have noticed a new and fresh look of our websites and would have found them more user friendly. Comments / suggestions are welcome. I request that all regional websites be updated along with.

5.0 BENCHMARKING

The culmination of the above goals has been a result of completion of exercises related to bench marking excellence in public services. The Vision and Mission statements have already been released by CPWD and are available on Website. The detailed Citizen Charter to achieve the Vision is also being posted on CPWD Website. I would appeal to all members of my CPWD family to go through the Citizen Charter at least once and fix individual targets accordingly. It will certainly lead to accomplishment of the vision of CPWD.

6. PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

I look forward to provide the manpower of CPWD with professional environment, excellent working opportunities and state of art technology along with ample career advancement opportunities. To meet this end I shall be focusing on pending cadre review of the department and promotions. As you all know, the cadre review has been a bone of discontent amongst various service associations, I look forward for a general consensus on the issue so that the career growth is available to all cadres.

I solicit your wholehearted cooperation in achieving above goals with a request to forward this to all field formations under your charge.

With best wishes,

Yours Sincerely


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To
All ADGs by name

