

Public Works (1890) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 1093-4th _{1/2}

DATED 30th July 190

[Despatch Abstract.]

Local purchases of stores. — Ordered that the memorandum showing procedure in force on Railways under the Control of the Madras Government in regard to the amount of supervision and check exercised over — effected by early administration, be forwarded to the Govt of India.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

RAILWAY *Stores*.....

To
The Joint Secretary to the Government of
Madras (Railway Branch)
Public Works Department

Simla, the 20th June 1890.

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A question having arisen as to the amount of supervision and check which Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways should exercise over the local purchases of Stores, including Tools and plant, effected by Railway Administrations, I am directed to request that a report may be submitted to the Government of India, shewing the procedure in force in such cases on the railways under your control.

I have the honour to be

Your most ^{Ever} obedient Servant

Mr. Beckenbury

Major R. E.

Documents accomp. - Nil.

Under Secretary

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Railways for report.

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Ag. Secretary to Govt. P. W. Deptt.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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From

The Govt. of India

ENCLOS.—

No. 63 R.S

Dated 20-6-90

Received 30-6-90

SUBJECT.

Local purchases of stores

Requesting ~~that~~ to submit
a report showing the
procedure in force for the
supervision & check of the
— by the Consq. Engineers.

DISPOSAL.

No. 29590 dated 7 July/90

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Consq. Engr. for Rys.
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OFFICE OF CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

Madras, 19th July 1890.

No. 509

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to G. O. No. 2959C, dated 7th July 1890, the following is the procedure in force on the Railways in this presidency:-

Madras Railway.

A list is made out annually in October of the anticipated requirements for the following year.

This list is presented at an Official Meeting and referred to the Chief Auditor and Government Examiner for scrutiny and signed, by them in token of such scrutiny, if there are no objections. Tenders are then advertised for, for all classes of stones contained in this list.

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list. A copy of this list is recorded in the Office of the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

These tenders are opened by a sub-committee appointed for the purpose, composed of a representative from each department.

The report of this Committee recommending the different tenders is laid before an Official Meeting for approval.

The following items are dealt with exceptionally.

Timber is bought on sanction recorded at an Official Meeting from the Forest Department, Purneah.

Caster Oil - Coconut Oil - Kerosine oil - Waste - Oak keys - are all

all separately obtained on tenders advertised for periodically. Tenders are opened at an Official Meeting and the successful tender recorded.

Coal-country is sanctioned specially at Official Meeting.

Of late large purchases of cement have been made in this country; these purchases sanctioned by the Agent and Manager have been reported for approval at Official Meeting.

In addition to the above procedure, a list of all bills for stores purchased during the month is submitted for sanction at the Official Meeting and scrutinized carefully by the Consulting Engineer for
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Railways (Each bill has previously been audited by the Government Examiner). If no objections have been raised by the Examiner, the list is passed, until this list has been passed at the Official Meeting bills cannot be paid except under very special circumstances.

The General Storekeeper is authorized to buy articles up to a limit of Rs 500/- in each case which are not kept in stock and are outside the annual requirements. A list of such purchases is laid before the Official Meeting for scrutiny and sanction.

The Locomotive Department and Engineering Department have similar powers of purchase up to

to a limit of Rs 500/- in each case. The purchases by the Locomotive Department appear in the General Stores books and such bills are subject to the scrutiny described above.

The Engineering Department are however outside scrutiny or check, as these purchases go direct to the Engineering store and workshop account.

Tools and Plant.

These are as a general rule invariably obtained from the Board.

But in the case of Plant i.e. machinery required for large works - if not in stock they would be bought against the provision in the estimate,

or on special sanction if not so provided.

Small tools &c if bought in this country through the General stores would fall under the usual tender system and be reported in the monthly list of stores bills submitted at the Official Meeting.

South Indian Railway.

A list of the probable annual requirements under about 1000 heads is laid before the Official Meeting at the close of the year and sanctioned.

This list is based upon previous known requirements with provision for any special purchases which are foreseen.

Tenders

Tenders are invited for all stores (except stationery which is supplied under contract at rates specially approved by Government) and are referred to a sub-committee for examination and report.

This report with the several tenders are afterwards laid before an Official Meeting, where the acceptance of any tender is decided.

If during the year tenders for any special articles are called for these are sometimes accepted by the Agent, but such cases are reported to Government either specially or in the minutes of the Official Meeting at which such

acceptance

acceptance is reported.

As on the Madras Railway, a statement of stores bills is laid before the Official Meeting and represents the cost of all stores and workshop purchases, whether such purchases are made under contract or not.

These bills have all been passed by the Government Engineer prior to submission for the Consulting Engineer for Railways' scrutiny at the Official Meeting.

The General Storekeeper has power similar to those described on the Madras Railway. All such cases however are reported at Official Meeting.

Tools and Plant

If

If in any sanctioned estimate for a work there is provision for tools and plant the Chief Engineer has power to purchase such plant allocating it to this sub head of the estimate.

As a general rule, all Tools and Plant are obtained on indent from England, but if stock of tools is at any time insufficient to meet demands, the necessary articles would be bought in this country either by special sanction or under the contract for miscellaneous stores.

A. V. Chellam

Captain
Major R. S.

for Offs. Comm. Eng. for Rly.

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The Jt Secy. to Govt.
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From

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

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MADRAS,

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 the control of the Madras
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