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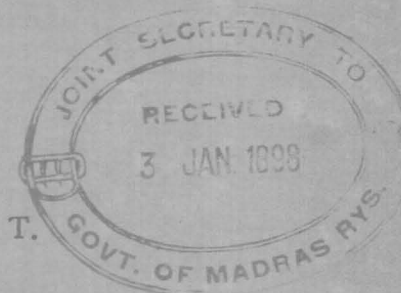
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[Despatch Abstract.]

Revised powers of sanction of
The Cons. Engrs to the Exp. & works

According Resolution of the Govt of India
delegating to the Cons. Engrs to the Exp. & the
revised powers of sanction in construction
matters shown in the accompanying state-
ment with a view to effecting a still further
saving in labour & economy of power
in despatch of business.

FURTHER PAPERS.



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Calcutta, the 23rd Department Secretariat of the
f India.

Reorganization of the Public Works Government of

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Read—

Public Works Department Resolution No. 204 R. E.

Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 219 Financial, c.

Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 29 P. W., dated 1871.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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an Assistant Engineer, assisted

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Secretary there will be an Under Sec-
Secretaries.

6. The General or Civil Works
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Railway Branch is not concerned.

7. Cases in which both Branches
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of Construction and Deputy Secretary

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10. The Deputy Consulting Engineer
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post, also referred to in paragraph 5.

11. Of the three Railway Assistant
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Works Branches, will continue as hitherto.

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der the orders of the Railway Secretary

The Under Secretary, Civil Works Branch,

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14. The appointment of Director General of Railways having merged in that
of the Secretary, the Governor General in Council directs that all correspondence
hitherto addressed to that officer in connection with State or Companies' lines shall
be addressed to the Directors of Construction and Traffic, respectively, each in
his own branch.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to all the Depart-
ments of the Govern-
ment of India and to
the Local Govern-
ments, Administra-
tions and Officers,
noted on the margin
Also that it be pub-
lished in the *Gazette*
of India.

The Home, Revenue and Agriculture, Foreign, Finance and Commerce,
Military, and Legislative Departments.
The Governments of Madras and Bombay, Public Works Department,
General and Railway Branches.
The Governments of Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and
the Punjab.
The Government of Burma, Public Works Department, General and Rail-
way Branches.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Assam, and Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor General for Rajputana, Central India, and
Baluchistan.
The Accountant General, Public Works Department.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways,
Calcutta, Lucknow, and Assam.
The Director General of Telegraphs.
The Managers, North Western, Oudh and Rohilkhand, East Coast, and
Eastern Bengal State Railways.
The Engineers-in-Chief, Mari-Attock, Indus Bridge, Rae Bareilly-Benares
and Bezwada-Madras Railways.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Godavery Bridge Works.
The Engineers-in-Chief, Vizianagram-Raipur Railway Survey, Bombay-
Scindh Connection Railway Survey, Rewari-Kuchaman Chord Survey,
and Hurdwar-Dehra Railway Survey.
The Port Storekeeper, State Railway Department, Calcutta.

Quercy
Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India

Documents accompanying.
Nil.

To The Secy. to the Govt. of Madras.
P.W.D. Railway Branch.

CC will follow

Public Works (1898) Department.

Railway
CURRENT No. 597

18/5/98

From
The Govt. of India

Order - No. 740 Ry dated 18/5/98
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SUBJECT.

Powers of Sanction of the
Consulting Engineer to the
Govt. of India for Railway
in Construction and Works
Matters

To

The Examin. Ry Acct.

18/5/98

Simla, the 5th May 1898.

Read—

Public Works Department Resolution No. 3386 G., dated 23rd December 1897, on the subject of the re-organization of the Public Works Department Secretariat of the Government of India.

RESOLUTION.—The Government of India have had under consideration, in connection with the recent re-organization of their Public Works Department Secretariat, the question of a further saving of labour and economy of power in the despatch of business, by deputing larger powers than they now possess to sanction expenditure and works, to the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, exercising control on behalf of Government over State Railways worked by Companies and Guaranteed Railways. This object they think will be secured by delegating to the Consulting Engineers—

- (1) in respect of railways under construction by Companies, powers similar to those of Engineers-in-Chief of State Railways under construction ;
 - (2) in respect of open lines, powers similar to those exercised by Managers of open State Railways in Construction and Works matters.
2. The Government of India are, therefore, pleased, in supersession of all previous orders on the subject, to delegate to all those officers the powers in construction matters shown in the accompanying statement.
3. The orders in regard to increased powers in Establishment, Stores and other matters will follow in due course.

The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow, and Assam.
The Accountant General, Public Works Department.

ORDER—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated for information and guidance to the officers marginally noted.

F. Russell
Secretary.

Document accompanying.

Statement of Powers deputed to the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways in Construction matters.

To
The Joint Secy. to the Govt of Madras
Public Works Department.
Railway Branch

Statement of powers deputed to the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways.

Nature of works	Extent of powers to be exercised.	Reference to previous orders on the subject in the P. W. D. Codes.	REMARKS.
<i>On lines under construction.</i>			
1. Detailed estimates for capital works	Up to Rs. 50,000; i. e., the powers of an Engineer in-Chief under Government of India Circular No. 6 Ry. of 1892, without the restrictions as to Sub-heads under Main heads I, IX, X, XI and XII.	Volume III, Chapter IX, paras. 21-23.	The sanction of the Government of India is necessary to all Institutes and Recreation Rooms (Public Works Department Circular No. XV Ry. of 1890).
2. Advances to Contractors	Up to a total of Rs. 50,000 under the conditions laid down in P. W. D. Code, Volume III, Chapter III, para. 38.	" III, " III, para. 38.	
3. Ratification of contracts <i>On open lines.</i>	Up to Rs. 50,000 in each case	" III, " III, " 32.	
4. New capital works	Up to Rs. 25,000 for each complete work, provided that funds which are specifically granted for a work costing more than Rs. 25,000 are not considered as available for works costing less than Rs. 25,000.	" II, " V, " 39(vi).	
5. Excesses over original estimates	Up to 10 per cent. on the estimated cost within a limit of Rs. 5,000 in each case.	{ II, " V, para. 39(vi). IV, " III, " 5(ii)(d).	N.B.—Each sanction to be recorded in the Minutes of Official Meeting.
6. Advances to Contractors	Up to a total of Rs. 5,000 in special cases. N.B.—Advances on open lines are as a rule prohibited and should seldom be made	IV, " III, " 5(iv)(d).	
7. Ratification of contracts	Up to Rs. 50,000 in each case	" IV, " III, " 5(iv)(f).	
8. Dismantlement or sale of permanent buildings or works no longer required.	Up to Rs. 5,000 in each case	" IV, " III, " 236A	
9. Revenue new minor works	To the extent laid down in the contracts for Companies' lines.	{ II, " V, para. 42(a). IV, " III, " 5(ii)(d).	
10. Extraordinary revenue charges not provided for in working estimates.	Up to Rs. 5,000 in each case under the conditions laid down in P. W. D. Code, Volume IV, Chapter III, para. 5 (iii) (c) and (d).	" IV, " III, " 5(iii)(e).	

No. 3386 G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL.

Calcutta, the 23rd December 1897.

Reorganization of the Public Works Department Secretariat of the Government of India.

Read—

Public Works Department Resolution No. 204 R.E., dated the 23rd March 1888.
Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 219, Financial, dated the 11th August 1897.
Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 29 P.W., dated the 14th October 1897.

RESOLUTION.—The Government of India have had under consideration the question of change of organization in their Public Works Department Secretariat necessary to meet the development of the Indian railway system and the increased work in the Railway Branch. They therefore placed before Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India certain proposals having for their object a saving of labour and economy of power in the despatch of business. These proposals have now received His Lordship's sanction.

2. Hitherto the business of the department has been distributed as follows:—

- (1) The Railway Branch.
- (2) The Civil Works Branch, including Irrigation, Collieries, and the Telegraph Department.
- (3) The General Branch, which deals with all establishment questions affecting Civil Works, and State and Companies' Railways.
- (4) The Accounts Branch which deals with all account matters affecting the Railways, Civil Works of all kinds, and the Telegraph Department.

3. The staff of the Secretariat for the disposal of the above business has consisted of the following officers:—

A Secretary in charge of the whole department;
An Inspector-General of Irrigation who was also Deputy Secretary, with an Under Secretary; in charge, under the Secretary, of all Civil Works other than Railways, and the Telegraph Department;
The Director-General of Railways, who was also a Deputy Secretary, with an Under Secretary and three Assistant Secretaries; in charge, under the Secretary, of all Railway business;
An Under Secretary; in charge, under the Secretary, of all establishment questions connected with both Civil Works and Railways;
An Accountant-General, who is also Deputy Secretary, with a Deputy Accountant-General, who is also Under Secretary, and other graded officers of the Superior Accounts Establishment.

In addition to the above there have been three sanctioned posts for Railway officers outside the Secretariat; namely,—

The Consulting Engineer for State Railways (in abeyance since August 1896), a Deputy Consulting Engineer, and an Assistant Engineer, assisting the latter in technical questions.

4. In future the department will be organized as follows:—

The Railway Branch will be completely separated from the Civil Works Branch, which will conduct all business other than that connected with railways; except as regards certain general questions of account and establishment organization, and some others, in which both branches are concerned.

5. The Railway work will be placed under the Secretary, under whom will be two Directors, one for Construction and the other for Traffic. The former will also be *ex-officio* Director of Stores, and the latter of Railway Statistics; these officers will also be Deputy Secretaries, Railway Branch. Under each Deputy Secretary there will be an Under Secretary; and there will be two Railway Assistant Secretaries.

6. The General or Civil Works business will be under a Joint Secretary to Government, who will also be Inspector-General of Irrigation. He will deal finally as a Secretary with all works, accounts, and establishment cases, with which the Railway Branch is not concerned.

7. Cases in which both branches are concerned will be dealt with by the Railway Secretary and the Joint Secretary in consultation.

8. The appointment of Director-General of Railways will be now merged in that of the Secretary who will be the chief adviser of the Government in railway matters. The functions and responsibilities at present attaching to the Director-General of Railways, in his position as administrative head of the State Railways, will, to a greater extent than hitherto, devolve upon the Managers and Engineers-in-Chief of the several lines. This devolution will, however, be a gradual process; and for the present the duties that have been hitherto performed and the powers that have been exercised by the Director-General of Railways, as an administrative head, will be carried on and exercised by the Director of Construction and the Director of Traffic, each in his own branch of business. Any subsidiary instructions in regard to the delegation of increased powers to Managers and Engineers-in-Chief, as well as the respective functions of the Directors of Construction and Traffic that further experience may show to be required will be issued hereafter as occasion may arise.

9. The duties hitherto discharged by the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for State Railways will be combined with those of the Director of Construction and Deputy Secretary, Railways, whose appointment is referred to in paragraph 5.

10. The Deputy Consulting Engineer, whose post has hitherto been outside the Secretariat, will now become the Under Secretary for Construction in the new post, also referred to in paragraph 5.

11. Of the three Railway Assistant Secretaries, who have also been hitherto Assistants to the Director-General of Railways, one will be now employed solely on establishment work, being attached for that purpose to the General (Establishment) Branch under the officer who has hitherto been in sole charge of that branch as Under Secretary. The remaining two will continue in the Railway Branch.

12. The post of Assistant Engineer under the Consulting Engineer for State Railways is abolished.

13. The posts of Deputy and Under Secretaries, Accounts Branch, and Under Secretaries, General (Establishment) and Works Branches, will continue as hitherto. The officers of the Accounts and General (Establishment) Branches will continue to carry on the business in respect of their own branch of duties for both Railway and Civil Works Branches, under the orders of the Railway Secretary and the Joint Secretary, respectively. The Under Secretary, Civil Works Branch, including the Telegraph Department, will continue to carry on the work of that branch directly under the Joint Secretary and Inspector-General of Irrigation.

14. The appointment of Director-General of Railways having merged in that of the Secretary, the Governor-General in Council directs that all correspondence hitherto addressed to that officer in connection with State or Companies' lines shall be addressed to the Directors of Construction and Traffic, respectively, each in his own branch.

The Home, Revenue and Agriculture, Foreign, Finance and Commerce, Military, and Legislative Departments.
The Governments of Madras and Bombay, Public Works Department, General and Railway Branches.
The Governments of Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.
The Government of Burma, Public Works Department, General and Railway Branches.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Assam, and Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor-General for Rajputana, Central India, and Baluchistan.
The Accountant-General, Public Works Department.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow, and Assam.
The Director-General of Telegraphs.
The Managers, North-Western, Oudh and Rohilkhand, East Coast, and Eastern Bengal State Railways.
The Engineers-in-Chief, Mari-Attock, Indus Bridge, Rae Bareilly-Benares and Bezwada-Madras Railways.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Gódavari Bridge Works.
The Engineers-in-Chief, Vizianagram-Raipur Railway Survey, Bombay-Scindh Connection Railway Survey, Rewari-Kuchaman Chord Survey, and Hurdwar-Dehra Railway Survey.
The Port Storekeeper, State Railway Department, Calcutta.

ORDER—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to all the Departments of the Government of India and to the Local Governments, Administrations and Officers, noted on the margin. Also that it be published in the *Gazette of India*.

T. GRACEY, Colonel R.E.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Public Works (1899) Department.

Railway Branch

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From The Govt of India

Order - No. 626. dated 16/2/99

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SUBJECT.

Revised powers of sanction of the Cons. Eng. to the Govt. for the Delegation of the revised powers of sanction in construction matters shown to in the accompanying statement with a view to effecting a still further saving in labour & economy of power in the dispatch of business

To the Cons. Eng. for the
" Ex. Secy to Accts.

To The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
Public Works Department, Ry. Branch,
with 50 copies of report sent to the Govt.

Revised statement of powers deputed to the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways (in supersession of Public Works Department Resolution No. 532 R. C. of 1898).

Nature of works.	Extent of powers to be exercised.	Reference to previous orders on the subject in the P. W. D. Codes.	REMARKS.
<i>On lines under construction—</i>			
1. Detailed estimates for capital works.	Up to Rs. 50,000, i.e., the powers of an Engineer-in-Chief under Government of India Circular No. 6 Ry. of 1892, without the restrictions as to sub-heads under main heads I, IX, X, XI and XII.	Vol. III, Chap. IX, paras. 21—23.	N.B.—The sanction of the Government of India is necessary to all Institutes and Recreation Rooms (P. W. D. Circular No. XV Ry. of 1890.)
2. Advances to contractors.	Up to a total of Rs. 50,000 under the conditions laid down in P. W. D. Code Volume III, Chapter III, paragraph 38.	Vol. III, Chap. III, para. 38.	
3. Ratification of contracts.	Up to Rs. 50,000 in each case ...	Vol. III, Chap. III, para. 32.	
<i>On open lines—</i>			
4. New capital works	Up to Rs. 25,000 for each complete work, provided that funds which are specifically granted for a work costing more than Rs. 25,000 are not considered as available for works costing less than Rs. 25,000.	Vol. II, Chap. V, para. 39 (vi).	N.B.—Abstract detailed estimates for works costing Rs. 5,000 each and upwards, sanctioned under this authority, to be recorded in the Minutes of Official Meetings (Vide Government of India, P.W.D., letter No. 1600 R. C., dated 24th October 1898.)
5. Excesses over original estimates.	Up to 10 per cent. on the estimated cost with in a limit of Rs. 25,000 in each case.	Vol. II, Chap. V, para. 39 (vi). Vol. IV, Chap. III, para. 5 (ii) (d).	
6. Revenue works other than ordinary maintenance.	Up to Rs. 25,000 in each case, provided funds are available within the sanctioned working estimates.	Vol. II, Chap. V, para. 42 (b). Vol. IV, Chap. III, para. 5 (iii) (b).	N.B.—This power also applies to mixed Capital and Revenue works, the total cost of which does not exceed Rs. 25,000. All sanctions to be recorded in the Minutes of Official Meetings.
7. Excesses on the above.	Up to 10 per cent. on the original estimate subject to the limit of Rs. 25,000 in each case.	Vol. II, Chap. V, para. 42 (c).	
8. Advances to contractors.	Up to a total of Rs. 25,000 in special cases ...	Vol. IV, Chap. III, para. 5 (iv) (b).	N.B.—Advances on open lines are as a rule prohibited and should seldom be made. All sanctions to be recorded in the Minutes of Official Meetings.
9. Ratification of contracts.	Up to Rs. 50,000 in each case ...	Vol. IV, Chap. III, para. 5 (iv) (f).	
10. Dismantlement or sale of permanent buildings or works no longer required.	Up to Rs. 25,000 in each case ...	Vol. IV, Chap. III, para. 236 A.	N.B.—All sanctions to be recorded in the Minutes of Official Meetings.
11. Revenue new minor works.	To the extent laid down in the Contracts for Companies' lines.	Vol. II, Chap. V, para. 42 (a). Vol. IV, Chap. III, para. 5 (iii) (b). Vol. III, Chap. II, para. 31.	N.B.—All sanctions to be recorded in the Minutes of Official Meetings.
12. Manufacturing operations.	Up to the extent necessary in connection with sanctioned works and stock, and within budget provision.	Vol. II, Chap. V, para. 39 (vi).	N.B.—Abstract detailed estimates for works costing Rs. 5,000 and upwards sanctioned under this authority, to be recorded in the Minutes of Official Meetings.
13. Assisted sidings for Private Companies, Mill and Colliery Owners, etc.	Up to Rs. 25,000 for each complete work on the general terms and conditions approved by Government for the construction of such sidings.		
14. Additions or alterations to existing Institutes of a permanent character.	Up to Rs. 1,000 (the limit for new Minor Works chargeable to Revenue) in each case as a charge to Revenue.	Vol. III, Chap. I, para. 10 (viii-e).	Vide also Government of India, Public Works Department, Circular No. XV Ry., dated 6th August 1890.