

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER PWD RAJASTHAN JAIPUR

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The Addl. Chief Engineer

PWD Zone -----

The Superintending Engineer,

PWD Circle -----

The Executive Engineer

PWD Dn. -----

Sub: Quality assurance on works.

Sir,

It is needless to state that the primarily responsibility for execution of work as per specifications rests with the contractor and the executing staff i.e. J En , A.En. and E.E. As an additional measure to ensure quality, secondary channel for quality assurance has been created in the form of quality control divisions. Frequency of tests have been specified vide Circular No. F-5/CE (SS)/PWD/EE (SI &AC)/Cir/09/D-2408 dated 24.9. 2009 for all the officers of the department.

The general practice at present is that the Executive Engineer passes the bill only if requisite quality control test results are enclosed with the bill. In most of the cases to fulfill this requirement the field staff submits samples to the quality control division which in turn provides test results to them. The responsibility in this mode is not shared by the quality control division because in the event of execution of defective work quality

control division says that the samples were provided by the field staff & they have simply tested it. The quality control divisions have therefore assumed the role of payment facilitators.

In view of above it is clarified that the results provided by quality control division will be valid only in respect of samples collected by them. For conducting tests, field staff can use the testing facilities available in the quality control divisions / Regional laboratories but the responsibility for reliability of these test results will be solely of the field staff only. The laboratory staff or quality control division staff who assist in the testing may also sign on the results. As mentioned in the Circular No. F-5/CE (SS)/PWD/EE (SI & AC)/Cir/09/D-2408 dated 24.9. 2009 the A. En and Executive Engineer (Q.C) combined together are supposed to carry out 5% tests specified on a particular work but it has been noted that some of the Executive Engineers, instead of carrying out quantitative tests, are issuing inspection notes. This practice be stopped, as other aspects related to execution methodology etc. are supposed to be taken care of by the executing / supervisory officers.

The above directions be strictly complied henceforth.

Yours faithfully,



(Shiv Lahari Sharma)

Chief Engineer & Addl. Secy

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