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Thiruvananthapuram

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From

To The Additional Chief Secretary (Finance)

The Chief Engineer,  
Irrigation and Administration Department  
Museum P.O.,  
Thiruvananthapuram-33.


Sir,

- Sub:- Finance Department- Implementation of PRICE Software-  
Minutes forwarding -reg-
- Ref:- 1. Letter of even No. dated 09.01.2017.  
2. Minutes of the Meeting held by Additional Chief Secretary  
(Finance) on 21.01.2017.

Kind attention is invited to the reference cited. The minutes of the review meeting on implementation of PRICE Software, held on 21.01.2017 is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action.

Yours Faithfully,  
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Under Secretary (Finance)  
For Additional Chief Secretary(Finance)

Approved for Issue

  
Section Officer

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD BY THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY  
(FINANCE) ON 21/01/2017, TO REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION OF PRICE SOFTWARE  
IN VARIOUS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTS**

The meeting commenced at 4 PM . The list of participants is appended herewith.

The Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was informed to the meeting that PWD has designated the Executive Engineer (IT, GIS & RMMS Cell) as the Administrator of 'PRICE' in Public Works Department with the overall supervision by the Chief Engineer, PWD (Administration). 'PRICE' is being implemented in all engineering departments except Port Department and action has already been taken to implement the same in Port Department. The Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) emphasised the need for having a permanent system for imparting training in the use of PRICE software. ACS (PWD) informed in the meeting that NIC team is now focussing on GIS compliance and contract management part of PRICE Software. It was also informed that PWD has already finalised the priority of modules which are to be taken-up as part of 'PRICE' second phase. After detailed deliberations the meeting took following decisions.

1. From April 2017 onwards, all estimates requiring technical assistance from Government shall invariably be prepared in PRICE Software. This will be applicable to PSUs and AB grant in aid institutions as well.
2. The Port Department shall take urgent steps to upload the approved observed data and implement the PRICE software before the end of February-2017.
3. Regarding the permanent facility for training in 'PRICE', PWD shall impart such training to engineering persons in Government Departments, including PSUs, to familiarise them with the PRICE Software. PWD IT Cell shall coordinate the training activities by providing regular training to these personnel at least 2 days in a week. The Chief Engineer, PWD(Administration), shall submit a detailed training proposal after assessing the requirements of Government departments and PSUs and with a suggested training schedule, to Finance Department on or before 07-02-2017.
4. Regarding the facility for estimate preparation in in 'PRICE' for PSUs, the meeting decided to provide two user ids for preparation of estimates and verification for forwarding of the estimates to the next level. PSUs will



thus be provided with two user ids per district or at their Head office depending upon the organisational structure. The agencies shall prepare the estimates through such login provisions provided in 'PRICE' and after finalising the estimate preparation, a printout shall be taken from 'PRICE'(containing PRICE watermark) for further processing and approvals.

5. The LSGD officials reported that the market rates of Bitumen emulsion grade SS1, SS2 and MS are not included in the list published by the Chief Engineer (Roads and Bridges) PWD. These are very essential for LSGD, because these items are included in MoRT specification. The Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B) shall take necessary action to address this issue.
6. Regarding the implementation of CPWD-Delhi Schedule of Rates (DSR) and Analysis of Rates(DAR) 2016 in all Engineering Departments and other rate revisions in 'PRICE', the meeting decided as follows
  - a. CPWD-Delhi Schedule of Rates (DSR) and Analysis of Rates (DAR) 2016 shall be implemented in PRICE from 1-4-2017. Any future revisions of CPWD SoR and data in a financial year shall be implemented in PRICE only from the beginning of the next financial year .
  - b. Cost indices revisions in 'PRICE' subsequent to the cost indices revisions of CPWD shall be done either in the beginning of first half or in the beginning of second half of a financial year (i.e. either April 1<sup>st</sup> or October 1<sup>st</sup>).
  - c. The present quarterly revision of bituminous items rate shall be changed to half yearly basis so that the same can be effected in 'PRICE' in the beginning of first half or in the beginning of second half of a financial year (i.e. either April 1<sup>st</sup> or October 1<sup>st</sup>).
  - d. If any revision of hire charges of plant and machinery is done during a financial year, the same shall be effected in PRICE either in the beginning of first half or in the beginning of second half of a financial year(i.e. either April 1<sup>st</sup> or October 1<sup>st</sup>) according to the date of revision.
7. Regarding the preparation and publication of local market rates on a quarterly basis, presently a committee chaired by Executive Engineer, Buildings Division with other Executive Engineers of other Engineering departments as members issue approval for the local market rates of a District depending upon specific parameters. In order to have more control

- and authenticity over the rates so fixed, it was decided to include a member from the Statistical Department in the above committee who shall also verify and approve the rates fixed by the Committee on a quarterly basis.
8. Meeting decided to nominate Smt. M.Pennamma, Managing Director, RICK, PWD as the State Co-ordinator for PRICE software implementation.
  9. In the second phase development of PRICE Software, the first priority shall be for the GIS based asset management module and contractor registration module as fixed by the ACS, PWD.
  10. Regarding the shortage of skilled manpower for PRICE development works, ACS (Finance) suggested that PWD may explore the possibility of engaging qualified persons through direct recruitment for a fixed period as done in Treasury /Taxes department.
  11. Regarding the finalisation of Standard Bid Document for PWD, the Additional Secretary(Finance) shall have a meeting with CTE, Chief Engineer(PWD-Admin), Chief Engineer(PWD-Buildings) and Executive Engineer(PWD-IT Cell) to finalise the submitted draft SBD .

The meeting came to a close at 5 PM.