

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL,
PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG: (LGD), GOVT. OF SINDH HYDERABAD**

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The Program Director SDSSP,
Finance Department,
Government of Sindh
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SUBJECT. **THIRD MEETING OF WORKING GROUP-I ON
DELEGATION PLAN.**

This is with reference to your letter dated 24-04-2007. The proposal on capacity mapping and strengthening of Offices of Taluka Officer (I&S) are submitted as under:-

1. **Capacity Mapping.**
 - i) As deliberated by Director (Tech) PHE, in working group-I meeting, TMA's, are in need of re-structuring the post of Taluka Officer (I&S) by de-limitation of its charter of duties and functions to water, sanitation and solid waste management sub- sector. Taluka Officer (I&S) at present is engaged in several other functions (like, fire fitting, parks, street lights, dog killing etc;) besides the specific water and sanitation Sector which itself is a full time job and needs deep concentration. To evolve the strategies and approaches to over come this issue, **it is suggested that the functions other than water and sanitation may be assigned to other Taluka Officer in order to release the extra work pressure on Taluka Officer (I&S).** This strategy already in practice with Punjab Province is working satisfactorily.
 - ii) At present, **Taluka Officer (I&S) in the TMAs is posted either from PHE or RDD and SCUG services.** The staff from PHED has technical back ground of handling mechanized water and Sanitation Sector Schemes whereas RDD and SCUG services staff have a little exposure or technical back ground of such nature of work. Therefore, a multi dimensional approach is required to enhance their technical



skills. It is suggested that extensive training programme to upkeep the professional skills of such staff need to be launched. Sindh service of Civil Services and Local Govt. Academy Tando Jam is required to under take such programme with appropriate short term and medium term technical course with practical approach.

- iii) TMAs, are also suffering shortage of technical staff associated with post of Taluka Officer (I&S), so much so that in many TMAs, Sub-Engineers are holding the post of Taluka Officer (I&S). It is suggested that shortage of staff should be immediately addressed by posting of Taluka Officer (I&S) not below the rank of Assistant Engineer to satisfy basic technical needs of Infrastructure and Services in TMAs.

2. **Infrastructure support to Taluka Officer (I&S)**

- i) At present, it has been observed that TMAs are running short of equipments and instruments required for infrastructure needs of Taluka Officer (I&S). It is suggested that essential engineering equipment like surveying and leveling instruments, sewer and drains cleaning and jetting equipment, sucker machines and computers may immediately be provided for efficient working.

- ii) It is also reported that Taluka Office (I&S) in many TMAs has no transport facility. It is suggested that jeeps where ever required may be provided for efficient control and management.

3. **Institutional Strengthening of Taluka Officer (I&S)**

It is suggested that Directorate General PHE (LGD) Hyderabad may provide institutional support to Taluka Officer (I&S) through DSUs located in every District

4. **Enhancement of Financial Powers of PHE Officers BPS-18 & 19.**

- i) PHE (LGD) does not support the idea of enhancement in powers of officer of grade-18 an 19 in PHE Department on the following grounds.
- a. PHED has remained the part and parcel of building and roads Department upto 1962 and at present there are no separate powers assigned to PHE but under financial delegation of powers 1962, it is clearly mentioned in the footnote that officers of PHE will exercise same powers as those of Officers of Building Department of C&W Department Govt. of Sindh.

Serial No.	Nature of powers	To whom delegated	Extent
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PRISONS DEPARTMENT

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| 1 | To grant rewards to Warders and Head Warders for good work within the Course of their ordinary duty. | Director of Prisons | .. Up to Rs. 100 in any one case total not exceeding Rs 1,000. |
| 2 | To sanction expenditure of the following nature on State prisoners
(a) Purchase of articles for games. | Director of Prisons | .. Rs. 50 per prisoner per annum. |
| 3 | (b) Special Medical treatment
To sanction purchase of tools and implements. | Director of Prisons
Director of Prisons | .. Rs. 200 per prisoner per annum.
.. Rs. 5,000. |
| | To convey administrative approval to proposal for works of jail building to be carried out of departmental grant under the head "28—Jails and Convict Settlement—D—Works". | Director of Prisons | .. Rs. 20,000. |
| 5 | To grant technical sanction to estimates of expenditure on the works of the nature mentioned above. | Director of Prisons | .. Rs. 50,000. |
| 6 | Leases of land pertaining to Government buildings. | Administrative Department | .. Full powers, subject to lease being openly auctioned for a period of one year at a time. |
| 7 | Leases of fruit, trees and sale of grass growing on Government land. | (i) Administrative Department
(ii) Director of Prisons | For period of more than one year by open auction. |

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| 8 | Powers to invite and accept tenders of dietary articles. | Director of Prisons | .. Full powers. |
| | | Superintendent, Jail, Class I | .. Up to Rs. 10,000 |
| | | Superintendent, Jail, Class II | .. Up to Rs. 5,000. |

***PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

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| 1 | Technical sanction—
(1) In the case of original works.. | (i) Administrative Department | Works upto Rs. 500 lakhs, provided the excess over the amount for which the work has been administratively approved does not exceed 10 per cent or Rs. 20,000 (which ever is more) and full powers if the excess does not exceed 5 per cent. |
| | | (ii) Chief Engineers | .. Full powers in case the excess over the amount for which the administrative approval has been accorded does not exceed 10 per cent.

If it exceeds by 10 percent but not by 15 per cent for works upto Rs. 100 lacs. |
| | | (iii) Superintending Engineers | .. If the excess over the amount for which the work has been administratively approved does not exceed by more than 10 per cent upto Rs. 15 lacs. <i>15</i> |
| | | (iv) Executive Engineers | .. If the excess over amount for which work has been administratively approved does not exceed by more than 10 per cent, upto Rs. 2 lacs. <i>15</i> |

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*Chief Engineers, Superintending Engineers and Executive Engineers of the Public Health Engineering Department shall exercise the same powers as for the similar Officers of Buildings Department of Communications and Works Department.