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QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL**

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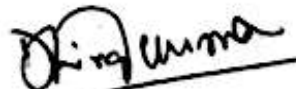
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In one of the work inspected by the Quality Assurance Cell it was observed that some non standard items i.e. Non-ISI/ not conforming to CPWD specifications were provided by the contractor. When quality control raised this issue, the field staff withheld certain amount subject to settlement of QC paras. The bill was finalized but no action was taken either to replace these items or make cost adjustment from the contractor's bill. Later contractor went to arbitration and the claim of the agency was accepted by the Ld Arbitrator to release the withheld amount on account of QC paras and the amount was ordered to be released by the Ld. Arbitrator.

In this regard, why the engineer-in-charge allowed the use of material which was non- ISI/ not conforming to CPWD specifications. Secondly, every provision exists in the agreement that before bulk purchase by the agency, samples be got approved from the Engineer-in-charge. If the contractor had brought inferior quality of material then it should have been replaced and rejected in the very first instance.

In view of above, Engineer-in-charge/field staff should ensure as under :-

1. No material should be allowed to be used at site without the approval of the engineer-in-charge.
2. While approving material for use in the work, Engineer-in-charge should not allow any material which is non-ISI/not conforming to CPWD specifications, or specifications to be adhered to as per agreement.
3. In the first instance, no materials of under specifications should be allowed to be used in the work. However, in the rare circumstances if any material within acceptable limits and does not affect the structural stability is allowed to be used in the work, the cost adjustment/reduction items should be resorted to in the subsequent R/A bill or in any case before finalization of the final bill.



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