

No. Z.28016/267/2014-SSH
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(PMSSY Division)

Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi
dated the 31st August, 2015

To,

The Director AIIMS Bhopal
The Director AIIMS, Bhubaneshwar
The Director AIIMS, Jodhpur
The Director AIIMS, Patna,
The Director AIIMS Raipur
The Director AIIMS, Rishikesh

Subject : Clarification regarding payment of RA Bills etc.

A meeting of all the Financial Advisors (FA) and Superintendent Engineers (S.E.s) of the six AIIMS (Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Jodhpur, Patna, Raipur, Rishikesh) was convened by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 20.08.2015 to review the progress of the payment of RA bills, etc. During the meeting, following position was explained to the Superintendent Engineers (S.Es) and Financial Advisor (F.As) :-

- (a) The respective AIIMS has been authorized to make payments against all Running Account (RA) Bills and of Project Fund vide this office letter No. Z.29022/14/2010-SSH dated 5th August 2015 as indicated below:-
- (i) All Running Accounts Bills (RA Bills) are to be processed and paid at the respective site of the six new AIIMS pertaining to the Financial Year 2014-15 (if any pending) and 2015-16 onward.
 - (ii) Project Fund for execution of civil works at new six AIIMS site as required by Project Management Consultant (HLL, HSCC etc) are also to be processed and paid at the respective site of the six new AIIMS pertaining to the Financial Year 2014-15 (if any pending) and 2015-16 onwards.
- (b) The procedure for payment against running bill was earlier spelt out vide PMSSY letter Z.28016/14/2010-SSH dated 14th December 2010. In the said letter the role of S.E.s and F.A.s in the respective AIIMS have been spelt out. The only change that has

been brought out vide PMSSY Division letter No. Z.29022/14/2010-SSH dated 5th August 2015 is that the payment activity which till now being carried out in the PMSSY Division has been now transferred to the respective AIIMS. Rest of the guidelines regarding processing of the bills as were being followed in terms of MoHFW Order No. Z-28016/14/2010-SSH dated 14th December 2010 remained unchanged.

- (c) RA Bills are raised against an already sanctioned work and therefore payment against RA bills does not involve fresh sanction of expenditure. The procedure for payment of RA bills is guided by the CPWD's work manual as per which Executive Engineer is empowered to prepare, verify and pass the bills against a sanctioned work upto any amount. Once the bills are so passed by the Executive Engineer or a Superintendent Engineer (which is even a higher authority) the payments are to be released by PAO concerned.
- (d) Some of the F.A.s raised the issue that Director, AIIMS are competent to sanction expenditure upto Rs 02.00 crore as per the powers delegated to them and therefore they cannot approve payment against RA bills amounting to higher than Rs. 02.00 crores. It was explained that limit of Directors powers upto Rs. 02.00 crore was with respect to sanction of expenditure, whereas, payment against RA bills, as were already verified and passed for payment by the EEs/SEs, were against the already sanctioned work and hence did not require further sanction for expenditure.
- (e) With regard to the Project Consultants (PC), it was clarified that at present PCs do not exist at most of the sites; therefore pre-verification of bills by PCs need not be insisted upon and if the SE has verified the works and passed the bills, the same needs to be paid.
- (f) So far as the release of Project Fund to the HLL/HSCC and other PMCs in terms of agreement with PMC in regard to construction of the residential complex is concerned, it was clarified that this payment is also with regard to already sanction works.

However, it is learnt that at some AIIMS payment against RA bills and release of payment funds to HLL/HSCC/other PMCs has still not been done hampering the progress of work in such important projects. This may unnecessarily delay starting of services and may invite for uncalled for criticism.

The issue already having been amply clarified, as above, I may request you to look into the issue and do the needful to ensure that the payments to the construction agencies are made expeditiously without further delay.

yours faithfully,


(Sunil Sharma) 21/01/15

Joint Secretary to the Government of India