

ORDER

Sub: Empowered Review Committee (ERC) constituted at AIIMS-Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur, Patna, Raipur and Rishikesh – Amendment regarding.

Ref: MoH&FW's Order No.Z-28016/11/2012-SSH DATED 20 MAY 2013

1. Whereas it had been stipulated vide Para 9.1 of Order No.Z-28016/11/2012-SSH dated 20 May 2013 that Empowered Review Committee (henceforth ERC) would ensure that the variation proposals are supported with comments and recommendations of the Design & DPR Consultant (DDPRC).

2. Whereas it has been time and again brought to the notice of Ministry by Directors of Six-AIIMS that due to prolonged deployment and delay in project completion, most of the Design & DPR Consultants have become largely non-cooperative, non-responsive and non-committal in their response towards project related matters. This further leads to huge delays in project completion. Owing to non-cooperative attitude of Design & DPR Consultant (DDPRC), expert and independent technical advice was not available to them while considering variation cases, which was essential to enable them to take decisions in this regard.

3. Whereas Directors of Six-AIIMS have projected that above handicaps be removed for expeditious decisions on variation cases pertaining to various package contracts. Directors of Six-AIIMS have been interalia requesting to waive off the requirement of comments/recommendations of Design & DPR Consultant (DDPRC) if the same are not provided by them in a reasonable time frame.

4. Whereas following proposal had been submitted for the consideration and approval of the Competent Authority:

"Variation cases need to be expedited by the respective Empowered Review Committees (ERC) constituted and strict adherence to conveyed guidelines ensured. In case, the DDPR Consultants or the Project Consultants delay their inputs in procedure of ERC beyond reasonable time as decided by ERC, the SE (Engineer-in-Charge) AIIMS may take the inputs from the local/nearest IIT/NIT, debiting the cost of obtaining such inputs to respective DDPRCs and/or PC as the case may be, and, also taking action against the DDPRC and/or the PC as per contract provisions."

