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Government of West Bengal

To: 1 Chief Engineer, Teesta Barrage Project
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4 Chief Engineer (West)
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7 Chief Engineer (Design & Research)
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Sub: Execution of urgent field work by relaxation of Model Code of Conduct in connection with ensuing Panchayat Election 2018 in West Bengal.

The undersigned is directed to state that Model Code of Conduct (MCC) in connection with the Panchayat General Election 2018 has been enforced with effect from 31st March 2018. Relevant extract of Model Code of Conduct (as available in the website of West Bengal State Election Commission, i.e. www.wbse.gov.in, vide link “Code of Conduct” in the Homepage on the right side dialogue box) is reproduced below:

“From the time the elections are announced and till the elections are over, no authority of the Central or State Government or Zilla Parishad, Panchayat Samiti, or Gram Panchayat shall, in the concerned Panchayat area or for the benefit of the Panchayat area concerned –

(d) Announce or promise or commence any new scheme or project : Provided that this restriction shall not affect continuing schemes, essential repair works, measures necessary for public health and sanitation and public utility interests and relief measures necessitated by calamities and disasters and any other emergency measures that may be necessary”.

2. It is, therefore, obvious that essential maintenance works, which are required to be taken up on urgent basis and completed before the monsoon, can be done, even during the period of MCC.

3. The undersigned is directed to state that as decided by the Government in this Department, concerned field level Executive Engineers may be directed to approach the concerned District Magistrates (i.e. the District Election Officers), seeking permission for taking up such works, belonging to the categories of (a) tenders have been finalized, but work order could not be issued; (b) tenders have been invited and are in different stages of processing, and (c) tenders are required to be invited immediately, in relaxation of MCC. Districtwise list of such works under each of the above stated categories and containing relevant information, i.e. (i) Brief name of work, (ii) Location Block(s), (iii) Tendered amount / Estimated value put to tender / Estimated cost depending on categories (a) / (b) / (c), (iv) Actual / Planned Date of invitation of tender, (v) Target date of commencement of work and (vi) Brief justification, explaining the urgency, either workwise or for clusters of similar nature of work in one or two sentences, may be submitted to the District Magistrates by the Executive Engineers concerned, along with a short covering letter, seeking relaxation under MCC and mentioning the broad difficulties likely to be faced in case the works are taken up urgently.

4. Broad classification of works for which relaxation may be sought would include but not be limited to the following:

- (i) Irrigation works for maintenance of canals, structures, gates, hoisting arrangement.
- (ii) Embankment or bank protection works.
- (iii) Silt / water hyacinth clearance in drainage channels.
- (iv) Repair of bridges including wooden bridges and roads for better connectivity.
- (v) Repair of VVIP Bungalows.

5. Similar methodology as stated in Para-3 above may also be followed for commencement / invitation to tenders for administratively approved / DSC cleared plan schemes, where the additional input in the list of works would be (7) Reference to Administrative Approval / Clearance in DSC meeting. However, only these plan schemes

may be considered. where execution of work in the remaining period of pre-monsoon working season would generate tangible benefits. New bridge or Building projects may not preferably be considered.

6. In case any work falling in the jurisdiction of more than one District, details of that as work as per list explained in Para-3 above, may be referred to this Department for taking up the matter with the State Election Commission.

7. There is no bar in execution of new works in Municipal areas or in Siliguri Mahakuma Parshad areas or in continuation of existing schemes throughout the State.

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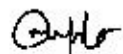
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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

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He is requested to upload the memo in the Departmental website.


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