



**AZAD GOVT. OF THE STATE OF JAMMU & KASHMIR  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

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Dated Muzaffarabad, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022

**NOTIFICATION**

**Subject: STREAMLINING THE APPROVAL PROCEDURE OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS- PROVISION OF CUSHION FOR COST CLEARANCE OF APPROVED SCHEMES**

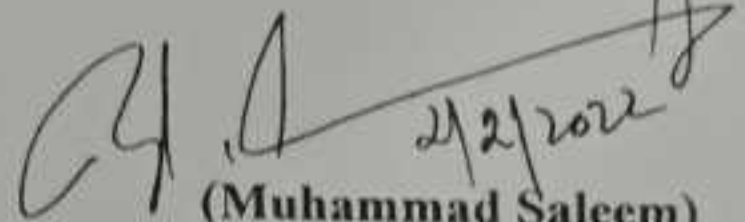
No. P&DD/Gen./145-157/2022. The President AJ&K has been pleased to accord approval of following procedure with reference to substantial increase in rates of construction materials notified by the P&DD on December 20, 2021 in comparison with the AJK-CSR notified on October 20, 2021 to streamline process involved in cost clearance of new contracts/ development schemes approved after 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 on the basis of the previous AJK-CSR falling within domain of AK-DWP/ CDC for amended approval of development schemes/ projects where there is no change in scope of work/quantities:

- C.A. 2/2/22
- i. In such cases, where approved cost relating to development schemes/projects has increased due to application of the AJK-CSR notified on December 20, 2021 in such a manner that:
    - a. Increase in cost of schemes relating to **Public Buildings** sector amounts up to 27%
    - b. Increase in cost of schemes relating to **Roads and Bridges** sector (i.e. Roads/Road Structures/Flyovers/Underpasses Projects) amounts up to 23%
    - c. Increase in cost of schemes relating to other sectors involving **Civil Works** amounts up to 27%
    - d. Increase in cost for schemes relating to **Public Health Engineering** amounts up to 18%

**Then,** in all such cases the Administrative Department will issue Amended Administrative Approval of development projects, approved where previous AJK-CSR rates were applicable, without submission of PC-I to P&D for cost clearance/revised approval. Nevertheless, responsibility for correctness of rates will rest with competent authority to accord Technical Sanction (TS).

- ii. The revision of project by relevant competent forum will be necessary only in cases, where overall cost of project varies from the last approved cost owing to the following conditions:
  - a. Unforeseen/additional items of work,
  - b. Change in design,
  - c. Variation in the scope of the project, irrespective of whether or not it involves an increased outlay.
- iii. Where the revision of project is crucial to incorporate any additional/revised works which have been missed out during planning process, revised PC-I may be prepared with proper justification/reasons for revision.

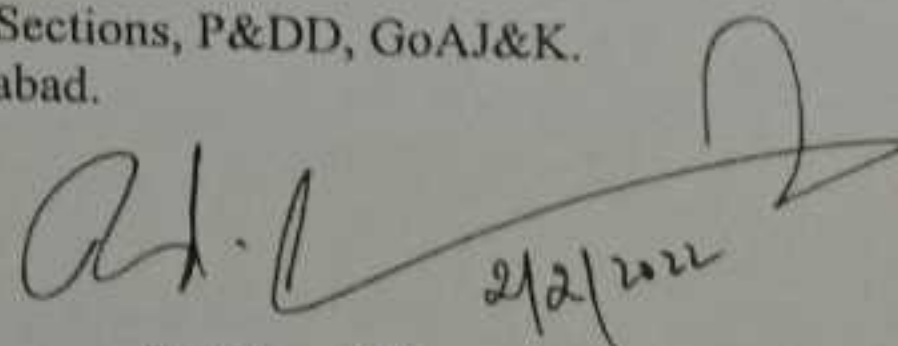
- iv. 10% cushion towards technical sanction and 4.5% cushion for acceptance of tender will be available for approved development projects as per AJ&K Delegation of Financial Power Rules, 2011. The executing agency can incur expenditure 14.5% above original approved cost without seeking revised approval by the competent authority. However, the executing agency will submit supporting documents i.e. TS and acceptance letter to administrative department during demand of additional funds.
  - v. The Department will be required to provide re-cast PC-I to P&DD along with the revised Admin Approvals of such projects for endorsement of APOs to Finance Department and AG Office.
2. The aforesaid Cushion for Accommodating Change in AJK-CSR Rates will be subject to revision on basis of change in AJK-CSR Rates to be notified by P&D Department. The above procedure may be adhered to strictly in letter & spirit and will remain valid till issuance of 2<sup>nd</sup> Bi- Annual AJK-CSR rates 2022.
3. **Instant Notification is applicable for new contracts/ new schemes approved between April 30, 2021 to December 20, 2021 (the date of updation of AJK CSR), for which work orders are yet to be issued.**

  
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