

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

**Sub: Karnataka State Highways Improvement Project – Constitution of a Steering Committee.**

**Read: Government Order No. PWD 21 dated 1-7-1999.**

**Preamble:-**

Government of Karnataka has undertaken improvements of 2268.50 Kms of roads consisting of State Highways and Major District Roads through the Karnataka State Highways Improvement Project (KSHIP) under the World Bank assistance.

In the Government Order read at (i) above, it was agreed to provide funds to a tune of Rs. 1200 crores for improvements of identified roads from the year 2000 onwards.

The Project Implementation Unit has reported that the project preparation is in advanced stage as preparatory activities such as procurement for civil works contractors and supervision consultants have reached final stage. The Bank Mission has undertaken Project Appraisal during January 2001 which will be followed by loan negotiations during April 2001 and submission to World Bank Board for loan sanction by June 2001. The Chief Project Officer also reported that there is a need for constitution of an Empowered Procurement Committee authorising to take all decisions on procurement issues for contracts of high value to expedite the award of contracts.

Further, it is reported that on receipt of ICB document, the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) has to evaluate bid documents, obtain the approval of the Government, get clearance of the Bank to the bid evaluation report and communicate its decision to the successful bidders and complete the signing of agreement within stipulated validity period of 120 days from the date of receipt of bid documents.

In respect of NCB documents, the Project Implementation Unit has to complete the tasks like evaluation, including post evaluation, obtaining approval of the Government and clearance of the Bank to the evaluation report and communicate its decision to the successful bidder and complete signing of the agreement within the stipulated validity period of 90 days from the date of receipt of NCB documents.

Process of evaluation, assessment and obtaining approval of the Government to the evaluation reports including the World Bank clearance at various stages is a lengthy process and time consuming.

The proposal of the Chief Project Officer, Project Implementation Unit, Karnataka State Highways Improvement Project has been examined in detail and it is decided to constitute a high level committee to tender for Civil Works/Procurement of Goods/Supervision Consultancy award contracts as per National Competitive and International Competitive Bidding procedures.

Hence the following Order

**Government Order No. PWD 81(A) EAP 2001, Bangalore dated 15-03-2001**

Government is pleased to constitute a Steering Committee for Karnataka State Highways Improvement Project with the following members to take all decisions on procurement issues, contractual issues, claims and litigations related to all consultancy services and Civil Works Contracts

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| (i)   | Additional Chief Secretary to Government,<br>Public Works & Housing | Chairman |
| (ii)  | Secretary, Planning and SST Department                              | Member   |
| (iii) | Secretary, Works Department   | Member   |
| (iv)  | Secretary, Project Monitoring Unit,<br>Finance Department           | Member   |

- (v) Secretary (Expenditure), Finance Department Member
- Managing Director, Karnataka Road Development Corporation Ltd. Member
- (vii) Project Director, Project Implementation Unit, Karnataka State Highways Improvement Project. Member

The functions of the Steering Committee is to tender for Civil Works and award contracts as per National Competitive and International Competitive Bidding procedures and guidelines prescribed by the World Bank.

This Order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide note No. FD 57 PMU 2000 dated 22-02-2001.

By Order and in the Name of the  
Governor of Karnataka

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