

SUBJECT NO.38

Sub:- VUDA – UFD – VISAKHAPATNAM – Deposit work plantation of 70,000 saplings at Rushikonda, Bavikonda, Gollalakonda & Kommadi Hillocks – Execution of work for plantation of 55,000 as against 70,000 at Rushikonda, Bavikonda, Gollalakonda Draft subject placed before VUDA Board for kind perusal and approval - Submitted – Reg.

- Read: -
1. This office Memo dated 14-8-2013 to FRO – II, VUDA by virtue of orders of the Vice-Chairman, VUDA dated 11-8-2013.
 2. Purchase order no.4000116573-037-1035 dt.30-8-2013 received from the NTPC, Visakhapatnam duly signed by DFO, VUDA & NTPC Authorities
 3. This office Memo of even No. dated 10-10-2013 to FRO – II, VUDA.
 4. Explanation dated 17-10-2013 of FRO – II, VUDA.
 5. Proceedings of the Vice-Chairman, VUDA dated 30-11-2013 appointing the Technical Committee
 6. Technical Committee report dated 28-1-2014.
 7. Orders of the Vice-Chairman, VUDA dt.12-03-2014 at P. 91 & 92 N.F of this file.
 8. Proceedings of the Vice-Chairman, VUDA dated 14-03-2014

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AGENDA NOTE:-

The NTPC has entrusted the plantation of 70,000 plantation as deposit work to VUDA under Green Visakha Plantation Programme during the year 2013-14 vide Purchase order dated 30-8-2013 mentioned under the reference 2nd cited above. Prior to this the then DFO, VUDA through the Memo dated 14-8-2013 mentioned under the reference 1st cited has been directed the FRO – II, VUDA to take up the advance operation as per the note orders of the then Vice-Chairman, VUDA dated 11-8-2013 in view of the urgency involved to meet the achievement under Green Visakha Plantation Programme and also not to escape the monsoon season.

Accordingly, with an objective in view to take up the work within the stipulated time and also with an objective view to take up the same within the monsoon season, the FRO – II, VUDA has executed the work for plantation of 55,000 saplings as against 70,000 saplings at Rushikonda, Bavikonda, Gollalakonda without obtaining technical sanction from the then DFO, VUDA. Apart from this, the FRO – II, VUDA has also chosen to take up the work for execution and it is noticed that the FRO – II, VUDA has not followed to procedure prescribed under Manual of Instructions intended to Forest works.

Hence the FRO – II, VUDA was directed submit his explanation with in the 7 days of the receipt of the Memo duly issuing a office Memo vide dated 10-10-2013 mentioned under the reference 3rd cited. Accordingly the FRO – II, VUDA has submitted his explanation on 17-10-2013 mentioned under the reference 4th cited.

While this things stood thus, the Technical Committee consisting of the Divisional Forest Officer, SFD, Visakhapatnam; the Asst. Director of Horticulture, G.V.M.C, Visakhapatnam; the Chief Engineer, VUDA; Chief Accounts Officer, VUDA; Divisional Forest Officer, VUDA was constituted in this office proceedings dated 30-11-2013 mentioned under the reference 5th cited to examine and verify the execution of the subject work and procedure of execution and to give remarks on the release of bill for the work attended by FRO – II, VUDA.

The Technical Committee have examined the matter in detail and given finanlisation detailed below:- (Copy enclosed)

After careful examination and taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances prevailed during execution of work, the Technical Committee opined that, it is a prima – facie case that the FRO – II, VUDA has not followed the prescribed procedures laid down for execution of work of that magnitude. However, as the situation is warranted and clear instructions were issued by the Higher Authorities for completion of work within the stipulated time, FRO – II, VUDA might have taken decision to take up and complete the task given in anticipation of according technical sanction by the Superior Authority concerned (the then DFO, VUDA) duly following the procedure in vogue in VUDA in view of urgency.

Since it was clearly indicated that in case of failure in completion of work within the target date, the concerned official is liable for disciplinary action by the Higher Authorities and District Administration, it is inevitable to FRO – II, VUDA to take up and complete the work under any circumstances. Accordingly technical sanction is a prerequisite to be fulfilled before taking up execution of any work and it is a regular practice to be adopted in all Engineering, Forest and other departments including VUDA. The same was not happened in this case and technical sanction issue is related to both the officers i.e., the then DFO and FRO – II, VUDA and no information is available in records in this regard. As such FRO – II, VUDA cannot be made fully responsible for the procedural deviation occurred in this context.

Therefore, the issue of according technical sanction in the present has to be dealt as a special case and it has to be ratified categorically by the next Higher Authorities i.e., Vice-Chairman, VUDA only by permitting the present DFO, VUDA to accord post technical sanction of the estimates of the works executed as there is no other go for this time and as the time lapsed is irretrievable.

With regard to the method and procedure of execution, it can be directly said that the method adopted by FRO – II, VUDA in the present case i.e., entrusting works on petty contract basis in piece-meal manner is not proper and acceptable as per the prescribed rules and procedures mentioned in the relevant codes of Engineering of Forest Departments. In the given conditions, for timely completion of work it might not be possible to adopt the prescribed procedures in the present case and with a view to achieve the target fixed by the District Administration and being a deposit work under taken on behalf of NTPC and to keep the image of VUDA in good track, FRO – II, VUDA might be adopted the procedure of carrying out the work on Petty contract system through different local agencies followed and accepted earlier in VUDA for certain works.

Though it is not acceptable as per rules, in the interest of VUDA and taking in positive sense, the method adopted in execution of work by FRO – II, VUDA may be accepted and ratified for this time only since the work is completed in full shape in time with almost full survival rate of plantation done and got credibility for VUDA and came into maintenance period.

At the same time individual may be warned to be more careful and vigilant on the rules and regulations to be followed in general and especially in respect of tenders and execution of work and not to commit such mistakes in future under any circumstances.

Finally, Technical Committee recommend to consider the release of payments of the work done, since the work was completed in all respects and payments are due for the last four months to the various agencies including labour component and recommended for the release of payments for the work done so far on due verification and subject to fulfillment of all the conditions and requirements for release of payment for the work executed satisfactorily.

Based on the report of the Technical Committee it is proposed to take necessary action against FRO – II, VUDA which is under process and also accorded permission to DFO, VUDA to accord post Technical sanction of the estimates and to release the payments for the work done so far on due verification and subject to fulfillment of the conditions and requirements in this office proceedings dated 14-03-2014 mentioned under the reference 8th cited.

In view of the above the matter is placed before the VUDA Board for favour of perusal and to ratify the action having taken by the Vice-Chairman, VUDA.

Sl. No.	Subject No.	Subject	Resolutions
39	38	VUDA - UFD - VISAKHAPATNAM - Deposit work plantation of 70,000 saplings at Rushikonda, Bavikonda, Gollalakonda & Kommadi Hillocks - Execution of work for plantation of 55,000 as against 70,000 at Rushikonda, Bavikonda, Gollalakonda - Draft subject placed before Board for kind perusal and approval - Submitted - Reg.	Ratified the action taken. Follow the disciplinary action against FRO-II with the parent department.
40	39	VUDA - UFD - Amenities in the Children's Park in Phase - II, Gandhi Nagar, Pedagantyada, Visakhapatnam - Providing grass turf - Draft subject placed before VUDA - Submitted for perusal and approval - Reg.	Agreed to take up the Park work.
41	40	VUDA - Allotments - Construction of Gated Community Row Housing Scheme at Rushikonda - Disposal of Balance 60 units -Submitted - Reg.	The issue was examined in full and following directions are given to VC, VUDA <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Penal interest need not levied during the period of Established Departmental Delay 2. This policy will not apply to the Disposal of Plots or other delayed projects of VUDA. 3. After the formation of new states, the Disposal of Scheme can be tried one more time through auction mode.