Finance Department- Execution of Public Works- Guidelines on estimate preparation using PRICE Software etc.-Orders issued

FINANCE (INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC WORKS - B) DEPARTMENT
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Read:- 1.G.O.(P) No. 498 /15/Fin dated 03.11.2015.
2.Minutes of the meeting on revision of PWD Manual & implementation of PRICE Software held by Additional Chief Secretary with Chief Engineers on 13.10.2015, 24.11.2015 & 30.11.2015.

ORDER

Government vide reference 1st cited have ordered that estimate preparation of all Engineering Departments shall be done using PRICE (Project Information & Cost Estimation) Software from 1st October 2015 to ensure uniformity in preparation of engineering estimates across all departments. While reviewing the progress of its implementation, vide reference 2nd cited, Chief Engineers have suggested certain modifications in the estimate preparation process. Government have examined these suggestions in detail and pleased to issue the following guidelines.

1. Hereafter all works having estimate cost exceeding Rs. 5 lakh shall be tendered on item rate basis only to enhance transparency and to facilitate objective tender evaluation.
2. The service tax shall be allowed to be included as a component in the estimate cost of all new works.
3. While preparing the estimates of works proposed to be executed through Beneficiary Committees, contractor's profit shall be excluded but overhead charges @7.5% of the estimates can be allowed. However applicable taxes are to be borne by the Beneficiary Committee.

4. The Contractor's Profit and Overhead charges for bitumen supplied by the contractors can be allowed for the estimates based on MORTH data book and in such cases, the cost of bitumen shall be calculated excluding the cost index.

5. Payment relating to Investigation works and works relating to electronic items are exempted from the purview of LoC system.

6. The LSGD shall also follow the pre-qualification criteria fixed in the revised PWD Manual for high value works.

7. The Superintending Engineers of North and South circles of LSGD are also authorised to issue contractor's license for works executed through LSGD, subject to the provisions contained in PWD Manual.

By Order of the Governor,
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