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**[ENGINEER MEMBER'S SECTT.]**

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**Sub: UNDUE PRONGALATION OF CONTRACT AND PAYMENT OF ESCALATION UNDER CLAUSE 10 CC.**

The Public Accounts Committee (14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha) made observations on "**development of land by DDA**" that in five cases of work relating to Dwarka Preoject, DDA not only failed to ensure clear site at the time of award of works but also could not remove the hindrances such as pipeline running below the site, electric duct, sewer work in progress, shifting of electric poles and MTNL cables, non-availability of drawings of bridge etc. This resulted in delay in execution of these works on the part of the DDA by 10 to 38 months and avoidable cost escalation too. Scrutiny of these cases revealed that much of the so-called avoidable hindrances, were manifestation of lack of sound planning and institutionalised mechanism for close co-ordination with concerned civic agencies and absence of a synchronized action plan for execution of works in co-operation with other agencies in DDA. It was further observed that the misuse of Clause 10 CC might not be ruled out where the contracts are extended for unduly long period.

In this regard, it is to emphasize that as soon as any project is conceived, all such obstacles such as MTNL/BSNL, DJB/MCD, NDPL, overhead/underground line should be identified and action should be taken in advance for their shifting etc. so as to ensure to provide the site to the agency free from all such hindrances/obstacles. Further, close co-ordination should be held by the NIT approving authority with respective agencies and other counterparts within DDA; and work should not be allowed to be delayed on such issues.

Where the exigency demands to take up the work in anticipation of removal of such obstacles, it will be responsibility of the Executive Engineer to pursue the matter with relevant agencies and keep higher offices as well as NIT issuing authority informed of such problem indicating the action required, if any, at their level. If the executing agency is made responsible for removal of such services, it should be clearly brought out in NIT.

Misuse of power by granting extension of time without levy of compensation and allowing undue benefit to the agency shall be viewed seriously.

The instructions shall be adhered strictly by all the concerned. This issues with the approval of EM, DDA.

  
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