

Government of Puducherry

Abstract

Finance Department - Delegation of Financial Powers to Administrative Secretaries for sanctioning / approving proposals for dismantlement and sale of public buildings / structures which have surpassed their useful lives, become structurally unsound, pose threat to public in the event of untoward accidents, and need to be demolished for creation of better infrastructure and new buildings / structures.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

G. O. Ms. No. 28 /F3/2023-24

Puducherry, 25 /07/2023

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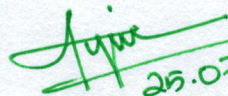
The Government has taken note of the fact that a large number of public buildings / structures, such as toilet blocks, overhead tanks, classrooms, community halls, etc. in various parts of the UT of Puducherry, are currently in unusable, irreparable and structurally unsound condition. Requests are continuously received from the public and the elected representatives by the Government Departments and Local Bodies to expeditiously demolish such buildings / structures, before any untoward incidents occur, causing risk of loss of lives and property. Moreover, there is an urgent need felt by the Government to demolish many of such buildings / structures at the earliest by following the due procedures in order make space available for creation of new public infrastructure under various Schemes/Projects.

2. Currently, all proposals for demolition of Government Buildings / Structures are being submitted by the Departments to the Lt. Governor for administrative approval after obtaining the concurrence of Finance Department. This is in line with the Rule 24 of the Delegation of Financial Powers Rules 1978 (DFPR), which stipulates that Administrators shall have full powers to sanction sale or dismantlement of public buildings, provided these powers are exercised with the concurrence of their Financial Advisers. However, Rule 13(3) of the DFPR allows the Administrator to authorize, by an order in writing, a Gazetted Officer serving under her to exercise such powers as specified in that order.

3. In order to simplify the procedure involved, enable expeditious dismantlement of public buildings in dangerous condition, and quicken the pace of creation of new infrastructure, approval of the Competent Authority has now been obtained for re-delegating full powers to the Administrative Secretaries, without the need of FD concurrence, for sanctioning proposals for demolition of Government Buildings / Structures, subject to strict compliance with the following conditions:

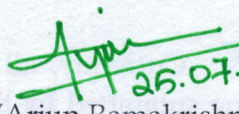
- (i) Necessary certificate from the competent technical authority shall be obtained to the effect that the public building proposed to be demolished is structurally in a dangerous condition or beyond economic repairs or it is necessary to vacate the site for constructing a more important Government building or structure.

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- (ii) Detailed estimate and survey report for the demolition of the public building / structure shall be prepared and authenticated by the competent technical authority, specifying the salvage cost of the recoverable materials and the cost of dismantlement.
- (iii) After obtaining the administrative approval of the concerned Administrative Secretary, the survey report shall be submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (PWD), for according technical approval and dismantlement of the building, as per relevant Section of the CPWD Manual.
- (iv) The net credit / revenue proceeds from the dismantlement and sale of the public building / structure shall be duly deposited to the appropriate receipt Head of the Government Treasury.
- (v) If the building proposed to be demolished has contained or been used as a polling booth in the Parliament / Legislative Assembly elections, necessary prior clearance from the Elections Department shall be obtained for the demolition of the public building.

// By Order of Hon'ble Lt. Governor//


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