

15.6 PUBLIC WORKS – BUILDINGS

The Buildings Organisation of Public Works Department, which started functioning separately from 1.4.96 with 16 Circles and 52 Divisions, is vested with the responsibility of planning, designing and construction of public buildings and allied works in accordance with needs and requirements of various Government Departments such as Revenue, Police, Medical, Judicial, Agriculture, Commercial Taxes, Law, Education, Animal Husbandry and Prisons of State Government. Besides these, construction and erection of monuments and memorials are also carried out by this organisation.

The Buildings Organisation is also vested with the responsibility of maintenance of all Government Buildings, Monuments, Memorials and maintenance of Marina Beach and restoration of cyclone and flood affected buildings. This wing is also carrying out works entrusted by the District Collectors under the local area development schemes on the recommendation of the Members of Parliament and the Members of Legislative Assembly.

The maintenance of Inspection Bungalows and Circuit Houses, Raj Bhavan, Secretariat, Government Estate, MLAs. Hostel, Ministers and other VVIP Bungalows are looked after by this Organisation. Telephone, Property Tax and Electricity Bills for these buildings are also paid by this Organisation. By utilising the maintenance grant available, the rain water harvesting structures were put up by this organisation in Government buildings.

State Plan Schemes

1. Land Revenue

Under this head, buildings pertaining to Revenue Department such as Taluk Office, RDOs office and VAOs office-cum-Residence Quarters are constructed. An amount of Rs.30.54 lakhs was spent during the year 2002-2003. The revised estimate for the year 2003-2004 was Rs. 68.04 lakhs for the settlement of the bills and liabilities for the completed works. A sum of Rs. 10.72 lakhs is provided for the year 2004-05. This is for the settlement of final bills and construction of quarters for VAO at Palakkadu.

2. Public Works

A sum of Rs. 1157.36 lakhs was spent for the year 2002-2003 under this head for making the payment of bills for major works, such as (i) Construction of bungalows for Ministers and Judges with Servant Quarters and Garages – 5 Nos., (ii) Construction of 30 bungalows for Judges of High Court at Greenways Road, Chennai. Type 1, 2 & 3 – 10 Nos. each, (iii) Reclamation of low lying area for filling to the level of adjacent areas, (iv) Construction of Offices with recreation club and mess, SAF Games Village at Koyembedu, and (v) Additional Guest House and Staff Quarters at New Delhi.

An amount of Rs. 762.69 lakhs was provided towards the revised estimate for the year 2003-2004 for completing the ongoing works.

The provision for the year 2004-2005 is Rs. 239.60 lakhs. This is for completing the ongoing works, as well as for settlement of the pending final bills and an amount of Rs. 71.14 lakhs for new schemes.

3. Police

An amount of Rs. 116.27 lakhs is provided under revised estimate for the year 2003-2004. This amount is for completion of ongoing works, i.e., construction of Modern Control Room in the Office of the Commissioner of Police Complex, Egmore

and settlement of final bills and liabilities for completed works, i.e., construction of Police Station at various places in Tamil Nadu based on the recommendations of the Tenth and Eleventh Finance Commission. The provision for the year 2004-2005 is Rs. 559.17 lakhs for the settlement of pending bills and liabilities, etc.

4. Other Administrative Service

An amount of Rs. 16.73 lakhs was spent under this head for the year 2002-2003. An amount of Rs.165.42 lakhs was provided under revised estimate for the year 2003-2004 for completing the ongoing works of construction of own building to the Directorate of Employment and Training and Office of the Regional Joint Director of Training, Chennai and settlement of pending final bills for the completed works.

The provision for the year 2004-2005 is Rs. 122.12 lakhs for completing the balance ongoing works and settlement of the pending final bills for the completed works.

5. Administration Of Justice

An amount of Rs.35.72 lakhs has been spent under this head for the year 2002-2003. A sum of Rs. 509.68 lakhs was provided under revised estimate for the year 2003-2004 for the completion of the ongoing works of construction of buildings for the Judicial Academy shifted to Malligai, Greenways Road and for providing AC facilities and power mains to 13 Nos. of halls in the main building of High Court Campus, Chennai. For 2004-2005, the outlay is Rs. 198.92 lakhs for the completion of ongoing works.

6. Construction Of Building for MLAs Office

A sum of Rs. 193.46 lakhs has been spent for the year 2002-2003 under this head. An amount of Rs. 77.87 lakhs is provided under revised estimate for the year 2003-2004 for the ongoing works and settlement of pending bills and liabilities for the completed works. Out of 234 places, works have been completed in 223 places and works are to be taken up in 11 places. For 2004-2005, the provision is Rs.30.05 lakhs for the completion of the balance works.

Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Shared between State and Centre)

1. Modernisation of Prisons

The schemes are carried out utilising the matching grant of 50% by the centre and 50% by the state (50:50). An amount of Rs. 52.93 lakhs has been spent under this head during the year 2002-2003. An amount of Rs. 600 lakhs is provided in the revised estimate for the year 2003-2004 for major works, like (1) Construction of District Jail at Dindigul, (2) Construction of District Jail at Nagercoil, (3) Construction of Living Accommodation to 30 wardens in Central Prison at Vellore, (4) Construction of Living Accommodation to 50 wardens in Central Prison at Coimbatore, (5) Construction of Living Accommodation to 30 wardens in Central Prison at Trichy, (6) Construction of Living Accommodation to 50 wardens in Central Prison at Tirunelveli and other construction of Living Accommodation for Assistant Wardens and Deputy Wardens, etc., for 14 Nos. and other improvement works, special repair works, providing water supply, electrical arrangements, toilet facilities and FOL facilities and other subsidiary works in prison at various places in various districts of Tamil Nadu. The provision for the year 2004-2005 is Rs. 1119.10 lakhs for completing the balance ongoing works.

2. Administration of Justice

The scheme is operated with 50% assistance from Government of India. An amount of Rs. 817.55 lakhs was spent for the year 2002-2003. An amount of Rs. 550 lakhs was provided towards revised estimate for the year 2003-2004 for the work of (1) Internal furniture for court halls for High Court Bench at Madurai, (2) Providing furniture for Judges Chambers, Conference Hall, Meeting Hall, etc., for the High Court Bench at Madurai, (3) Providing Steel Record Rack for Record Room and Library Hall in High Court Building of High Court at Madurai, and (4) Providing false ceiling, wall panelling, air conditioning works to Court Halls, Conference Hall in Court Hall buildings and false ceiling works, air conditioning works to the Law Office Building of High Court Bench at Ulaganeri Village at Madurai District.

The provision for the year 2004-2005 is Rs.302.18 lakhs for completing the works of Judicial Magistrate Court building at Vedachendur (RAS awaited) and settlement of liabilities for the electrical works.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,

But I have miles to go before I sleep.

-Robert Frost