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Government of NCT of Delhi
Finance Department, Policy Division
4th Level, 'A' Wing, Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of Expenditure Finance Committee for the financial year 2025-26 held on 28th July, 2025 at 10.30 A.M.

The 3rd Meeting of the Expenditure Finance Committee for the year 2025-26 was held under the Chairpersonship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister/ Minister-in-charge (Finance), Delhi, on 28.07.2025 at 10.30 AM, in the Cabinet Room, CM Office, 3rd Level, Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi, to consider the following proposal submitted by Public Works Department, GNCTD: -

S.No	Particulars of the proposal	Estimated cost (₹.. crore)
1.	Payment of arbitration award dated 08.05.2023, in arbitration case related to construction of elevated Road over Barapullah Nallah starting from Sarai Kale Khan to Mayur Vihar Phase-III, New Delhi	175

2. Following officers attended the meeting:

I Members of Expenditure Finance Committee:

- (i) Smt. Rekha Gupta, Hon'ble Chief Minister/Minister-in-Charge (Finance), GNCTD.
- (ii) Shri Parvesh Sahib Singh, Hon'ble Minister (PWD), GNCTD
- (iii) Shri Bipul Pathak, Addl Chief Secretary (Finance), GNCTD
- (iv) Shri Naveen Kumar Choudhary, Addl Chief Secretary (PWD), GNCTD
- (v) Shri V.N. Vibek, ADG (Project)/E-n-C, PWD, GNCTD
- (vi) Shri D.B. Gupta, Director, Planning, GNCTD
- (vii) Shri Manoj Kumar V.M., Joint Secretary, Finance, GNCTD

II Other Senior Officers:

- (i) Ms. Ruchika Katiyal, Special Secretary (PWD), GNCTD
- (ii) Shri S.S. Parihar, Spl Secretary (Finance), GNCTD
- (iii) Shri L. D. Joshi, Controller of Accounts (Finance), GNCTD

2. At the outset Special Secretary (PWD) apprised the Expenditure Finance Committee of the agenda item.

3. The Chair was informed that the project was originally sanctioned for ₹1260.63 crore vide sanction order dated 10.12.2014 with scheduled date of completion as 17.10.2017, but was delayed. As a result, the matter went into arbitration, leading to an award in favor of the agency, M/s L&T, amounting to ₹120 crores + interest + GST with a total of ₹175 crore (approx.). To enforce the award, the agency filed a petition in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. Consequently, as per the Court's directions, an amount of ₹170 crores has already been deducted from the accounts of PWD.

4. ACS (Finance) pointed out that PWD is only seeking approval for arbitration award amounting to ₹175 crore approx., whereas the project expenditure is already ₹1238.68 crore and expected to exceed the approved cost of ₹1260.63 crore. Accordingly, the department needs to prepare a comprehensive proposal for the

Cabinet by taking into account all the pending liabilities, including the approval for the arbitration award, for seeking the approval of Hon'ble Lt. Governor for the revised project cost, as the project was earlier sanctioned with the approval of Hon'ble Lt. Governor.

5. ADG (PWD) further informed the Committee that presently there are hindrances in some portion of land because of trees and permission from Forest Department is yet to be received.
6. On this, the Committee deliberated that it is a pre-requisite that encumbrances free land should be available with the department before initiation of any project.
7. It was further deliberated that a thorough Inquiry is needed to ascertain the loss to the Govt. exchequer due to payment of arbitration awards without seeking opinion of Law Department and fixing responsibility of the erring officers/persons for such losses resulting in time and cost over run.
8. After due deliberations, the proposal of the Public Works Department was deferred with the following directions: -
 - i. A thorough Inquiry be initiated by the Anti Corruption Branch, Directorate of Vigilance, Government of NCT of Delhi, for approval and acceptance of arbitration awards by authorities not competent to accept; delay in execution of the project and fixing responsibility of the erring officers/persons.
 - ii. PWD shall take the opinion of the Law Department, GNCT of Delhi on Arbitration Award as to whether the case of grant of arbitration award was fit for approval or not and whether appeal can be filed now.
 - iii. PWD shall prepare a comprehensive proposal for the Cabinet by taking into account all the pending liabilities, including therein arbitration awards etc. for seeking the approval of Hon'ble Lt. Governor for the revised project cost, as the project was earlier sanctioned with the approval of Hon'ble Lt. Governor.
 - iv. PWD shall issue instructions to the work executing agency to expedite and complete the work within stipulated time frame.
9. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Joint Secretary Finance (Policy)

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Dated: 05/08/2025

1. Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister/ Minister-in-charge (Finance) for appraisal of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. Secretary to the Hon'ble Minister, PWD for appraisal of the Hon'ble Minister.
3. Additional Chief Secretary (PWD), 3rd floor, MSO building, ITO, New Delhi.
4. Engineer-in-Chief, PWD, 12th floor, MSO building, ITO, New Delhi.
5. Director, Planning Department, Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi
6. PS to Additional Chief Secretary (Finance), GNCTD.
7. PS to Secretary (Finance), GNCTD.
8. PA to Special Secretary (Finance)-I, GNCTD
9. PA to Controller of Accounts (Finance), GNCTD
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Jt. Secretary Finance (Policy)