

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
1ST MARCH, 1976 AT 10 A.M. IN
THE CONFERENCE ROOM TO CONSIDER
THE POINTS RAISED BY THE ISLAM-
ABAD CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION.

The meeting was presided over by the
Chairman, CDA. The following were present.

1. F.A/Member.
2. Secretary, CDA.
3. Director General Works.
4. Director Technical.
5. Director Works-I.
6. Director Works-II.
7. Director Headquarters.
8. Director Purchases & Stores.
9. Coordination Officer.
10. General Secretary and a few members
of the Islamabad Contractors Associa-
tion. (By Special Invitation).

The points raised by the Association
were discussed in the meeting at length and the
decisions taken on each point are summarised as under:-

1. PRICE ESCALATION

The steps so far taken by the CDA to
finalize the escalation cases were explained by the
Director General Works in detail. In view of minute
examination involved in the preparation/finalization of
escalation cases, it was agreed with consensus that the test
cases of each type of work should be finalized by the
Director General Works by the middle of April, 1976.

2. APPROVAL OF EXTRA ITEMS.

It was decided that the procedure with
regard to the approval of extra items should be simplified
and decision on issues involving approval of deviated/
extra items should be taken by the competent Authority
within one month under intimation to the contractor
concerned.

3. EXTENSION OF TIME.

The Association demanded that extension of
time should be allowed by the Executive Engineer in-charge
of the project instead of Directors/Director General Works.
The Director General Works mentioned that he had already
recommended that extension in the time of contract should
be accorded by the officer higher than the officer
authorised to accept the tender of work. The issue was
discussed at length and with a view to cut short the
stages so as to save time, it was decided that contd..P/2..

the extension of time in all cases should be accorded by the Directors concerned.

4. SUPPLY OF MATERIAL/(SHORT SUPPLY OF CEMENT).

The Association **reiterated** that the cement supplied to the contractors should be weighed before issue to them. The Director Purchases & Stores informed that the State Cement Corporation of Pakistan had not agreed to release the cement on the basis of actual quantity loaded in the **truck** duly weighed at the weigh bridge. Therefore, the CDA was not in a position to issue the cement to the contractors after weighing each bag and had to supply the cement in the manner it was received from the State Cement Corporation. He further, mentioned that no Government/Semi Government Organization issues cement to the contractors by weight and, therefore, no exception should be made by the CDA in this behalf. It was, however, decided that the matter would be discussed with the Production Division to find out whether anything could be done by that Division in this behalf.

ii. The Association pointed out that for want of ~~more~~ tankers, the supply of bitumen was not satisfactory. In order to improve the supply it was decided that efforts should be made to increase the number of tankers and also arrangements to procure bitumen from Karachi in barrels should be made provided extra expenditure in procurement is borne by the contractors.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF THE TENDERS.

The Association complained that the decision taken by the Board in earlier meetings was not being complied with by the Directorate General Works. The Director General Works said that as far as possible tenders were being finalized within the stipulated period. He further said that not a single case of delay had so far been brought to his notice. The Association was, therefore, advised that if decision had been delayed in any particular tender, the same should be brought to the notice of the Director General Works for expediting the decision.

6. WATER CHARGES.

The Association demanded that the water charges should not be recovered from the contractors in the case of such Projects where water was not supplied by the CDA. It was explained by Director (W&S) that as per normal practice recovery of such items which were to be arranged

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by CDA under the contract but were arranged by the contractors, were made from the contractors and the actual expenditure incurred by the contractors on such items was reimbursed to them. It was, therefore, decided that the same principle should apply in the present case.

7. COMPLETED WORKS TO BE TAKEN OVER
BY CONCERNED BY: DIRECTORS.

The issue was discussed at length. However, final decision on the issue was postponed till such time a workable solution was evolved by the Directorate General Works. The Director General Works was asked to examine the issue at length and give his definite recommendations in this behalf.

8. SECURITY/EARNEST MONEY DEPOSITED BY THE
CONTRACTORS FORFEITED BY C.D.A.

It was explained to the Association that the issue was under active consideration of the Finance Wing and cases for the release of forfeited earnest money would be decided on merit of each case.

9. DEPARTMENTAL WORKS.

The ~~point~~ was with-drawn by the Association.

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