

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 10.A.M.
ON 31.5.1975 IN THE OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN
CDA TO REVIEW PROGRESS OF CERTAIN
DECISIONS TAKEN ON EARLIER MEETINGS WITH
THE ISLAMABAD CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION.

Following were present:-

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| 1. Chairman, CDA., | Mr.M.A. Kazmi. |
| 2. F.A/Member, CDA, | Malik Asrar Ahmed Khan. |
| 3. Haji Abdul Shakoor, | President ICA |
| 4. Mr.Abdul Ghafoor, | General Secretary,ICA |
| 5. Sardar Fazl-e-Raziq Khan, | } Members, ICA |
| 6. Mr.Dilawar Khan, | |
| 7. Director General Works, | Mr. Sultan Hameed. |
| 8. Director Technical, | Mr. A.R. Javaid. |
| 9. Director Works-I, | Mr. Z.A. Qureshi. |
| 10. Director Works-II, | Mr. Abdus Salam Khan Wazir. |
| 11. Director W&S, | Mr. M.A. Khan Khattak. |
| 12. Director Audit & Accounts, | Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed Khan. |
| 13. Secretary, CDA., | Khawaja Abdul Jalil. |

The progress of implementation of following decisions was reviewed at this meeting.

1) Payment of running bills

The Association was informed that according to the official information made available to the Board, the running bills were usually being paid by the 20th of each month. The Association was, however, requested that if it had any specific instance of delayed payment with it, it may convey it to the Board for appropriate action.

2) Water Charges

At the demand of the Association, it was decided at the meeting held on 8.3.75 that procedure for deduction of water charges in vogue in Pak PWD would be followed in CDA. While reappraising the decision, it was explained to the Association that while quoting rates in their tenders, they do make provisions for all such recoveries/charges and in fact it is the CDA who pays the water charges. Moreover, if the water charges were reduced as suggested by the Association, the contractors will have to reduce their rates correspondingly. In addition, if the procedure of Pak PWD was adopted, it would make the payment of running bills more cumbersome without resulting in any saving to the contractors.

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The Association appreciated the point of view and withdrew its demand on this point.

3) Refund of Security deposits

It was explained to the Association that it has already been conveyed to all concerned officers in the CDA that if a completed work was free from defect, the security deposit should be released after 3 months of completion in case of a building, sewerage, drainage and watersupply work, 6 months after completion of a concrete road, footpath, parkings and 12 months in case of asphalt work.

It was clarified to the Association that this decision was intended to be implemented in letter and spirit as there was apparently no problem in fulfilling the formalities relating to furnishing a No. Demand Certificate by the Engineer incharge and finalizing of the bills within the aforementioned period. The Association appreciated it that it is in the interest of a contractor that the bill of a completed work is finalised before the security is released, but expressed its apprehension that non-finalization of their bills by the officials of the CDA should not become a pretext for undue delay in releasing the security.

With a view to examining the matter in further depth, it was decided that a list of works which have been completed upto 31-3-75 but their bills have not been finalised till 30th June, 1975, should be furnished by DGM to the Board within a week. If possible, the ICA may also give a similar list.

4) Payment Procedure

The Association complained that previously the Daily Payment Sheets used to be prepared by D.D. concerned and this assured expeditious payment of bills after it had been passed by the Accounts Officer. According to the changed procedure, introduced by the Audit & Accounts Directorate recently, the D.P. Sheets are to be prepared by the Accounts Officer which is unnecessarily delaying the payment of the bills as one Accounts Officer cannot possibly prepare several D.P. Sheets in a day. The Director Audit & Accounts explained that the change

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had been introduced with the objective of assuring expeditious payment, but if the old procedure was preferable to the contractors, he had no objection to reverting to it. It was decided that D.P. Sheets would be prepared by the Deputy Directors instead of Accounts Officers.

5) Laboratory charges

The Association demanded that contractors should not be required to pay testing fee if the specimen of its material is passed by the Laboratory. The Association stressed that the liability of contractors for paying testing fee should be restricted to those samples which fail in the test. To fortify its point, the Association mentioned that in connection with a road work, which had been completed at a total cost of Rs. 35 lacs, the contractor had to pay Rs. 90,000/- as testing fee for samples which were found to satisfy the specifications. DGW was requested to furnish his comments on this demand of the Association by 10th June, 1975.

6) Conclusion

It was decided that the next meeting with the Islamabad Contractors Association would be held on 10.6.1975 in the room of F.A./Member.

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