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Dated: 24.03.2025

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The Cabinet in its meeting held on 13.03.2025 at 11 am in the Cabinet Hall of Tashiling Secretariat has issued the following directions for compliance of all Departments:

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2024.14.83. The Cabinet was also pleased to suo moto direct that in all construction/ developmental works under any works departments of the State Government the defect liability period shall be 5 years, after the completion of the work and handing over of the project to the user department.

2024.14.84. The Cabinet took a serious note of the frequent requests for revision of cost estimates being received from the departments and directed that revision of cost estimates of projects shall not be allowed generally. However, in cases which require revision on account of some unforeseen development, the maximum rate of revision allowed shall be 10% to 15% of the original estimated cost/ amount.

2024.14. 85. The Cabinet in its discussions also took a serious note of the practice of submitting proposals by the departments for approval and sanction towards the end of the Financial Year and directed that from next Financial Year onwards, all Projects sanctioned under CSS, EAP, State Earmarked Scheme etc shall obtain concurrence from Planning and Development Department and Finance Department on time to be able to tender the works by July.

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A status review meeting of all such works and projects will be taken in the first fortnight of August each year. The budget provision from State Earmarked Funds for such projects and works will be directed to be surrendered and given to performing departments.

2024.14.86. The Cabinet also discussed the matter pertaining to revision in the scope of projects/ works as per the on- site instructions issued by various officers of the Departments during their site inspection. This practice is highly irregular as the purpose of site visit is to check on the progress and quality of work as per the approved DPR/ estimates. All due diligence has to be completed at the time of preparation of estimates/ DPR and the scope should not keep changing during execution. Hence, the Cabinet directed that if any changes are necessary in the scope of any such work, HoDs will process the request for change in file and obtain the concurrence and approval of Planning and Development Department and Finance Department before executing any change.

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(V.B. PATHAK)
CABINET SECRETARY

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DATED:13.03.2025.

To

The all Secretaries and HoDs,
Government of Sikkim.




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Additional Secretary
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