

**Government of Punjab  
Department of Public Works  
(B & R-3 Branch)**

To

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7. The Joint Secretary,  
Punjab Road & Bridges Development Board  
Sector-34, Chandigarh.

Memo No.6/122/05-1B&R3/ 578  
Dated, Chandigarh 7-2-07

Subject:- Enlistment of contractors in Punjab Public Works Department (B&R): Co-operative Societies.

Government of Punjab in the Department of Public Works (B&R) had issued instructions regarding enlistment of contractor vide Memo No.12/37/98-1BR3/3995 dated 10.9.2003. Vide these instructions Co-operative Labour & Construction Societies were allowed to be enlisted with the Public Works Department (B&R) on payment of a nominal enlistment fee.

2. The Amritsar Co-operative Labour & Construction Union filed a C.W.P. No. 11969 of 2005 praying for quashing the above said instructions dated 10.9.2003 in the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh and the Hon'ble High Court gave its verdict dated 16.2.2005 which is reproduced as under:-

"In paragraph (v) of paragraph 23 of the written statement of respondent Nos. 1 and 2, the positive averment is that an interdepartmental dispute with regard to the works to be allocated, was being sorted out by the authorities. We find that this written statement was filed way back in December, 2005. We accordingly dispose of this matter with a direction that the matter be sorted out as averred by the respondents themselves, within a period of three months from the date that a certified copy of this order is supplied to them."

The Department of Co-operation, Govt. of Punjab was consulted in order

to implement the orders of Hon'ble High Court. Now the following

amendments/provisions are hereby made in the aforementioned instruction dated 10.9.2003 for the enlistment of Co-operative Labour & Construction Societies as contractors in the Public Works Department (B&R).

1. The Department of Public Works (B&R) will continue enlistment of Cooperative Labour and Construction Societies in accordance with the notification dated 10.9.2003. Further the concerned officers/authorities of the Department will ensure that Cooperative Labour and Construction Societies do not face any difficulty in getting themselves enlisted.
2. Keeping in view the meager resources of the members of Cooperative Labour and Construction Societies the tendering limit prescribed in Table-1 upto Rs. 10.00 lacs is hereby enhanced to Rs. 15 lacs in case of these societies.
3. The period of enlistment for the Cooperative Labour and Construction Societies will be double the period of enlistment for contractors/companies in order to avoid difficulty to the Cooperative Labour and Construction Societies and also to avoid repeated revalidations.
4. The enlistment fee for the Labour and Construction Societies is 50% of the fee prescribed for enlistment of contractor/firms/companies, it is hereby reduced to 25% keeping in view the financial constraints of these societies.
5. The Cooperative Labour and Construction Societies are allowed to open an account with the Central Cooperative Bank in their respective districts and as such the solvency certificate to be issued by the Central Cooperative Bank in their case will be accepted instead of a certificate to be issued by the scheduled bank.
6. These amendments/provisions will take effect immediately.

  
Additional Secretary Public Works