



## ABSTRACT

Public Works Department - Issue of structural Soundness Certificate - Enhancement of delegation of powers to the officers of Public Works Department - Orders - Issued.

### Public Works (G2) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.58

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Dated. 22.12.2023

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1. G.O.(Ms).No.972, Public Works Department, dated 13.07.1992.
2. From the Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai Letter No.HDO (A)/32710/2023, dated 10.7.2023.

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### ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, Government have directed that the following procedure shall be adopted in respect of the issue of certificates on the structural soundness of the Buildings by the Public Works Department authorities:-

Type of Building	Officers authorized to issue the certificate
1 All buildings costing Rs.2.00 lakh and below (any type)	Executive Engineer, Territorial Division
2 Building costing Rs.10.00 lakhs and below	
a. School and other buildings (any type)	SuperIntending Engineers of Territorial Circles
b. Cinema Theatres (not involving framed structure)	SuperIntending Engineers of Territorial Circle
c. Cinema Theatres (Framed structures)	SuperIntending Engineer, Planning & Designs Circle, Chennai

Type of Building		Officers authorized to issue the certificate
3	Building costing above Rs.10.00 lakh	
	a. School and other buildings (any type)	Superintending Engineers of Territorial Circles with prior approval of Chief Engineer (Buildings)
4	Cinema Theatres and Multi-storeyed Complex (Framed structure)	Superintending Engineer, Planning & Designs Circle, Chennai with prior approval of Chief Engineer (Buildings)
5	Renewal Certificates	The Executive Engineers may renew certificates issued already by any competent authority after personal inspection. In case of any building irrespective of the cost, the age of which exceeds 50 years, the Superintending Engineer, Planning and Designs Circle shall after personal inspection, issue the renewal certificate himself i.e. the first renewal after 50 years. But for further renewal at his discretion, he may authorise the other Superintending Engineers or Executive Engineers of the concerned territorial circles to issue the certificates.

2. In his letter second read above, the Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai has stated that the considering the manifold increase in construction cost as well as increase in labour rates, the existing delegation of powers to officers of Public Works Department in respect of issuance of Structural Soundness Certificate sanctioned in Government Order first read above in the year 1992 is very meagre and he has requested necessary orders for enhancement of delegation of powers to Engineers of Public Works Department in respect of issuance of Structural Soundness Certificate to the public buildings, so as to enable Engineers of Public Works Department to issue Structural Soundness Certificate to public Buildings within the powers prescribed by the Government.

3. After careful examination, the Government have decided to accept the proposal of the Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai and hereby issue orders for enhancement of delegation of powers to Engineers of Public Works Department in respect of Issuance of Structural Soundness Certificate to the public buildings as detailed below:-

	Type of Building	Engineers authorised to issue the certificate
1	All buildings costing upto Rs.100.00 lakhs (any type)	Executive Engineers, Public Works Department of respective Districts <u>In respect of Chennai District-</u> 1. Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, North Presidency Division, Chennai 2. Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, South Presidency Division, Chennai
2	Building costing above Rs.100.00 lakhs and upto Rs.200.00 lakhs	
	a. School, College and Other Buildings (any type)	Superintending Engineers, Public Works Department of respective jurisdiction <u>In respect of Chennai District-</u> Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department, Buildings Maintenance Circle, Chennai
	b. Cinema Theatres (Load Bearing Structures and Framed Structures)	Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department Planning & Designs Circle, Chennai
3	Building costing above Rs.200.00 lakhs	
	a. School, College and Other Buildings (any type)	Superintending Engineers, Public Works Department of respective jurisdiction with prior approval of concerned Regional Chief Engineers of Public Works Department <u>In respect of Chennai District-</u> Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department, Buildings Maintenance Circle, Chennai
4	Cinema Theatres, Cineplex, Multiplex and Multi-storeyed complex (Load Bearing Structures and Framed structures)	Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department, Planning & Designs Circle, Chennai with prior approval of Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai
5	Renewal of Structural Soundness Certificates	Executive Engineers, Public Works Department of respective Districts & In respect of Chennai District, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, North Presidency Division, Chennai and Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, South Presidency Division,

Type of Building	Engineers authorised to issue the certificate
	<p>Chennai may renew Structural Soundness Certificates issued already by any competent authority after personal inspection. In case of any building Irrespective of the cost, the age of which exceeds 50 years, the Superintending Engineer, Planning and Designs Circle shall after personal inspection, issue the renewal Structural Soundness Certificate himself / herself i.e. the first renewal after 50 years. But for further renewal, at his discretion, he / she may authorise the other Superintending Engineers, Public Works Department of respective jurisdiction &amp; in respect of Chennai District, Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department , Buildings Maintenance Circle, Chennai (or) Executive Engineers, Public Works Department of respective Districts &amp; in respect of Chennai District, Executive Engineer, PWD, North Presidency Division, Chennai / Executive Engineer, Public Works Department , South Presidency Division, Chennai to issue the Structural Soundness Certificates.</p>

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**CHANDRA MOHAN B**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
The Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department,  
Chennai-5.

All Chief Engineers, Public Works Department.  
The Accountant General, Chennai-18/35.

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22.12.2023  
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