



No. CEO/WSSCA/023/9262

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To,
The Resident Engineer/ The Engineer
Water Supply System (Abbottabad)
PMCSC-KPCIP

Project: CW-02-Lot 2 – Rehabilitation and Upgradation of Water Supply to WTP with SCADA in Abbottabad Including New Water Treatment Plant (Abbottabad)

Subject: Re - Handing & Taking Over of Cut Trees at Water Treatment Plant

This is in response of your Letter No. KPCIP/PMCSC/RE-ATD/CW-02/Lot-2/032 dated 27th September 2023.

Respectively on 22-08-2023 & 25-08-2023, the CEO WSSCA office received three separate letters subject to information/queries about different impediments at WTP site i-e

- i) 49 number trees at WTP site
- ii) Dumped Pipes (PHED Asset)
- iii) 07 number light poles (PHED Asset)
- iv) Removal of 40 feet boundary wall (from PHED Property)
- v) Two WTP structures falling in PHED Rest House

The above mentioned letters are explaining themselves that PMCSC is seeking the further procedural intervention from WSSCA in this regard. It is very easy to understand that coordination with other government stakeholders cannot be concluded in a single chat. Starting from formal correspondence to meetings / follow-ups and MOUs thus there are certain procedures to adopt before reaching to an agreed conclusion. It can be ascertained for sorting out the queries number ii, iii & iv where WSSCA responded to PMCSC through letter no. CEO/WSSCA/ 023/9224 on 20th September 2023, for removal and dumping of the PHED assets after a course of correspondence and meetings with PHED's executives. This work has been physically concluded in next couple of days after the intimation referred above, without any discomfort since the soft component / protocols and procedure were mutually agreed by the executives of the concerned departments (WSSCA/CIU & PHED).

Likewise, in PMCSC Letter No. KPCIP/PMCSC/RE-ATD/CW-02/Lot-2-2/013 dated 22nd August 2023 WSSCA was requested for "Intimation of the competent Authority for handing/taking over the trees" whereas the opening line of the letter clearly comments that "The cutting of trees will start as soon as we (PMCSC) receive the conditional NOC from the PMU/ADB".

It is inconceivable for WSSCA/CIU that if removal of few panels of a pre-cast boundary wall can be waited for an assured response, how the WTP contractor was allowed (or advised) to cut plenty of trees in such rush (within next couple of days) omitting the NOC procedure and without waiting for a response from WSSCA. Whereas the ADB's approved



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Tree Management Plan (SSEMP-Annexure VI), clearly states that PMCSC will obtain NOC from the employer (PMU), prior to cut the trees and being the owner of the site, WSSCA will coordinate with Forest Department. It is also advised in the said document that PMU / CIU will ensure the implementation of Tree Management Plant in coordination with District Forest Officer. So basically, PMCSC should have furnished a documentation with PMU for the NOC.

Unfortunately, the procedural protocols are not considered in this conscious action. Not only the forest department but also the ADB itself will certainly not please for the negligence of clear instructions in this matter.

WSSCA has already submitted a plea to the Project Director (KPCIP) and decided to NOT Intervene by all means in removal or shifting of the Cut Trees, unless a determined responsibility is accepted by or imposed over the individual / team for undeveloped decision in a resolute matter.

It is also mandatory to mention that WSSCA is a City Based Public Service Department having everyday liaison/interaction with other district departments and administration. Any move by KPCIP working partners that may harm the reverence or give an ill impression against WSSCA, shall be discussed and dealt with a serious attention.


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