Sub: Modification to clause of "Testing of Materials in CIDCO laboratory" under Special Conditions of Contract

Presently, Testing of construction materials/ samples are carried out in CIDCO laboratory, CIDCO / Govt. approved laboratory as well as site laboratories as per relevant clause under special condition of contract. Now this clause is modified as under:

CIDCO Laboratory at Sanpada Railway station has now obtained NABL accreditation and has well equipped testing facilities. Executive Engineers shall instruct their agencies to get samples of materials tested in CIDCO laboratory. Where site laboratory is established, Minimum 25% of the total test requirement shall be carried out in CIDCO Laboratory.

Where the site laboratory is not established, Executive Engineers shall instruct their agencies to get samples of materials tested in CIDCO laboratory to the extent of 50% of the total test requirement. The balance test may be carried out from any other Govt./ CIDCO approved Laboratory accredited by NABL or any other accreditation body which operates in accordance with ISO/IEC 17011 and accredits labs as per ISO/IEC 17025.

In case, the testing facility for any particular material is not available in CIDCO/Site Laboratory, the agencies may get the samples of the material tested from VJTI/IIT or any other Govt./ CIDCO approved Laboratory accredited by NABL or any other accreditation body which operates in accordance with ISO/IEC 17011 and accredits labs as per ISO/IEC 17025.

The results of the tests are normally binding on the CIDCO and the Contractors. The Engineer-in-charge is also empowered to reject or approve the material based on the test results. The necessary testing charges shall be borne by the contractor.

All EEs are requested to note the above for immediate implementation in ongoing works and also incorporate above modified clause of "Testing of Materials in CIDCO laboratory" under Special Conditions of Contract in all forthcoming tenders henceforth.

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