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From :—S. D. Khan, Esqr., B.A. T.Q.A.,
Joint Secretary to the Government of East Pakistan.

To :—The Chief Engineer,
Public Health Engineering, East Pakistan.

Subject :—Sinking and resinking of tubewells in rural areas during 1963-64.

The undersigned is directed to convey the sanction of Govt. to the sinking and resinking of 25,000 number of tubewells and excavation of ten surface tanks in the rural areas of the Province, during the current financial year (1963-64), at an estimated cost not exceeding Rs. 1,55,00,000/00 (Rupees one crore and fifty five lakhs only). The charge will proceed against the provision in the current year's budget under "80-Town Development Scheme—Rural Water Supply".

2. The broad break up of the total estimate of Rs. 1,55,00,000/00 is as follows :

	Estimated cost.
(a) Cost of materials including Centre's duty, sales tax and cost of their carriage to the Sub-divisional godowns.	Rs. 87,63,500/00
(b) Contribution to the Union Councils (through Thana Councils) @ Rs. 60/- per t.w. for payment towards skilled labour for 22,847 numbers t.w.s.	Rs. 13,70,820/00
(c) For sinking and resinking of 2153 numbers t.w.s. and 10 surface tanks departmentally.	Rs. 26,97,450/00

(ii)

Estimated cost.

(d) For meeting last year's liability.	Rs. 1,00,000/00
(e) For construction of godowns.	Rs. 3,00,000/00
(f) For cost of training of personnel of Union Councils in sinking re-sinking operation of t.w.s.	Rs. 3,00,000/00
(f) Estabt. and contingent charges.	Rs. 19,68,230/00
Total	<u>Rs. 1,55,00,000/00</u>

This amount shall not be spent until the training scheme is approved by Government.—

The details of work to be done departmentally, as mentioned in item (c) above, Appendix 'A' of the enclosed report of the Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineering may be referred to. The charges on account of unskilled labour for sinking and resinking of tubewells, cost of carriage of materials from the Sub-divisional godown to the site and the cost of construction of platform will be met from Union Fund concerned. Cement for construction of platform will be supplied by the P. H. Engineering Directorate.

3. Of the total number of 25,000 tubewells and 10 numbers surface tanks :—

(a) 21347 numbers of tubewells will be sunk or resunk through Thana Councils.

(b) 1500 numbers are kept reserved for allotment by Government to meet unforeseen needs of particular areas which in their opinion deserve special consideration. These tubewells will also be sunk through Thana Councils.

(c) Works relating to remaining 2153 numbers tubewells, out of which 100 numbers are placed at the disposal of the Chief Engineer Public Health as reserve quota in order that he may meet any emergent needs arising out of natural calamities or unforeseen circumstances, and 10 numbers surface tanks, will be sunk Departmentally.

The Thanawise distribution of 21347 Nos. of tubewells mentioned in item. (a) above will be, as shown in Appendix 'B' of the enclosed report of the Chief Engineer, Public Health.

4. The following procedure shall be followed in carrying out the current year's programme of sinking and resinking of tubewells :—

(a) Procurement of materials required for the entire programme (including those for repair-maintenance of the existing tubewells) and their distribution and despatch to the Subdivisional stores of the P. H. E. Directorate in good time will continue to be the responsibility of the said Directorate. Accounting of expenditure for procurement and distribution of the materials according to the P. W. procedure will also remain their responsibility.

(b) Contractors will have no place in the scheme of sinking and resinking of tubewells. Villagers will supply unskilled labour and whatever skilled labours, tools and implements are required for sinking and resinking will be provided by the Thana Councils.

(c) The entire responsibility for sinking and resinking of tubewells in a Thana shall vest in the Circle Officer (Dev.) of that Thana. He will select sites for both new sinking and resinking in consultation with the Union Councils and the Thana Councils and shall ensure that the number of tubewells allocated to the Thana are distributed among those several Unions in proportion to requirement and these are properly sunk and resunk by the Union Councils on the sites selected.

The C. O. will get prepared maps of each Union as well as of the Thana showing existing sites of tubewells and those to be sunk and resunk within each Union during the year. These maps shall form permanent record of Union Councils as well as of the Thana Council.

The C. O. shall also keep watch on the progress of work and see that the same is completed according to schedule. Any difficulty and bottleneck that may stand on the way of quick implementation of the programme should be promptly reported to the higher authority concerned and to Govt. if any.,

(d) Materials required for work in a Union shall be issued to Union Council from the Sub-Divisional Store on the order of the Circle Officer. The person authorised by the Circle Officer receiving the materials will sign proper receipt for the same. The materials will then be carried to the sites by respective Union Council and the tubewell sunk and resunk by it according to the direction of the Circle Officer either by voluntary labour or on payment out of their own resources. Construction of pucca platforms around the tubewells will also be the responsibility of the Union Council.

(e) Proper account of this expenditure and also of the materials received from the P. H. E. Directorate Stores will be maintained by the Thana Councils who will submit progress reports in prescribed form to the Sub-Assistant Engineers of the Public Health Engineering Directorate. The Circle officers will be responsible for seeing that proper accounts of materials are kept by the Thana Councils and periodical progress reports are submitted by them in the prescribed form to the Sub-Assistant Engineers in time.

(f) The Executive Engineers, P. H. E. and their staff will render technical assistance to the Thana and Union Councils and will work in close co-operation with them. The P. H. E. staff will be responsible for seeing that the work is done efficiently and in accordance with the technical standard.

(g) The Sub-divisional P. H. E. Officer and the Thana Mechanics of the P. H. E. Directorate will work under the direction of the Circle Officer and will also be responsible to the P. H. E. Directorate. The Sub-divisional P. H. E. Officer will carry out all orders of the Circle Officers. He may, however, refer any matter directly to the Superior Officers of his Deptt. for instruction and guidance.

