

CHAPTER – V : STORES AND STOCK

SECTION – B - PARAGRAPH

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

5.1 Injudicious procurement of materials resulted in loss and idle outlay of materials

Loss of Rs.13.16 lakh due to injudicious procurement of material beside idle outlay of materials of Rs.15.18 lakh for the period ranging from 4 to 12 years

5.1.1 Under the Rules all purchases are to be made in a most economical manner and in accordance with definite requirement of public service. At the same time, care is to be taken not to purchase stores far in advance of actual requirement, if such purchase are likely to prove unprofitable to Government.

5.1.2 Test-check (May 2000) of records of Capital 'B' Division revealed that the Division between April 1988 and March 1996, procured 82 items of various materials like paints, water proofing compound, G.I. Specials, carpets, white glazed tiles, glass pane, garden umbrella etc. valued at Rs.23.54 lakh against 'stock' as well as 'works' without assessment of actual requirement. These items were lying idle for periods ranging from 4 to 12 years (May 2000). The physical verification of stores in November 1999 revealed that materials worth Rs.13.16 lakh were unserviceable owing to prolonged storage.

5.1.3 Similarly, Seppa Public Works Division during March 1989, purchased some parts of Road Roller and Jeep valued at Rs.4.80 lakh without any assessment of requirement. The materials so procured were lying in stock till May 2000 for more than 11 years. The Division has not taken any action either to dispose of the materials by auction or by transfer to other needy divisions (March 2001).

5.1.4 Thus, the injudicious procurement of materials and the inability of the divisions to dispose of the same before the materials became unserviceable, resulted in loss to the Government to the tune of Rs.13.16 lakh. The materials valued at Rs.15.18 lakh were still lying idle without any issue for the period ranging from 4 to 12 years.

5.1.5 On these being pointed out (September 2000), Capital 'B' division while accepting the fact stated (January 2001) that necessary Survey report for

the unserviceable materials was under preparation. The Seppa Public Works Division has, however, not furnished any reply.

5.1.6 The matter was referred to Government in September 2000; reply has not been received (December 2001).