

CHAPTER V
STORES AND STOCK

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Loss due to injudicious procurement

Procurement of material by the E.E., PWD, Guwahati Road Division without assessing the actual requirement and even non transfer of the same in time to other needy divisions resulted in an avoidable loss of Rs.24.86 lakh.

5.1 As per Assam Financial Rules, procurement of material involving an outlay of Rs.10,000 or above should in all cases be covered by an estimate keeping in view the requirement of material for the works in hand or works to be taken up in the near future.

5.2 Test-check (June 2000) of records of the Executive Engineer, PWD Road Division-I, Guwahati revealed that 1083.782 tonne of steel material such as MS Coil, Channel, Iron angle, MS Rod etc., worth Rs.77.97 lakh were received between August 1982 and April 1994. Out of this 352.975 tonne of material valued at Rs.24.86 lakh remained unutilised. The materials were declared (May 1999) unserviceable by the Executive Engineer (Appendix-XXV). Based on his survey report, the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (Roads) sanctioned (May 2000) disposal of the material. The Division had not taken any step for disposal of the material.

5.3 The injudicious procurement of material without assessing the actual requirement and laxity on the part of the department in not transferring the same to other needy divisions thus, resulted in an avoidable loss of Rs.24.86 lakh to Government.

5.4 The matter was reported to government in February 2001; their reply had not been received (October 2001).