



# GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM

## ROADS AND BRIDGES DEPARTMENT



# SIKKIM PUBLIC WORKS CODE

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## **PREFACE**

The Public Works Code and Manual was first published in Sikkim in 1983. Since then, no revision or amendment to the Code and Manual has been undertaken, inspite of the fact that large number of changes have been incorporated in Government procedures regarding withdrawal of money from the Government accounts. Payment procedures have been decentralized and located in the respective District Headquarters. The system of payment to contractors/ suppliers of the Works Departmental level have been done away with. Accordingly, revision and amendment of the existing Public Works Code and Manual has been felt to be long overdue that required an overhauling to synchronize with the changed scenario of decentralized process of the State Government.

The revised Code and Manual is applicable to all the Works Departments where the Government has approved establishment of Civil Engineering Cells / Wings. Other Government Departments / Agencies and Private Sector Undertakings are also expected to adhere to the provisions included in this Code and Manual.

Provisions in the Code and Manual have been revised and amended to encompass higher quantum and varied areas of works that the State Government Departments are being called upon to execute. A Committee of Technical Officers, belonging to various Works Department of the State Government has been involved in the drafting. The Code and Manual from the other States of the country have also been studied and consulted. Efforts have been made to delete all irrelevant provisions in the earlier Code and Manual and incorporate only those provisions that are relevant to our State in the decentralized method of accounting. The State's Financial Rules have also been consulted and all relevant Office Memoranda, Circulars etc. have also been referred to.

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It needs to be admitted that there has been a slight delay in bringing out this amended Code and Manual. However, a work of this significance and magnitude, requiring quasi-legal scrutiny, cannot be rushed. Nevertheless, some errors may have inadvertently crept into the text. It is requested that such errors, if any, be brought to the notice of the undersigned for immediate rectifications.

The procedures prescribed in this Manual are supplementary to the relevant provisions made in the Sikkim Financial Rules 1979.

It is hoped that all Works Departments scrupulously follow the provisions in this Code and Manual for the betterment of the Engineering Service in the State.

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