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In the year, 1981 a contract for earth work with estimated cost of about Rs. 4.75 lacs was awarded at 31.4% above the estimated cost. The time allowed for executing this work of earth work was only 15 days.

Apparently, the time of 15 days for executing work of this magnitude was too short and it was not practically possible to complete this work in the time allowed of 15 days.

Another ill effect of stipulating very short and unreasonable time is that the required numbers of contractors sometimes do not come forward for giving tenders for such work which results in less competition. Also in view of the short time duration allowed, the contractors tend to assume that they have to engage extra labour or they have to pay over time payment to labour and accordingly they quote comparatively higher rates.

Towards off these ill effects resulting in less competition and receipt of higher rates in tenders, it is enjoined on all concerned that even in emergent works a reasonable and appropriate time should be stipulated in the tender documents so that it is practically possible for the contractor to complete the job in the stipulated period, which is fixed from other normal considerations or administrative exigencies.

All concerned are directed to keep these instructions in mind while calling tenders, and act appropriately keeping all factors in view.

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