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A deviation limit is set out in the agreement of all works. This deviation limit determines the quantities which may be increased or decreased under the provisions of clause 12 from the original quantities mentioned in the schedule of the agreement.

In accordance with the provisions of para 101 of CPWD Code a Divisional Officer is strictly prohibited from making or permitting any deviations except trifling deviations from any sanctioned design in the course of the executions, except under specific authority or in the case of emergency.

The change in the specifications from those indicated in the contract documents should be made with the specific orders of the authority competent to issue technical sanction to the detailed estimate for the project. The fact is that the deviations are shown in the architectural plan should not be considered as having financial sanction of the competent authority.

It has been observed that in certain cases under the pretext of this deviation limit extra DUs are taken up by the field divisions which is incorrect and has been viewed very seriously. It is, therefore, clarified that the deviation limit mentioned in the agreement relates to the quantities which may increase/decrease due to unforeseen circumstances like cropping up of extra/substituted items, change in the design of work etc. Under no circumstances, the scope of work will be enlarged by taking up extra DUs under the pretext of deviation limit given in the agreement.

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