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I have now realized that most of the Executive Engineers and perhaps some SEs also are feeling that the responsibility for quality control stops with the inspection by the Chief Engineer (CE) and attention to his paras. This view is incorrect. Chief Engineer (CE)'s inspections are of random nature and are only representative. Chief Engineer (CE) also perhaps cannot see the work procedures etc. during the total working period of any work. The quality of the work depends upon the materials used, procedures followed and attention given to each and every aspect of the work, precautions taken for ensuring the quality and the workmanship. Thus it is principally the responsibility of the field officers to ensure the quality of work and take appropriate action with the help of CPWD Specifications and the contract conditions. Powers are given to the various field officers to stop defective work, rectify defective work and above all ensure steps for proper work which does not call for subsequent dismantling. There is no substitute for this except frequent inspections by the various officers at the level of EEs/SEs. The EEs/SEs should also issue proper inspection notes and also guide the lower formations in implementing the various contract conditions for ensuring quality. The site order book is an important document which is to be invariably seen and made use of by all inspecting officers.

It is, therefore, enjoined upon all the officers in-charge of works to ensure that the quality is kept up. Action against negligent officials/officers shall be initiated in time. It is very necessary that the junior officials shall be made to understand the various correct work procedures, tests to be conducted and records to be maintained. Senior officers should ensure that the systems are properly enforced and where violations are noticed, strong action is taken.

To get into this practice, Chief Engineers should look into these aspects and enforce the systems.

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I would also request the CEs/SEs/EEs to send me at least one inspection report per month out of the inspection reports issued by them. Inspection reports should cover the buildings, services, horticulture and also the maintenance aspects from time to time. In the inspection reports, the name of the work and name of the contractor should also be mentioned alongwith the names of officials/officers involved of the works. These reports should be reaching my office 15th from 1st December, 1987 onwards.

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