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### CIRCULAR

- Sub: PWD – Administration – Use of Ready Mix Concrete manufactured from BIS certified plants -Orders issued reg.
- Ref:
- (i) Minutes of the 1st Meeting of State Level Committee on Standardisation under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary held on 27.03.2023.
  - (ii) Minutes of Meeting of Standardisation Cell held on 27/09/2024.
  - (iii) Minutes of Meeting of Chief Engineers Committee meeting held on 26/10/2024.

As per the Minutes of State Level Committee on Standardisation under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary it is noted that Kerala is currently having one Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) certified Ready Mix Concrete (RMC) Plant in the State. Hence, the Committee agreed to advise the concerned departments namely PWD, Highways Department and Water Resources Department[WRD] to insist on BIS certified Ready Mix Concrete as per IS:4926. The matter was discussed in the 1st meeting of the Standardisation Cell constituted for PWD and decided to collect the details of Certified RMC plant in the State from field level officers. The details collected were discussed in the 2nd meeting of Standardisation Cell, PWD. It was observed that some of the RMC Plants have ISO/QCI Certifications, but, only one plant has BIS certification and most of the RMC Plants do not have any certification.

To comply with the decision of the State Level Committee on Standardization, it was decided in the second meeting of PWD Standardisation Cell to recommend the Chief Engineer's Committee to issue Technical Circular regarding the BIS Certification of RMC Plants. Also it was decided to recommend Chief Engineers Committee to allow a minimum time gap of 6 months for the existing RMC plants to get BIS certification. This matter has been discussed in the Chief Engineers Committee meeting held on 26/10/2024 and the committee approved the recommendation of the Standardisation Cell, PWD.

Order is hereby issued insisting that **Ready Mix Concrete manufactured from BIS certified Plants shall only be used in PWD projects**. Further, considering the time period required for getting BIS certification for the existing RMC plants, it is informed that above direction shall come into force with effect from 6 months from date of issue of this order. In this regard, it is also clarified that any other certifications such ISO, QCI, etc. are not equivalent to BIS Certification.

**Chief Engineer**

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