

**Ministry of Defence**  
**D(Works-II)**

**Subject: Rates of recovery of water charges by Military Engineer Services-reg.**


Reference Ministry of Defence Order No. 9(2)2002/D(Works) dated 01.10.2003 on the above subject (copy enclosed).

2. The clarification issued by CGDA vide their letter No. AT-X/Complaint/Vol. VI dated 06.07.2018 was issued is beyond their jurisdiction and it also improper in the sense as it allowed reimbursement to service personnel at Gross Water Bill whereas existing Government of India order provides reimbursement only with respect to water charges and not to any other charges like sewerage charges, service charges, usage charges etc. Accordingly, CGDA was directed to withdraw their clarification issued vide their letter No. AT-X/Complaint/Vol. VI dated 06.07.2018 with effect from date issue i.e., 06.07.2018 vide this Ministry O.M No. 9(1)/2017/D(Works-II) dated 04<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 (copy enclosed).

3. In view of above, E-in-C's Branch and QMG's Branch is directed to charge the balance amount which was not charged due to clarification issued by CGDA vide their letter No. AT-X/Complaint/Vol. VI dated 06.07.2018.

4. This issues with the approval of **Additional Secretary**.

Encl: As above.

  
(Vishnu Dutta Jha)  
Under Secretary to the Government of India

**E-in-C**  
**QMG**

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MoD ID No. 9(1)/2017/D(Works-II) dated 04.04.2019

Copy to :

1. **Dir (Pol/Qtr)/QMG's Branch** for wide circulation and necessary action.

✓ 2. **Dir Automation Cell/E-in-C's Branch** for uploading on MES Website for necessary action.

No 9(2)2002/D(Works)  
 Government of India  
 Ministry of Defence  
 New Delhi 01 Oct 2003

To

The Chief of the Army Staff  
 The Chief of the Naval Staff  
 The Chief of the Air Staff

**RATES OF RECOVERY OF WATER CHARGES BY MES**

Sir,

1. I am directed to state that President in partial modification of the Govt, MoD letter No. 9(4)/97/D(Works) dated 07 Dec 1998, is pleased to revise the rates of recovery of water charges by MES as per the instructions contained in succeeding paragraphs.

**Water Charges**

2. With effect from date of issue of this letter, recovery rates for supply of water by MES has been fixed as under: -

(a) For Service Personnel and Defence  
 Civilian residing in Cantonment/  
 Military Areas

To be charged at prevailing rates of  
 recovery by local/State Jal Boards/  
 Water Supplying Agencies i.e. rates  
 at which general public living in  
 adjoining colonies is being charged  
 by State Jal Boards/Water supplying  
 Agencies.

(c) Civilians (Other than Defence civilian)  
 Domestic Consumers.

- do -

(c) Cantonment Boards

All-in-Cost rate of preceding year.

(d) Private consumers like contractors &  
 other installations & workshop, commercial  
 consumers & other bulk consumers.

- do -

3. Charges for water from service personnel will be recovered at half rates given in para 2 above.

4. The above instructions will remain in force from the date of issue till further orders.

5. This issues with concurrence of Min of Defence (Fin) vide their UO No.423/F/W-III dated 18 Aug 2003.

Yours faithfully,



(B.P. Sharma)  
 Deputy Secretary to the Govt of India

**No. 9(1)/2017/D(Works-II)**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Defence**

**Sena Bhawan, Rajaji Marg,**  
**New Delhi, 04<sup>th</sup> April, 2019**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Rates of recovery of water charges by Military Engineer Services-reg.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry Order No. 9(2)2002/D(Works) dated 01.10.2003 on the above subject.

2. Ministry Order No. 9(2)2002/D(Works) dated 01.10.2003 was issued with the approval of Hon'ble Raksha Mantri with the concurrence of MoD(Finance) and it was issued in a manner that it will remain in force until further orders. The authority having jurisdiction on the subject is Ministry of Defence and Hon'ble Raksha Mantri as the Competent Authority to bring about any change/clarification etc.

3. The MoD Order dated 01.10.2003 states that charges for water from service personnel will be recovered at half rate i.e., at a half rate at which general public living in adjoining colonies is being charged by State Jal Board/Water Supplying Agencies. This reimbursement is applicable only to water charges and not to any other charges like sewerage charges, service charges, usage charges etc. Hence, reimbursement is to be considered only with respect to water component of bills and not at Gross Water Bill.

4. CGDA vide letter No. AT-X/Complaint/Vol.VI dated 06.07.2018 had issued clarification on re-imbursement of water charges stating that reimbursement of water charges bill in respect of Service Personnel, occupying Govt. accommodation in MES as well as Non-MES areas, may be admitted at the rate of 50% of the gross water bill. This clarification by CGDA is not only issued beyond their jurisdiction but also bound to have huge financial implication/loss to Government Exchequer.

5. Therefore, in view of above, it is directed that clarification issued vide letter No. AT-X/Complaint/Vol.VI dated 06.07.2018 be withdrawn with effect from its date of issue i.e., 06.07.2018.

6. This issues with the approval of **Additional Secretary**.



**(Vishnu Dutta Jha)**

**Under Secretary to the Government of India**

**Tel: 23016237**

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**CGDA**

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