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OFFICE ORDER

Subject:- Adhering to building code.

The competent Authority is directed to convey the following steps to be taken by Field staff regarding building code as recent severe earthquake in Myanmar (7.7 in Richter scale) had highlighted the importance of adhering to building codes and ensuring the structural integrity of critical building infrastructure in Delhi:-

1. To take immediate action on the status of buildings in Delhi under PWD maintenance, on the following key parameters:
 - (i) Strict Compliance with Building Codes, Bye-Laws etc.
 - (ii) Ensure that all PWD construction projects in Delhi strictly adhere to the National Building Code, local bye-laws etc.
 - (iii) Conduct regular inspections to verify compliance and take enforcement action against any deviations.
 - (iv) Make compliance with building codes a non-negotiable policy imperative.
2. Following action is directed as retrofitting critical infrastructure is also highly important;
 - (i) Identify critical infrastructure such as hospitals, schools, fire stations, police stations, and other essential building structures in Delhi.
 - (ii) Conduct vulnerability assessments to determine the need for retrofitting or seismic upgrading.
 - (iii) Develop a plan to retrofit or upgrade these structures to ensure they can withstand seismic activity and other natural disasters.
3. Immediate implementation, with regular inspections and enforcement actions shall be ensured. Further, develop a plan within three months, with implementation to begin thereafter on retrofitting critical infrastructure.
4. Also, submit a '**way forward**' report including compliance with building codes and retrofitting critical infrastructure, by 30.04.2025. By taking these steps, the safety and resilience of Delhi's building infrastructure under the domain of PWD and protecting the lives of citizens can be ensured.

This issues with the approval of Engineer-in-Chief, PWD, GNCTD.

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Director (Works.)
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