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**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**General Administration Department**

(Administration Section)

Civil Secretariat,  
 Srinagar/Jammu

Subject: Delay in making payments to small contractors.

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It has been observed that sometimes inordinate delay takes place in making payment of legitimate dues to contractors engaged by the Government Departments. In one such case of one Abdul Rehman Batloo, the Hon'ble High Court in LPA No. 15/2007 CMP No. 17/2007 (where the payment has now been made by the Health Department after 19 years under court orders) has observed in its order dated 24-07-2007 in LPA No. 15/2007 CMP No. 17/2007 that such action of the concerned authorities and shocking delays need to be deprecated and has asked the Chief Secretary of the State to "take appropriate steps so that such shocking delays in making payment of contractual dues to small contractors do not take place in future".

All Financial Commissioners/Principal Secretaries/Commissioners/Secretaries are therefore advised to take immediate steps in their respective Departments to ensure that legitimate dues of small contractors as admissible under rules are paid expeditiously and in a transparent manner subject to availability of budgetary provisions.

Financial Commissioner, Planning and Development Department and Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Finance Department are requested to consider sympathetically any proposals for increased budgetary provision from the Administrative Departments to enable them to make payment of legitimate and verified dues as are admissible under rules to the small contractors in a timely manner without delays.

  
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Principal Secretary to Government  
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