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BUILDING ORGANISATION**

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (BUILDINGS), CHEPAUK, CHENNAI - 600 005**

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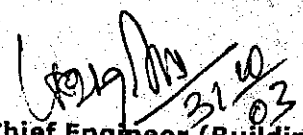
**Sub: Buildings - Plinth Area Rates for the preparation of  
Rough Cost Estimate for building schemes during  
the period 2003-2004 - approved and  
communicated for adoption - regarding.**

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The Plinth Area Rates for the purpose of preparation of Rough Cost Estimate for building schemes for the year 2003-2004 are approved as indicated in Annexure I, II, III, IV & V. The Superintending Engineers of Building Organisation are requested to adopt the above rates for preparing the rough cost estimate for building works.

The Superintending Engineers are requested to acknowledge the receipt of this circular memorandum along with its enclosures.

Encl.: Annexures-I, II, III, IV & V.

  
**For Chief Engineer (Buildings)**

**To**  
**The Superintending Engineers of Buildings Organisation**

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# ANNEXURE - I

## PLINTH AREA RATES FOR THE YEAR 2003-2004 FOR THE PREPARATION OF ROUGH COST ESTIMATE

Sl. No.	Type of Building	For works in Moffusil (other than corporation limits)			For works in Corporation Limits					
		Foundation	Super Structure	Roof Finishing	In Trichy, Salem, Madurai, and Tirunelveli			In Chennai & Coimbatore		
					Foundation	Super Structure	Roof Finishing	Foundation	Super Structure	Roof Finishing
(Rate in Rupees per 1 sq.m.)										
1.	Residential Load Bearing	1300	2950	450	1365	3100	475	1430	3170	485
	Framed	1500	4000	450	1575	4200	475	1650	4300	485
2.	Non-Residential Load Bearing	1000	2500	450	1050	2625	475	1100	2690	485
	Framed	1500	3000	450	1575	3150	475	1650	3225	485
3.	Hospital Load Bearing	1000	2800	450	1050	2940	475	1100	3010	485
	Framed	1500	4200	450	1575	4410	475	1650	4515	485

### Note:-

- (1) For the calculation of Foundation Cost, Plinth area at Ground level of the building is to be taken.
- (2) For the calculation of Super Structure cost, plinth area of respective floor of the building is to be taken.
- (3) For the calculation of Roof finishing cost, Plinth area at Ground level of the building is to be taken.
- (4) For School Buildings - the Super Structure cost will be 80% of Super Structure cost of Non-Residential Buildings.
- (5) For stilt floor towards Car parking, Garages, Cycle shed, Staircase Head Rooms etc., - the plinth area rate will be 65% of Super Structure cost of Non-residential building.
- (6) For basement floor, an extra 25% over the super structure cost of respective type of building is to be added.

- (7) In framed structure, where dummy columns are to be provided, a rate of Rs.150/m<sup>2</sup> of plinth area for Residential Building and a rate of Rs.125/m<sup>2</sup> for Hospital Buildings and Non-residential Buildings is to be allowed.
- (8) For upper floors, an extra @ Rs.10/m<sup>2</sup> may be added towards lift charges for each floor.
- (9) The additional rates allowed in the schedule of rates for works in Jails, Reserve forests, Hills and other Special tracts etc., shall be added to the above plinth area rates for works in respective areas.
- (10) For works in the belt area of Chennai City, the plinth area rate applicable for Chennai City shall be adopted.
- (11) For works in coastal area a rate of Rs.35.00/m<sup>2</sup> over the basic rate as approved in the table above, (for the total plinth area) shall be added for providing concrete of higher grade.
- (12) For super structure for Earth-quake prone areas, the rates in Annexure V shall be adopted.
- (13) All the above provisions shall be added only on the basic rates as approved in the table above.

**(14) PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN FOUNDATION RATE:**

- (a) The rate given for foundation is applicable for Ground Floor + 2 Floors in the case of Load bearing structure.
- (b) The rate given for foundation is applicable for Ground Floor + 3 Floors in the case of Framed structure.
- (c) The rate given for foundation is to be calculated based on plinth area at Ground Floor of the building only.
- (d) The depth of foundation is 1.5 m below G.L. and is of conventional stepped footing in the case of Load bearing structure.
- (e) The depth of foundation is 1.8 m below G.L. and is of isolated footing in the case of Framed Structure.
- (f) The foundation rate is inclusive of Earth Work, Sand filling, PCC 1:5:10, Brick Work in Cement Mortar, Re-filling the sides of foundation, Plinth beam including cost of centering, Reinforced Cement Concrete, steel, Damp Proof Course, Sand filling in basement and flooring concrete in Ground Floor in the case of Load bearing structure.
- (g) The foundation rate is inclusive of Earth Work, Sand filling, PCC 1:5:10 for mat concrete, reinforced cement concrete, centering, Steel for column footing, Pedestal, Column, Re-filling the sides of

foundation, plinth beam, Brick work / Random Rubble in Cement Mortar, Damp Proof Course, Sand filling in basement and flooring concrete in Ground Floor in the case of framed structure.

- (h) The foundation rates are applicable for building with basement at 0.6m height from ground level.

**(15) PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN SUPER STRUCTURE RATE:**

- (a) This rate is inclusive of Brick work, RCC, Steel, Centering, Plastering, joinery items with steel frames and M.D.F. shutter for doors, steel glazed windows and steel glazed ventilators, Grano flooring 25 mm thick in <sup>the</sup> case of residential & non residential buildings, mosaic tile flooring in <sup>the</sup> case of Hospital building and Rain water down fall pipe of adequate dia.
- (b) The height of each floor has been taken as 3.30 m average.
- (c) This rate is inclusive of provision for Anti skid ceramic tile flooring and glazed tile dadoing in Toilets.
- (d) This rate is inclusive of plastering with Cement Mortar 1:5, 12 mm thick, white washing two coats over one coat of white washing for interior walls and colour washing two coats over one coat of white washing for exterior faces.

**(16) PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN ROOF FINISHING RATE:**

- (a) This rate is inclusive of weathering course, finishing with pressed tiles, providing parapet wall with Brick work in Cement Mortar, plastering, white washing for interior faces and colour washing for exterior walls.

**(17) EXTRA PROVISIONS TO BE ALLOWED OVER THE ABOVE RATE:**

- (a) **In Foundation:-**

Sl.No.	Type of foundation	Rate in Rupees per one sq.m.	Area to which applicable
(i)	For stub column arrangements for Load bearing structure	400	plinth area at Ground level
(ii)	For combined footing	250	plinth area at Ground level
(iii)	For strip raft	1000	plinth area at Ground level
(iv)	For raft (Floating Raft)	1500	plinth area at Ground level

Sl.No.	Type of foundation	Rate in Rupees per one sq.m.	Area to which applicable
(v)	For every additional 0.3m basement height	150	plinth area at Ground level
(vi)	For every additional 0.3 m depth in foundation	100	plinth area at Ground level
(vii)	For every additional floor over initial Ground + 3 floors in case of Framed structure	200	Respective floor area
(viii)	For Anti-termite treatment	50	plinth area at Ground level
(ix)	<b>Pile Foundation</b>		
	(a) Upto 4 storeys for a depth of 15m	3500	plinth area at Ground level
	(b) More than 4 storeys but less than 8 floors	4500	plinth area at Ground level
	(c) More than 8 floors	6125	plinth area at Ground level
	(d) <b>Add</b> extra for every one metre depth, if the depth of pile exceeds 15m	200	plinth area at Ground level
	(e) <b>Deduct</b> for every one metre depth, if the depth of pile is less than 15m	100	plinth area at Ground level
Note: If bored cast insitu piles are proposed add extra 10% over the pile foundation rate workedout, towards Bentonite etc.,			

**(b) IN SUPER STRUCTURE:-**

Sl.No	Description of work	Rate	
(i)	<b>For every additional 1 m height</b> over the initial height of 3.30 m	Rs.230/m <sup>2</sup>	
(ii)	<b>Flooring:-</b> (Actual area of flooring has to be considered)	In Residential & Non-residential Buildings	In Hospital Buildings
	(a) Grey colour mosaic tiles	Rs.300/m <sup>2</sup>	NIL
	(b) Other colour mosaic tiles	Rs.400/m <sup>2</sup>	Rs.100/m <sup>2</sup>
	(c) Ceramic tiles (not less than 305 x 305 x 6 mm size)	Rs.400/m <sup>2</sup>	Rs.100/m <sup>2</sup>
	(d) Marble (macrona) (not less than 600 x 600 x 18mm size)	Rs.850/m <sup>2</sup>	Rs.550/m <sup>2</sup>
	(e) Marble (White) (not less than 600 x 600 x 18 mm size)	Rs.950/m <sup>2</sup>	Rs.650/m <sup>2</sup>

	(f) Marble (Adanga) (not less than 600 x 600 x 18 mm size)	Rs.750/m <sup>2</sup>	Rs.450/m <sup>2</sup>
	(g) Marbonite tiles (not less than 600 x 600 x 8 mm size)	Rs.950/m <sup>2</sup>	Rs.650/m <sup>2</sup>
	(h) Rajasthan Kota Stone (Plain)	Rs.550/m <sup>2</sup>	Rs.250/m <sup>2</sup>
	(i) Rajasthan Kota stone (Laid in combination with marble strips)	Rs.700/m <sup>2</sup>	Rs.400/m <sup>2</sup>
	(j) Cuddappa slab	Rs.250/m <sup>2</sup>	Not recommended
(iii)	<b>Joinery:</b> (for any joinery like Aluminium (or) any other equivalent types of joineries if proposed) – Add extra	Rs.250/m <sup>2</sup> of floor area.	
(iv)	<b>Cement painting if proposed:-</b>		
	(a) For internal faces and External faces	Rs.200/m <sup>2</sup> based on floor area	
	(b) For external faces only	Rs.100/m <sup>2</sup> based on floor area	

  
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# ANNEXURE - II

## OPTIONAL ITEMS

Sl.No.	Description of work	Rate in Rupees per one sq.m.	Area to which applicable
(1)	<b>False ceiling (if proposed):-</b>		
	(a) False ceiling with plain Gypsum board using G.I. channel sections etc.,	650	Ceiling area proposed
	(b) False ceiling with perforated Gypsum board using G.I. channel sections etc.,		
	(i) Without Glass wool	750	Ceiling area proposed
	(ii) with Glass wool 50mm thick below A.C. sheet roofing	900	Ceiling area proposed
	(iii) with Glass wool 25mm thick below R.C.C. roofing	825	Ceiling area proposed
(2)	<b>Wall Panelling (with Gypsum board) if proposed:-</b>		
	(a) Wall panelling with perforated Gypsum board with Glass wool of 25mm thick	750	Wall panelling area proposed
	(b) Wall panelling with plain Gypsum board without Glass wool	600	Wall panelling area proposed

  
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### ANNEXURE – III

#### ELECTRICAL, WATER SUPPLY AND SANITARY ITEMS OF WORKS

Sl.No.	Description of work	Rate in Rupees per one sq.m.	Area to which applicable
(1)	<b>A.C. Provision for office buildings and in Hospitals, (if proposed):-</b>		
	(a) For non-ductable A.C. units	3000	Floor area proposed
	(b) For ductable type A.C. plants	4000	Floor area proposed
<b>Note</b> The above rates are not inclusive of civil works such as construction of plant room, false ceiling, etc.			

(2)	<b>Lift (if proposed):-</b>	
	<b>(a) Passenger Lift</b>	
	(i) 8 persons capacity (Upto Ground + Four floors)	Rs. 9.00 lakhs
	(ii) 10 persons capacity (Upto Ground + Four floors)	Rs. 10.00 lakhs
	(iii) 13 persons capacity (Upto Ground + Four floors)	Rs. 11.00 lakhs
	<b>(b) Bed-cum-Passenger Lift</b>	
	(i) 15 persons capacity (Upto Ground + Four floors)	Rs. 15.00 lakhs
	(ii) 20 persons capacity (Upto Ground + Four floors)	Rs. 16.00 lakhs
	(iii) 26 persons capacity (Upto Ground + Four floors)	Rs. 17.00 lakhs
	<b>(c) Dump Lift</b> (Upto Ground + Four floors)	Rs. 5.00 lakhs
<b>Note:</b> 1. Provision for civil works such as construction of lift pit, shaft, machine room, etc., are not included in the above rates. 2. <b>For passenger lift and bed-cum-passenger lift</b> – For every additional floor over the Ground + Four floors an extra at Rs. 75,000/- shall be allowed for each floor. 3. <b>For Dump lift</b> – For every additional floor over the Ground + Four floors an extra at Rs. 30,000/- shall be allowed for each floor. 4. For lift pit an extra at Rs. 8,000/- per sq. mt. of lift well sectional area shall be allowed.		



Sl.No.	Description of work	Rate
(3)	<b>High Tension Supply:-</b>	
	(i) With transformer upto 250 KVA	Rs. 15.00 lakhs
	(ii) With transformer upto 500 KVA	Rs. 25.00 lakhs
	(iii) With transformer upto 1000 KVA	Rs. 40.00 lakhs
<b>Note:</b> 1. Rates are inclusive of service connection charges payable to TNEB. 2. Provision for civil works such as, construction of transformer, MV panel room etc., are not included in the above rates.		


(4)	<b>Generator Set:</b>	
	(i) 100 KVA capacity	Rs. 8.00 lakhs
	(ii) 125 KVA capacity	Rs. 9.00 lakhs
	(iii) 160 KVA capacity	Rs. 11.00 lakhs
	(iv) 250 KVA capacity	Rs. 18.00 lakhs
<b>Note:</b> 1. Cost of construction of Generator room not included in the above rates.		

(5)	<b>Cold storage facilities for Mortuary:</b>	
	(i) 9 Bodies capacity	Rs. 9.00 lakhs
	(ii) 12 Bodies capacity	Rs. 11.00 lakhs
<b>Note:</b> 1. Cost of Mortuary building not included in the above rates.		

(6)	<b>Public Address System:</b>	
	For mini Conference Hall / Meeting Hall	Rs. 3.00 lakhs
(7)	<b>Intercom</b> with EPABX arrangements upto 300 lines	Rs. 15.00 lakhs
(8)	<b>Lightning Arrester</b> (For more than 5 storeys)	Rs. 2.00 lakhs
(9)	Civil Aviation lights. for buildings more than 8 storeys	Rs. 1.00 lakh

(10)	Internal Water Supply, Sanitary Arrangements & Electrical Arrangements			
Sl.No	Type of Buildings	Water Supply	Sanitary Arrangements	Electrical Arrangements
Rate in rupees per one sq.m.				
1	Residential	250	200	450
2	Non-Residential	200	150	400
3	Hospital	250	200	450

(11)	External Water Supply, Sanitary Arrangements & Electrical Arrangements						
Sl.No	Type of Building	Water Supply		Sanitary Arrangements		Electrical Arrangements	
		Within existing well developed campus	New campus	Within existing well developed campus	New campus	Within existing well developed campus	New campus
		Rate in rupees per one sq.m.					
1	Residential	150	300	50	100	150	300
2	Non-Residential	150	300	50	100	150	300
3	Hospital	150	300	50	100	150	300
<b>Note:</b> 1. The above rate is applicable only for ground and first floors on plinth area basis. 2. For every upper floor over the basic ground and first floor, 50% of respective floor area alone shall be taken into account for making provision towards external water supply and sanitary arrangements. 3. For every upper floor over the basic ground and first floor, 20% of respective floor area alone shall be taken into account for making provision towards external electrification arrangements.							


  
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## ANNEXURE - IV

### OTHER PROVISIONS

Sl.No.	Description of work	Rate
(1)	Construction of compound wall to a normal height of 1.50m from ground level with required number of gates, grills, etc.,	Rs. 900 / RM.
(2)	<b>Approach Road</b>	
	(a) Forming approach road in layers of 450 mm thick sand gravel mix of ratio 1:1 as base layer, W.B.M. Laid in two layers of 75 mm thick each (total 150 mm thick) including cost of small culverts come across, forming berms, etc.,	Rs.250 / sq.m.
	(b) Black topping over WBM including tack coat and seal coat	Rs.75 / sq.m.
(3)	<b>Pavement around the building</b>	
	(a) For a width of 1.2 m	Rs.500 / RM.
	(b) For a width of 2.0 m	Rs.800 / RM.
<b>Note:</b> Pavement around the building is to be done for a width of 1.20 m if the sub soil is of ordinary nature; and it is to be done for a width of 2.0 m, if the sub soil is of expansive soil.  The above rates include provision for earth work excavation to a depth of 450 mm, PCC 1:5:10, sand filling, kerb wall with Brick work in cement mortar at external face of pavement, one impervious layer, cost of precast pavement slab of specified shape with pointing etc.,		
(4)	<b>Finishing the Elevation</b>	
	(a) For all buildings	Not exceeding 1% of total value of Building
	(b) For prestigious / Heritage Buildings	Not exceeding 2½% of total value of building
(5)	Soil investigation (minimum)	Rs.20,000/-
	<b>Note:</b> If the area is more, higher provision towards soil investigation may be allowed.	
(6)	Advertisement Charges	Provision is to be made depending on the norms prescribed for publication in Newspapers.
(7)	Provision for foundation stone laying and inaugural function	To be made only for works costing over Rs. 10.00 lakhs at Rs. 13,000/- (Rs.3,000/- + Rs.10,000/-)

(8)	Rain Water Harvesting	Rs.7000/- pit
(9)	Provision for Lawn (optional)	
	(a) Residential	@ 1.50 % of building cost
	(b) Hospital & Non-Residential	@ 3.0 % of building cost
(10)	Labour Welfare Fund	@ 0.3 % of building cost
(11)	Unforeseen Items	@ 2.5 % of building cost
(12)	P.S. charges and Contingencies	@ 2.5 % of building cost

  
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**ANNEXURE - V**  
**PLINTH AREA RATE FOR SUPER STRUCTURE**  
**OF EARTH QUAKE RESISTANT STRUCTURES**

Sl.No.	Type of building	MOFFUSIL	TRICHY, SALEM, MADURAI & TIRUNELVELI	CHENNAI & COIMBAOR E
		RATE IN RUPEES PER 1 SQ.M. FOR EVERY FLOOR		
<b>1</b>	<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>			
	(a) Load bearing (upto G + 2)	3175	3335	3495
	(b) Framed Structure			
	(i) upto two Floor	4000	4200	4300
	(ii) 3 & 4 <sup>th</sup> Floors	4000	4200	4300
	(iii) 5 & 6 <sup>th</sup> Floors	4400	4620	4840
	(iv) 7 & 8 <sup>th</sup> Floors	4400	4620	4840
	(v) above 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor	4400	4620	4840
	(vi) Stilt Floor	2800	2940	3080
<b>2</b>	<b>NON RESIDENTIAL</b>			
	(a) Load bearing (upto G + 2)	2690	2825	2960
	(b) Framed Structure			
	(i) upto two Floor	3000	3150	3225
	(ii) 3 & 4 <sup>th</sup> Floors	3000	3150	3225
	(iii) 5 & 6 <sup>th</sup> Floors	3300	3465	3630
	(iv) 7 & 8 <sup>th</sup> Floors	3300	3465	3630
	(v) above 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor	3450	3625	3795
	(vi) Stilt Floor	2100	2205	2310
<b>3</b>	<b>HOSPITAL</b>			
	(a) Load bearing (upto G + 2)	3010	3160	3310
	(b) Framed Structure			
	(i) upto two Floor	4200	4410	4515
	(ii) 3 & 4 <sup>th</sup> Floors	4620	4850	5080
	(iii) 5 & 6 <sup>th</sup> Floors	4620	4850	5080
	(iv) 7 & 8 <sup>th</sup> Floors	5040	5290	5545
	(v) above 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor	5040	5290	5545
	(vi) Stilt Floor	2940	3085	3235

**NOTE:**

1. For calculating the rates, the respective floor area has to be considered.
2. For works in special tracts like Jails, reserve forest, hill areas etc., the respective extra percentage over the mofussil rate is to be given.

  
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