

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
(B&R-3 BRANCH)**

To

1. Engineer-in-Chief, Punjab PWD (B&R) Branch, Patiala/Chandigarh.
2. All Chief Engineers, Public Works (B&R) Branch, Patiala/Chandigarh.

No. **E-967555/508-509.**

Date: **12/12/2025.**

**Subject: Amendment of Clause 25 – Dispute Resolution Mechanism in the General Conditions of the Contract of SBD – Abolition of Arbitration as a Dispute Resolution Mechanism**


**Reference: E-Office File No. E-324408 PRBD-W045/4/2025-Admin**

In reference to the proposal received through the Minutes of Meeting dated 22.08.2025 and with the concurrence of all Chief Engineers of PWD (B&R), Punjab, Advisor (Tech) to the Government of Punjab, Legal Remembrancer and Legal Retainer, approval is hereby accorded to amend the General Conditions of the Contract, Clause 25 – Dispute Resolution Mechanism (GCC of SBD). The existing Clause 25 - Dispute Resolution Mechanism in the SBD shall be replaced by:

*Clause 25 – Any disputes arising between the parties to this agreement/contract shall fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts at the place where the agreement is executed.*

Accordingly, all references to arbitration as a mode of dispute resolution in the SBD shall be replaced with Civil Court jurisdiction.

This letter is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
**Ravi Bhagat, IAS**

**Secretary to Govt. of Punjab**

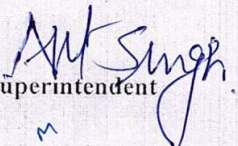
**Department of Public Works (B&R)**

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Dated **12/12/2025**

A Copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and further necessary action:

1. OSD to Chief Secretary for kind information of Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab please.
2. All Superintending Engineers, Punjab PWD (B&R) Branch.
3. All Executive Engineers, Punjab PWD (B&R) Branch.
4. Deputy Director (IT), PRBDB for updation on related websites.

  
**Superintendent**