

Chapter XII Ministry of Trade and Industry

The Royal Audit Authority during the year had issued 6 inspection reports of agencies under the Ministry of Trade & Industry. The following officials headed the Ministry and departments under it during the year 2004:

Sl.No	Name of official	Designation
1.	Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba	Minister
2.	Dasho Karma Dorji	Secretary
3.	Sonam Tshering	Director General, Department of Energy
4.	Sonam Yangley	Director, Department of Industries
5.	Achyut Bhandari	Director General, Department of Trade
6.	Lhatu Wangchuk	Director General, Department of Tourism
7.	Gembo Dorji	Deputy Secretary, Administration & Finance Division.

The following table exhibits the summary of the findings in a consolidated form:

Table 1.34 showing summary of observations with category code and amount involved.

Sl.No	Observations in brief	Amount (Nu. Million)	%	Category Code
1.	Over payment	0.070	74.47	6
2.	Outstanding advances	0.024	25.53	1
	Total	0.094	100.00	

Major findings:

1. Outstanding advance - Nu.0.024 million

The Department of Industry in their books of accounts had Nu.0.024 million lying outstanding pending recovery/adjustment.

Auditee's response: *The RAA was informed that the recovery of advance is already started.*

Who is accountable?: *The responsibility to deposit/ liquidate shall be fixed on Dorji Tshering, DCFO and Drawing & Disbursing Officer.*

2. Over payment - Nu. 0.070 million

M/s S.T. Construction who was awarded the construction of RCC post with barbed wire fencing at Bhalujhora, Pasakha was paid an excess amount of Nu. 0.070 million on account of work not executed but claimed and verified for payment. This was revealed when the auditors conducted the joint physical verification. The number of RCC post actually constructed was 329 where as the number claimed and paid was 390. Similarly the height of RCC post of the boundary wall and fencing were found claimed higher than the actual value of work done at site.

Auditee's response: *The amount was recovered and deposited into Audit Recoveries Account.*

Who is accountable?: *Prem Gurung, Site Engineer is accountable for the lapse. Secretary, MTI is responsible to take administrative action on him.*