

No. RW/NH-15017/46/2018-P&M

Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(Planning Zone)

Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110001

Dated, the August, 2026

To

1. The Chief Secretaries of all State Governments
2. The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of all States/ UTs Public Works Department dealing with National Highways, other Centrally Sponsored Schemes & State Schemes.
3. The Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of all States/ UTs Public works Department dealing with National Highways, other Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

Sub: Criteria for allocation of funds for development of State Roads under the CRIF Act, 2000 - Reg.

Ref.: MoRTH Letters of even no. dt 31.01.2020 & 08.04.2022

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry's letters under reference on "Criteria for allocation of funds for development of State Roads under the CRIF Act, 2000" circulated to all concerned including all States / UTs.

2. Based on the section 7A and 11 of the amended CRIF Act, 2000, Ministry finalized the criteria for allocation of funds for State Roads in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and circulated the same to all State/UT Governments in January, 2020, with amendments thereof in April, 2022 (Copy attached).

3.1. Para 8(3) of the approved CRIF criteria requires State Governments/UTs to furnish completion reports/certificates duly verified by audit within three months of completion of works. However, it has been noticed that such records are not being submitted to the Ministry, leading to inadequate enforcement of statutory audit provisions as per extant CRIF guidelines.

3.1.1 Accordingly it is submitted that while furnishing the 1st Utilisation certificate in a financial year, following documents must be appended with the UCs

- (i) Detailed list of completed work
- (ii) Details of NSV survey report on the completed works
- (iii) Audit report of the sanctioned works under CRIF

3.2. While submitting proposals to the Ministry for approval of list of new projects on State Roads under CRIF, it has been brought to notice that, in many instances, the detailing of proposed projects received from State / UT Governments inter-alia does not include: -

- i. a certificate regarding availability of the entire unencumbered land needed for the project [as per Para 5(4)(xi) of CRIF criteria]
- ii. a certificate that the concerned State Government or Union territory shall

ensure taking up proper Maintenance and Repair (M&R) of the project roads after it is developed under this scheme [as per Para 5(4)(xii) of CRIF criteria]

3.3. It has also been noticed that mandatory usage of Network Survey Vehicle (NSV) to record Inventory and condition of Road and thereafter mention in the Completion Certificate regarding such usage of NSV, in accordance with the provisions of Para 6(16) of the CRIF criteria, is not being followed in many States/UTs. Also, such records are not being shared with the Ministry.

4. In view of above and based on Audit observations regarding the same from time to time, it is requested that State / UT Governments may ensure strict compliance of the provisions of the extant CRIF criteria / guidelines, issued vide letters under ref., failing which funds may not be released.

Encl.: - As above

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Copy along with enclosure to: -

1. CEs of the MoRT&H:- It is requested to kindly adhere to the prescribed requisites while forwarding the VC received from respective State Governments for release.
2. All ROs of MoRT&H - It is requested to convey this [letter to concerned State Govts./UTs.. Also all RO to ensure the](#) prescribed requisites while forwarding the VC received from respective State Governments for release
3. All Technical Officers at the Headquarters
4. NIC- with the request to upload in the MoRT&H portal.

Copy along with enclosure for information and necessary action to: -

1. Sr. PPS to Secretary (RT&H)
2. Sr.PPS to DG (RD) &SS
3. Sr. PPS to AS&FA
4. PPS to all ADGs