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NOTIFICATION

S.O. 855(E) In exercise of the powers conferred by section 9 of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of

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1956), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the National Highways Rules, 1957, namely:-

- (1) These rules may be called the National Highways (Amendment) Rules, 1993.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- 2. In the National Highways Rules, 1957 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in rule 3-
 - (a) in sub-rule (1) for the words, letters and figures "Rs.25 lakhs", the words, letters and figures "Rs.50 lakhs" shall be substituted
 - (b) in sub-rule (2) for the words, letters and figures "Rs.25 lakhs", the words, letters and figures "Rs.50 lakhs" shall be substituted
 - (c) in sub-rule (6) in clause (b), for the words "two years", the words "one year" shall be substituted.

3. In rule 5 of the said rules, for the words "rupees twenty five lakhs", wherever they occur, the words "rupees fifty lakhs" shall be substituted.

- 4. In the Schedule to the said rules -
 - (a) In the first paragraph, for the words and figures "Rs.25 lakhs", the words and figures "Rs.50 lakhs" shall be substituted
 - (b) for condition (1) the following condition shall be substituted, namely:-

"The executing agency shall prepare detailed estimate and working drawings but forward to the Central Government for approval only the general abstract of cost in respect of the works contained in the approved annual programme of works costing up to Rs.50 lakhs for a particular year. However, for projects involving surveys and investigations and land acquisitions the detailed estimate and drawings in the form specified by the Central Government shall be forwarded for approval. The executing agency shall accord technical approval and financial sanction to the detailed estimate already prepared in advance within three months from the date of according administrative approval by the Central Government and shall commence execution of the work within one year from the date of according administrative approval failing which, the administrative approval accorded by the Central Government shall stand cancelled automatically and the executing agency shall approach the Central Government for fresh administrative approval for the said works;

- (c) in clause (b) of condition (2), after the words "in the case of items", the words "in the Annual Plan" shall be inserted;
- (d) in condition (4), for the words "rupees twenty five lakhs", the words "rupees fifty lakhs" shall be substituted;
- (e) conditions (8) and (9) shall be omitted;
- (f) condition (10) shall be renumbered as (8) and in the condition (8) as so renumbered,
 - (i) for clause 9 (ii), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

"(ii) where for any work, the deviations from approved standards, specifications, instructions and guidelines issued by the Central Government have to be made due to the local conditions, no work shall be sanctioned by any executing agency unless a complete copy of the estimate is furnished to the Regional Officer concerned of the Ministry in the Central Government dealing with National Highways, who shall forward the same to the Central Government with his comments thereon for approval. Technical approval and financial sanction may be issued by the executing agency only after such approval.";

(ii) Clause (iii) shall be omitted and clause (iv) shall be renumbered as clause (iii).

- Notes: The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Part II, Section 3, sub-section (ii), dated 13/04/1957, vide Government Notification, Ministry of Transport (Roads Wing) No.S.R.O. 1182, dated 04/04/1957 and were subsequently amended by:-
 - (i) Government Notification No. S.O. 680(E) dated 18/10/1976 published in the Gazette of India Part II, section 3, sub-section (ii).
 - (ii) Government Notification No.S.O.496(E) dated 20/08/1986 published in the Gazette of India, Part II, Section 3, sub-section (ii).
 - (iii) Government Notification No.S.O. 699(E) dated 17/09/1993 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, sub-section (ii).