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All Secretaries of State Govts. (Deptts. dealing with National Highways)

Subject : Recommendation of B.B. Vohra Committee suggesting that the sanction of works that lapses after five years if the works does not get operative should lapse after two years as five-years period is too long

I am directed to say that the Government of India had appointed a Highway Powered Committee in Feb., 1982 under the Chairmanship of Shri B.B. Vohra to review the existing agency system pertaining to National Highways and to make recommendations for better performance. The Committee submitted its report in Sept. 83 and the Govt. of India has accepted the recommendations of this Committee. One of the recommendations made by this Committee is as under :—

“The present provision under which the sanction for work automatically lapses if it does not get operative by the State for five years should be modified to reduce this period to two years as a 5-year period is much too long.”

2. This Ministry is of the view that after an estimate for a particular job is sanctioned, its execution should start as early as possible. The present procedure which envisages that the sanction for work would lapse if it does not get operative within five years is a factor partly responsible for delay in the execution of works. It has therefore been decided to reduce this time limit of five years to two years in the interest of expeditious execution of National Highway works. Henceforth the sanctions of National Highway works would lapse if the execution of the projects is not undertaken within two years from the date of sanction of the estimate. This may please be noted and all concerned informed accordingly. I am further to request that, if there is no objection, a copy of the instructions issued may kindly be forwarded in due course to the Ministry also for reference and record.