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All Technical Officers in the H.Q. Office and Regional Offices

Subject : Improving the quality of project preparation for Highway Schemes

The Ministry has been striving to improve the quality of project preparation in respect of Highway Schemes. Instructions have been issued in the past to the State PWDs to carry out detailed survey, investigation, testing and design of Highway Schemes in order to formulate proposals on realistic basis and to achieve their completion without undue cost/time over-run. The Indian Roads Congress **Special** Publication No. 19-Manual for Survey, Investigation and preparation of Road Projects also deals in detail with the project preparation procedures and requirements.

In the case of highway and bridge schemes posed for World Bank Assistance, the project preparation was carried out to conform to levels expected of international contracts. The State PWD Engineers and Consultants engaged in that work could prepare the projects acceptable in international level. It should be our endeavour to achieve such a high degree of precision and expertise in project preparation of all major highway and bridge schemes. In the first instance, it is proposed to start the work on the basis of one NH project for each H.Q. Zone. This model scheme will be initiated and completed on the lines of projects of World Bank Assistance. The work will then be extended to cover many such schemes.

The Project Chief Engineers are requested to identify one scheme each costing about Rs 2.00 crores or more. After the schemes are identified, the Road and Bridge Directorates are requested to arrange preparation of projects. The action taken in this regard may please be intimated to Chief Engineer (Planning) for being shown to DG (RD).