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To

The Secretaries of States/Union Territories, Public Works, Departments,
(Dealing with National Highways)

Subject: Expeditionous award and completion of National Highway Projects.

In a high-level meeting held in the Ministry recently, it was observed that quite often the State Governments are taking a long time to award contracts for NH projects after sanction by this Ministry. This has the effect of indirectly increasing the cost of the Projects. Moreover, the works are not being completed in reasonable time after approval by the Ministry.

2. Considering the above it has been decided that henceforth all sanctions in respect of National Highway works will be subject to the following time schedule:

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| (a) | Award of contract/commencement of works: | Maximum within one year from the date of sanction. |
| (b) | Completions of works: | |
| (i) | Projects costing less than Rs. 50 Lakhs: | A maximum of three years from the date of sanction |
| (ii) | All other projects: | A maximum of five years from the date of sanction. |

3. It may please be noted that henceforth sanctions of projects which have not been started within one year from the date of sanction will automatically lapse after one year, unless specifically agreed to by the Ministry due to any extenuating circumstances.

4. The State Public Works Departments are requested to streamline the process of award of NH works and amend their existing procedures whenever necessary for complying with the above requirements. The time schedule(s) prescribed in this letter will be strictly applied in future.

5. It is requested that contents of this letter may please be brought to notice of all officers in the PWD dealing with NH works.
