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To

The Secretaries, Public Works Departments of States/UTs. (dealing with National Highways Works); Director General (Works), Central Public Works Department; Secretary, Border Roads Development Board; Engineer-in-Chiefs/Chief Engineers (dealing with National Highways), Public Works Departments of States/UTs.

Subject: Preparation of projects requiring EFC/PIB clearance.

Instructions have already been issued for preparation of detailed projects for NH works only after conducting proper surveys and investigations vide Ministry's letter No.NH- III/P/31/77 dated 31.5.1978 following the IRC guidelines and clarifications given by the Ministry from time to time to avoid subsequent large scale variations in the scope and the cost of the works.

2. It has been noticed that in some cases where the clearance of EFC/PIB was obtained based on the preliminary estimates, substantial variations in the scope and the cost were noticed later at the time of preparing detailed estimates. This has been viewed seriously. It has, therefore, been decided that in future, the project estimates shall be considered only after thorough and detailed surveys/soil investigations are carried out and the proposals are prepared based on the data so collected and adopting the latest schedule of Rates.
3. The above instructions may kindly be brought to the notice of all concerned for strict compliance.