

No. PL-30 (6)/80

Dated the 19th January, 1980

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of P.W.D  
(Deptt. dealing with National Highways).

Subject : Submission of Revised Estimates for National Highways, etc.

I am directed to say that, as already brought to the notice of the State Governments on a number of occasions in the past, the Ministry are greatly concerned over the time taken by the State Governments, in submitting revised estimates where the cost exceeds the sanctioned estimate beyond the permissible limit, etc. or where the States have been delegated powers to accept tenders upto 15% of the State's current schedule of rates subject to the production of the Revised Estimates based on the tenders. Recently, this matter also figured during a discussion held in Expenditure Secretary's room regarding the cost/time over-runs in the case of National Highway (Original) works when it was decided to request the State Governments kindly to ensure that :—

- (i) in cases where the States are required to seek prior approval of the Government of India in accepting a tender for a particular work in the event of the tendered cost exceeding the sanctioned estimate beyond permissible limit, *the tender case should be sent to this Ministry along with necessary revised estimate on the basis of the tenders* so that the Ministry is able to deal with the tender and the revised estimate as one collective reference and do not experience difficulty subsequently in getting a revised estimate after clearing the tender and
  - (ii) in the case of tenders falling within the powers delegated to the States vide this Ministry's letter No. PL-30 (62)/76, dated the 26th June, 1976 empowering the States to accept tenders upto 15% of the current schedule of rates subject to certain conditions stipulated therein, thereafter the State Governments shall accept the tenders under this power only if the State Governments have sent the same day or before accepting the tenders revised estimates to the Government of India for their technical approval and financial sanction and a certificate is recorded by the State Governments while accepting the tenderers that such a revised estimates has been sent to the Government of India, the idea obviously being that in regard to the tenders being accepted by the States within the delegated powers referred to above, a revised estimate based thereon should be dealt with and sanction decisions taken by the Government of India more or less simultaneously with the acceptance of the tender and the delay at present expressed is cut out.
2. I am to add that in order to avoid delay in the timely submission of revised estimates, periodical monitoring of expenditure as well as of the physical progress *vis-a-vis* time period of construction based on the long prescribed system of submitting quarterly progress reports is vitally essential, and it has

submission of revised estimates timely and complete in all respects. Action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter may also be intimated to this Ministry urgently.

3. I am to add that since allocation of funds for work where revised estimates have not been sanctioned by the Competent Authority, is not in order, it is likely allocation of funds against such works might, be withheld if no sanction is obtained to revised estimates in time. This aspect may, therefore, be brought to the notice of all concerned for strict compliance.
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