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To

The Secretaries (Dealing with National Highways), Public Works Departments of all States and Union Territories; Director General (Works), CPWD; Secretary, Border Road Development Boards.

Subject: Expeditious acceptance of tenders for works on National Highways.

I am directed to State that detailed instruction for preparation and submission of revised cost estimates have been issued by this ministry from time to time. It has been observed that when the revised estimates, based on enhanced tender cost, are received in this Ministry, in many cases the validity of the tender is about to expire leading to re-tendering and ultimate higher cost of the project. In order to avoid recurrence of such cases, it is requested that the following points may please be kept in view:

- (i) Where the excess over the sanctioned estimates does not go beyond the value determined on the basis of current schedule of rates by 15% the State PWDs should ensure that the tenders are settled before the expiry of the validity date of the tenders.
- (ii) In other cases, where reference has to be made to the Ministry for approval of the revised estimates, it should be sent well in time and, in any case, before three months of the expiry of the validity date of the tenders.
- (iii) In order to ensure the above requirements, the State PWDs, while inviting tenders may ask for atleast six months validity of the tenders in the case of major jobs and four months in other cases.
- (iv) While forwarding these cases, the State PWDs should clearly bring about the validity date of tenders related to the revised cost and if possible should send advance information to this Ministry.
- (v) The State PWDs should also actively interact with this Ministry so that the revised estimates are sanctioned well before the expiry date of tenders.