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Dated the 9th September, 2002

To

The Secretaries dealing with Roads of all States & U.Ts., Chief Engineer dealing with National Highways of all the States & U.Ts., Director General (Border Roads), Chairman, National Highway Authority of India.

Subject: Changes in scope, specifications and designs of sanctioned project on National Highways-prior approval of Ministry

Reference is invited to Ministry's letter No. RW/NH-III/COORD/32/84 dated 19th May, 1984 on the subject mentioned above requesting all concerned that prior approval of the Ministry may be obtained, wherever there is change in the scope of a project, specification or design in the sanctioned estimates. However, instances have come to the notice of the Ministry where State Chief Engineers had effected changes in the scope/specifications or design of the sanctioned estimate causing thereby increase in the cost of the sanctioned project and such changes brought to the notice of the Ministry as fait accompli at the time of obtaining revised sanction of the project.

2. It is, therefore, reiterated that prior approval of this Ministry shall be obtained whenever there is change in scope or specifications or design from provisions made in the sanctioned estimates, failing which the increase in the cost due to such changes in the scope of work shall be excluded from the revised cost estimates. The State Govt. shall be responsible for any such substandard work.

3. This should be brought to the notice of all concerned for strict compliance.

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