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Dated the 12th December, 1984

To

The Secretaries of all States
PWD (dealing with National Highways)

Subject : Recommendations of Vohra Committee regarding National Highway works costing less than Rs. 10 lakhs for which administrative approval is to be accorded

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated the 24th March, 1984 requesting the State Governments to prepare a detailed estimates and forward only the abstract of estimate indicating various quantities, rates and amounts to this Ministry for according Administrative approval. While forwarding abstract of estimates, information as per details reproduced below is required to be furnished in terms of the provisions contained in the National Highways (Amendment) Rules 1976. (Circulated vide this Ministry's letter No. PL-30 (193)/71 dated the 15th October, 1976).

- (a) Proposal in brief with a rough plan of the area in which the work is to be executed;
- (b) Extent of preliminary survey and investigation done;
- (c) Broad features showing the existing position and the improvements desired;
- (d) Traffic data;
- (e) Duration of execution;
- (f) Phasing of expenditure and also physical performance;
- (g) Rough quantities and estimated cost under broad headings such as :

(1) <i>Road Works</i>	(2) <i>Bridge Works</i>
Land acquisition; earthwork; road material	Foundations, superstructure, guide bunds, etc.
- (h) Detailed specifications;
- (i) List of equipments required for speedy execution of the work;
- (j) Alignment plan and longitudinal section in case of roads; hydraulic data and outline designs of structure in case of bridges; and
- (k) Particulars for comparison of the similar works carried out in the same region.

2. Attention is also invited to the condition 10 of the Schedule of the N.H. Rules referred to above and reproduced below :

- (i) In case of the works where standards and designs adopted in the estimates are in accordance with the Indian Roads Congress Code and specifications and any other relevant instructions, guidelines, standard bridge designs etc. issued by the Central Government from time to time, copies of the sanctions accorded by the executive agency shall invariably be endorsed to the Regional Officers concerned of the Ministry in the Central Government dealing with National Highways alongwith complete copy of the estimate so that even after sanction, they could examine the matter and bring to the notice of executive agency deviations from such Codes, specifications, instructions, guidelines standard bridge designs, if any;
- (ii) Where for any work, deviations from approved standards, specifications, instructions, guidelines issued by the Central Government have to be made due to local conditions, no work shall be sanctioned by any executive agency unless a complete copy of the estimate is furnished to the Regional Officer concerned of the Ministry in the Central Government dealing with National Highways and his approval has been obtained in accordance with the general instructions issued by them from time to time governing the disposal of such cases. A brief mention of these deviations shall also be made by the executive agency in the abstract estimates to be sent to the Central Government quoting the reference of approval of the Regional Officer concerned;
- (iii) In all other cases where proposed deviations do not fit in with the general instructions issued by the Central Government or are not necessitated due to local conditions, technical and financial sanction thereto may be accorded by the executive agency with the prior approval of the Central Government on a reference being made in this behalf alongwith a copy of the detailed estimate through the Regional Officer of the Ministry of the Central Government dealing with the National Highways who shall forward the same to the Central Government with his comments thereon.

These provisions shall continue to be applicable.

3. I am accordingly to request that besides supplying the information mentioned in para 1, the procedure mentioned in the schedule to National Highways (Amendment) Rules 1976, referred to in para 2 above, may also be kept in view while according technical sanction.