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To

The Secretaries (dealing with National Highways),
Public Works Departments of all States and Union Territories.

Subject: Splitting up of National Highway works - regarding.

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. RW/NH-III/P/25/84 dated 4th August, 1984 forwarding the relevant portion of the recommendation of the Vohra Committee relating to splitting up of NH works. It was impressed upon the State PWDs that in order to encourage well qualified contracting firms or cooperatives of small contractors and in the interest of quality construction, splitting up of NH works may not be resorted to. It was also brought out that in unavoidable circumstances where splitting up of works is considered necessary prior permissions of this Ministry may be obtained. In our subsequent policy circular letter No. RW/NH-III/P/25/84 dated 20th June, 1986 clarification in this regard was also given to all the State PWDs. The circumstances where splitting up of projects can be resorted to were indicated therein.

2. It has now been observed that some of the executing agencies are not following strictly the guidelines issued by this Ministry as quoted above. This has resulted in adverse reports from the Comptroller and Auditor General. Such actions of the executing agency not only compromise with the quality of work but create complications. It is, therefore, again reiterated that the policy instructions as communicated in our letters quoted above may kindly be strictly adhered to. These instructions may also kindly be brought to the notice of field formation handling the National Highway works.