

No. NH11/P/19/77

Dated the 21st Sep., 1977

Subject : Delegation of powers to States to sanction detailed plans and estimates in respect of National Highways (Original)
Works-Procedure for according Administrative Approval

Recently powers have been delegated to the State Governments to sanction detailed plans and estimates in respect of National Highway (Original) Works not exceeding Rs 10 lakhs vide this Ministry's letter No. PL-30 (193)/71, dated the 15th January, 1977 subject to the conditions specified in the schedule to this Ministry's Notification No. SO-680 (E) dated the 15th October, 1976, a copy of which was also circulated to all concerned along with the above letter. The Roads Wing is, however, required to give administrative approval to such estimates before the States accord Technical Approval and Financial Sanction under the delegated powers. The question of evolving a uniform procedure for according administrative approval in such cases was under consideration in consultation with the Finance Division. It has now been decided that it is not necessary for the Roads Wing to consult the Finance Division in such cases, and the administrative approval may be accorded on the

basis of rough cost estimate, provided other conditions prescribed in the Schedule annexed to the aforesaid Govt. notification are fulfilled. It has also been decided that the provision for these works should be included in the workwise allotment to be communicated to the State Governments following the passage of Budget by the Parliament.

2. It has also been decided that while according the administrative approval, the following further information may also be added in the approval letter :
 - (i) A separate series of Job numbers with the prefix "A/A" should be started by the Works Sections. Job number should be given on the same lines as for works sanctioned by this Ministry as indicated below :
Job No. "A/A-193/PB/I"
 - (ii) The Head of Account to which the expenditure is debitable should be indicated.
 - (iii) A copy of the administrative approval may be endorsed each to the concerned Accountant General and the Pay & Accounts Officer as is being done in the case of sanction letters issued by this Ministry for estimates costing more than Rs. 10 lakhs.
 - (iv) A model of the draft letter to be used for according administrative approval is attached for guidance. (Superseded on 4.4.81).
 3. All the works Sections in the Roads Wing are requested to follow strictly the above procedure for the purpose of according administrative approval to plans and estimates costing less than Rs. 10 lakhs to the State Govts. to enable them to technically and financially sanction the work under the delegated powers.
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