

No. NH11/P/22/77

*Dated the 30th November, 1977*

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*The Secretary to the Government of Madhya Pradesh, P.W.D. Bhopal*

Subject : Splitting up of sanctioned estimates for purpose of calling tenders for NH Road Works—Delegation of powers to the State Chief Engineers—regarding

With reference to your letter No. D.275/307/XIX/77, dated the 17th February, 1977 on the subject noted above, I am directed to say that in the interest of economy and expediency our NH and other rules do not prohibit inviting of tenders (for road works) for individual items or groups of items and that too for small lengths of the road. There is, therefore, no objection to the splitting of the sanctioned estimates for NH Road works for the purpose of inviting tenders. The State Chief Engineer, may however consider adopting either the proposed splitting method or awarding of somewhat composite type and bigger sized contracts, depending upon the factors like situation, nature of each work, availability of contractors, and Govt. Construction Corp'n. etc. coming forward for the work, keeping in mind, in every case that good competition would be created amongst the bidders.

2. I am, however, to request that the splitting up of the sanctioned estimates for purposes of tenders be resorted to subject to fulfilment of all the conditions mentioned in this Ministry's circular No. PL-30 (62)/76, dated the 26th June, 1976 regarding delegation of powers to the State Governments for acceptance of tenders on National Highways. It may be ensured that tenders for all the split up portions are decided at one and at the same time with a view to determine whether the cost of the work is likely to exceed the permissible limits or not and in case the cost is likely to go beyond the permissible limits, the revised estimates should be sent to this Ministry within one month of the acceptance of the tenders, this time limit being extended upto two months in unavoidable cases, as stipulated in the above circular letter.
3. I am further to say that in cases where it is not feasible/practicable for reasons to be recorded in writing to take decision on the tenders of all the split up Groups/Parts at a time, the delegated powers of 15% excess should be applied to every Group/Part of the estimated cost of each Group/Part based on 1976-77 Schedule of rates separately and if the tendered amount of any group exceeds the permissible limits of 15% over the estimated cost of the total particular group the State PWD should refer the tenders to this Ministry for consideration.

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