

No.RW/NH-15017/46/2018-P&M (Part-III)
Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(Planning Zone)

Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110001

Dated the 08th July, 2020.

To

1. The Chief Secretaries of all State Governments
2. The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of all States/ UTs Public Works Department dealing with National Highways, other Centrally Sponsored Schemes & State Schemes.
3. The Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of all States/ UTs Public works Department dealing with National Highways, other Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

Subject: - Criteria for allocation of funds for Development of State Roads under the CRIF Act, 2000 - Revalidation of sanctions/ extension of time for State road projects approved/ sanctioned under CRF and EI&ISC Schemes as per the CRF Act, 2000 - Clarifications - Reg.

Ref. No. : - (i) Letter of even no., dated 31.01.2020

Sir,

This has reference to the Criteria for allocation of funds for Development of State Roads under the CRIF Act, 2000 circulated vide letter under reference.

2. The Ministry has been receiving several requests from various State Govts./ UTs regarding revalidation of sanctions/ extension of time for approved/ sanctioned State road projects under the CRF and EI & ISC Schemes as per the provisions of the CRF Act, 2000 and the Rules notified thereunder (viz. the CRF (State Roads) Rules, 2014 and its amendments from time to time).
3. The matter has been examined in detail and the relevant clarifications are enclosed herewith for information and further necessary action.
4. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Wing vide Note No. 8, dated 07.07.2020 and approval of Competent Authority.

Enclosure: As above



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1. All JSs/ CEs of the MoRT&H
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3. All Technical Officers at the Headquarters
4. Secretary General, Indian Roads Congress
5. Director, IAHE, NOIDA
6. All ROs and ELOs of MoRT&H

Copy along with enclosure for information and necessary action to: -

1. Sr. PPS to Secretary (RT&H)
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6. NIC- with the request to upload in the MoRT&H portal.

Enclosure to Letter No. No.RW/NH-15017/46/2018-P&M (Part-III), dated 08-07-2020

Clarifications regarding revalidation of sanctions/ extension of time for approved/ sanctioned State road projects under the CRF and EI & ISC Schemes as per the provisions of the CRF Act, 2000 and the Rules notified thereunder - Reg.

(i) Extension of validity of State Road projects approved under the CRF Scheme as per the CRF Act, 2000 and rules framed thereunder: -

It is pertinent mention that as per sub-rule (15) of rule (7) of CRF (State Roads) Rule, 2014, the sanctioned works generally should be completed within the stipulated time schedule and in case of failure on part of executing agency to adhere to the time limit without any justifiable reasons, the executing agency shall be liable to bear the balance cost for completion of the works; provided that, the Central Govt. (i.e. the Ministry) may, on being sufficient causes shown by the executing agency, extend the time of completion of works with the reasons to be recorded in writing.

It is clarified that same provision shall continue to apply for projects already approved under the CRF Scheme as per the CRF Act, 2000 and rules framed thereunder.

(ii) State Road Projects already sanctioned under EI & ISC Scheme as per the CRF Act, 2000 and rules framed thereunder: -

The Ministry shall consider extending validity of these projects on a case-to-case basis subject to the following conditions: -

- (a) Sanction of RCEs involving change of scope shall be permitted only in a very limited way primarily with the focus of completing projects without much enhancement of sanctioned scope of works. Sanction of RCEs shall be allowed for cases involving payments of statutory nature, subsequent changes in law (e.g. effects of GST, etc.), price adjustment/ escalation payments, effects of revision in Schedule of Rates (SOR) for works not awarded. However, in all cases, extension of validity/ RCEs may be considered only if the executing agency is able to adequately justify the reasons for delay in award, importance of the project and whether revocation of sanction may have adverse socio-economic implications, etc., to the satisfaction of the Ministry.
- (b) The validity of individual projects shall be considered for extension by the Ministry on a case-to-case basis as per extant policy applicable for NHs.