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No. NH-15017/46/2018-P&M
Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(P&M Section)
Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street New Delhi-110001

Dated the 30th May, 2022

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.

Sub: Criteria for allocation of funds for development of State Roads under the CRIF Act, 2000 - **Clarifications - Reg.**

Ref: Ministry's letters of even nos. dated 31.01.2020 and 08.04.2022

Sir,

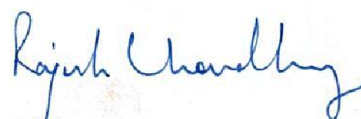
The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry's letters under reference on "Criteria for allocation of funds for development of State Roads under the CRIF Act, 2000" circulated to all concerned including all States/ UTs.

2. Instances have been noticed regarding rejection of project proposals of State/UT Governments from being taken up under CRIF Scheme on the grounds of such proposals not covering length of at least 10 km [as per Clause 5(2) of the criteria] or due to non-furnishing of Certificate by the State/UT Government, at the Project Proposal Submission / Finalisation stage itself, regarding availability of the entire unencumbered land needed for the project [as per Clause 5(4)(xi) of the criteria].

3. Further, the above issue came up for discussion during the meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture held on 09.05.2022.

4. In view of the above, necessary clarifications with respect to the relevant provisions of the "Criteria for allocation of funds for development of State Roads

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under the CRIF Act, 2000", circulated vide letters under reference, are annexed herewith, for kind information and needful compliance.

5. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister (RT&H).

Yours faithfully,

Encl.: As above



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Copy along with enclosure to: -

1. All JSs/ CEs of the MoRT&H
2. All Technical Officers at the Headquarters
3. Secretary General, Indian Roads Congress
4. Director, IAHE, NOIDA
5. All ROs of MoRT&H - It is also requested to convey the contents of this letter to concerned State Governments/UTs.

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

1. Sr. PPS to Secretary (RT&H)
2. Sr.PPS to DG (RD) &SS
3. Sr. PPS/ PPS to AS (RT&H)
4. Sr. PPS to AS&FA
5. PPS to all ADGs
6. NIC- with the request to upload in the MoRT&H portal.

Criteria for Allocation of Funds For Development of State Roads under the CRIF Act, 2000 - Clarifications - Reg.

Para No.	Statement	Clarification
5(2)	The proposals shall cover sufficient length of road and shall generally be covering at least ten kilometres length, unless the requirement for connecting two places is less than ten kilometres in so far as works mentioned in sub-para (1) are concerned, and shall include only those works where land is available without any encumbrance except for works mentioned in sr. no. (iv) of sub-para (1) above. However, land acquisition shall be allowed for development of NHs as States'/ UTs' contributions to share of Land Costs.	Identification of proposals should be based on broad principle of following Corridor Development approach. If the situation arises such that adjacent stretches in a corridor are already developed / works are ongoing / fund arrangement is already tied up, then the balance connecting stretches may be taken up for sanction and implementation even if their length is less than ten kilometres.
5(4)(xi)	a certificate regarding availability of the entire unencumbered land needed for the project;	Generally, the process of Land Acquisition (LA) for a project is initiated only after the Government takes investment decision regarding the project and its alignment, project report etc. are finalised. Finalisation of the list of projects by the Central Government is expected to generally precede the process of LA. Therefore, at the Project Proposal Submission / Finalisation stage by the Central Government, it should suffice if the State / UT Government certifies to the effect that they shall ensure availability of the entire unencumbered land needed for the project at their cost.

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