

No. WIII-36 (5)/59

*Dated the 1st Sept., 1960*

To

All State Governments

Subject : Procedure for approving estimates for works financed from the Central Road Fund (Ordinary) Reserve.

I am directed to invite reference to this Ministry's letter/endorsement No. WIII-36 (5)/59 dated the 15th September, 1959, and to say that it has been decided that the procedure for approving the works mentioned in para 8 of the Planning Commission's letter No. Plan/5/2/57 dated the 12th May 1958, to all the States Governments, will also apply to the works which are financed from the Central Road Fund (Ordinary) Reserve. In brief, the Works which are estimated to cost Rs 25 lakhs or more during the plan period or Rs 10 lakhs during particular year will be technically approved and financially sanctioned by this Ministry according to the practice in force in the past. But other works which cost less than these amounts and which the State Government desire to be aided from the Central Road Fund (Ordinary) Reserve will be approved by the Government of India on receipt of a formal proposal, giving the following details :—

- (1) An index map.
- (2) Scope of the scheme complete with specifications etc.
- (3) Estimated cost based on a preliminary estimate.
- (4) A comprehensive report on the utility of the scheme.

After the proposal has been *accepted* by the Government of India, the State Government will sanction the detailed estimate technically and send a certificate to the effect that the scheme has been *accepted* for financial sanction by the State Finance Department. The Government of India will therefore intimate to the Audit that debit of the stipulated extent may be accepted against the Central Road Fund (Ordinary) Reserve.

2. This procedure will, however, not apply to such works as are experimental works undertaken for research and are financed from the Central Road Fund (Ordinary) Reserve as also to works with which are more than one State are concerned. The detailed estimates for such works will continue to be submitted, to the Government of India for their prior approval.
3. The particulars of the technical sanction issued by the State Government together with a statement to the effect that the schemes have been accepted for financial sanction by the State Finance Department may be sent to the Government of India for communication to audit to permit them to adjust the expenditure.
4. Since the works aided from the Central Road Fund (Ordinary) Reserve are of special nature, it is not proposed to make any change in the system of getting progress reports. Monthly progress reports in

the prescribed form and completion reports on the works sanctioned by the State Government, will therefore, continue to be sent to the Consulting Engineer (Road Development) as before.

5. I am to add that the grants from the Central Road Fund (Ordinary) Reserve for individual works, once made, will not be revised/increased beyond the amount already agreed to by this Ministry and excesses if any, will be met by the State Government from their own resources.
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