

No. OR/MISC/22/73

Dated the 14th Dec., 1973

To

All Secretaries dealing with Roads in the Union Territories

Subject : Union Territories — Highway Projects — Splitting up of Estimates

I am directed to invite your attention to the Ministry of Home Affairs letter No. 35/7/61-AC II, dated the 10th January 1963, addressed to the then Union Territory Administrations, copy enclosed for ready reference, and para 67 of the Central Public Works Department Code (Revised Edition 1959), wherein it has been laid down, *inter alia*, that no project should be intentionally split up to bring the part of the project within the delegated powers. In spite of this it has been observed that the practice continues. It may, therefore, please be ensured that in future estimates for highway projects, as they existed in the approved Plan/Scheme, costing more than the delegated powers, should be sent to this Ministry for appropriate sanction.

2. In the case of works other than those mentioned above, sanctioned by the Administration under the delegated powers, it should be ensured that copies of all such sanction orders are endorsed to this Ministry alongwith the following information.

- (i) Name of work;
- (ii) length (kilometre/miles);
- (iii) whether or not included in the approval Annual/Five-Year Plan;
- (iv) Technical Details :

I. ORIGINAL WORKS :

- (a) justification for construction, places connected and their importance;
- (b) terrain — hilly/rolling/plain;
- (c) specifications in brief : width of land, formation and carriageway, general height of the embankment, thickness and composition of the road structure; general idea about type of soils, side drains, etc., annual average rainfall;
- (d) location (name of road, km. and hector/mile and furlong) of bridge and culverts, size and number of spans, type of structure, brief specifications, etc;
- (e) traffic data (as per Indian Roads Congress Standard No. IRC: 19 — 1972 — Traffic Census on Non-urban Roads); and
- (f) a clear map showing all the categories of roads (village roads, other district roads, major district roads, etc.) and the road under consideration in distinct colours, drawn to scale — preferably 1 in = mile.

II. IMPROVEMENT/WIDENING/STRENGTHENING OF AN EXISTING CARRIAGEWAY :

- (a) to (f) same as for Original Works;
- (g) original specifications to which the road was constructed — same details as mentioned under (iv) I (c);
- (h) sanctioned cost of the original work and that at the time of completion;
- (j) dates when the original work was sanctioned, completed, and estimate closed. If not completed and/or estimate closed detailed reasons thereof; and
- (k) reasons for deterioration and full justification for improvement.

4. This letter supersedes all previous letters on the subject.

*Enclosure to letter No. OR/MISC/22/73 dt. 14.12.73*

LETTER NO. 35/7/61-AC II, DATED THE 10TH JANUARY, 1963 FROM UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, ADDRESSED TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY, HIMACHAL PRADESH/DELHI/TRIPURA/MANIPUR/ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS/SIMLA/AGARTALA/IMPHAL/PORT BLAIR, ETC.ETC.

Sub : Delegation of powers to Administrators in respect of administrative approval and expenditure sanctioned to building and road works.

In supersession of this Ministry's letter No. 35/15/59-AC, II, dated the 1st July, 1959 as amended vide letter No. 35/15/59-AC, II, dated the 27th November, 1959, I am directed to convey the sanction of the President to the delegation to the Lt. Governor, Himachal Pradesh and the Chief Commissioner Delhi/Tripura/Manipur/Andaman and Nicobar Islands power to accord administrative approval as well as expenditure sanction to a building or road work the estimated cost on which does not exceed 10 lakhs (Rupees ten lakhs) only.

2. The expenditure sanction can be accorded even though there is no specific budget provision for the work. The work can, however, be taken up only when funds are provided either in the original budget or by re-appropriation or supplementary demand.
  3. No project should be intentionally split up to bring the parts within the above mentioned limit of delegated powers. In this connection, attention is invited to paragraph 67 of the Central Public Works Department Code (Revised Edition 1959).
  4. This issues with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance (Delhi State Division), (Department of Expenditure) vide their U.O. No. 8151-DSDS/62, dated the 31st December, 1962 and 13685-HLL/62, dated the 5th January, 1963 respectively.
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