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Dated the 9th June, 1965

To

All State Governments,
(Deptt. dealing with N.Hs),
except Tripura and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Subject : Acceptance of tenders for road and bridge works financed entirely out of Central Govt. funds

I am directed to invite attention to the procedure that has been laid down with regard to obtaining the prior approval of the Govt. of India before acceptance of the tenders of N.H. works as well as those for which the entire expenditure is met by the Central Govt. such as, Lateral Road, West Coast Road, etc. According to this procedure tender for such works can be finalised by the State Govt. concerned, only after the technical approval and financial sanction for these works is accorded by the Govt. of India. In case the cost of acceptable tenders for works is more than their sanctioned cost beyond the permissible limits, reference has to be made by the State Govt. concerned to the Govt. of India for obtaining their approval before such tenders are accepted. But even if the tendered amount is within the figure financially sanctioned, a reference to the Govt. of India will be necessary, in case there has been a material deviation from the technically approved designs and/or specifications of the works. Instances have come to notice where the State Govt. have not sought the approval of the Govt. of India to deviation in design and specification, this practice I am to observe, is not correct. The technical approval of such works being the responsibility of the Govt. of India, it follows that if there has been any change in the design or specifications of a work while finalising a tender their technical approval is necessary before the new designs and specifications are implemented in the execution of a work.

2. I am, therefore, to request that in future all such cases of road and bridge works where design or specifications are to be changed while finalising the tender for a work, prior approval of this Ministry should invariably be obtained.

1-Superseded vide circular dated 05.07.2001

2-Amended vide circulars dated 04.09.1968, 09.06.1969,28.03.1973,26.06.1976,06.09.1990,21.04.1997