

No. NHI-41 (14)/68

*Dated the 4th September, 1968*

To

All State Governments

Subject : Tenders for road and bridge works financed entirely out of Central Government funds

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. WI-43 (9)/65 dated the 9th June, 1965 wherein it was requested that in all cases of road and bridge works where the design or specifications are to be changed while finalising the tender for the work, the prior approval of this Ministry should invariably be obtained. It has been observed that whenever such cases are referred to this Ministry, complete tender documents are sent with comments on the conditions, etc., attached by the tenderers.

2. I am to explain that in those cases where the tender cost is equal to or less than the sanctioned cost of the work, but there has been material deviation from the technically approved design, and or specifications only the plans and designs with relevant details should be sent to this Ministry for technical approval. The other conditions attached to the tender need not be referred to this Ministry but they should be examined by the State Chief Engineer and appropriate decisions taken in accordance with the codal rules laid down in the State regulating decisions and disposal of tenders by him or the State Government as the case may be. When such plans and designs are sent to this Ministry, they should be accompanied by a certificate from the State Chief Engineer/State Government to the effect that acceptance of the deviations and/or revised designs proposed by the tenderers and recommended by the State will not involve any excess over the sanctioned cost as a result of any condition included in the tender. Only in those cases where the amount of the acceptable tender exceeds the permissible limit over the sanctioned cost of the work should all the tenders be sent to this Ministry for consideration and decision.
3. It is requested that the above mentioned procedure should be followed invariably in future.