

No. NHIII/P/4/82

Dated the 10th May, 1985

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject :** Intimation to State P.W.Ds. regarding advance action for pre-qualification of tenderers for major road and bridge works

This Ministry has issued detailed guidelines for prequalification of tenderers for execution of major Road and Bridge works on National Highways and under other Centrally Financed Schemes vide circular letter No. NHIII/P/4/82 dated the 11th July 1984. Instructions also have been issued to all States and Union Territories vide letter No. NHIII/P/25/84 dated 4th August, 1984 for not resorting to splitting of the works for ensuring good quality during execution.

2. Prequalification of tenderers in case of major and specialised works as mentioned in the conditions in the Ministry's circular of even number dated 11th July 1984 (Extract given in the Annexure) is essential to ensure timely execution of the works with proper quality control. A suitable para regarding requirement of pre-qualification of tenderers in respect of such projects, shall be incorporated henceforth in the technical Note to be issued with the sanction letter. All concerned technical officers in the Ministry may please note for necessary compliance.
3. The process of pre-qualification of tenderers requires certain minimum time to complete the formalities and if the same is started after issue of financial sanction to the work, it may delay the start of the work. This period could be curtailed by sending advance intimation to the Public Works Departments soon after the estimates are processed in the Ministry and projected to Finance. The officers dealing with the projects henceforth may take suitable action (by sending advance copies of Technical Notes for major works, preferably with a D.O. letter to the State Chief Engineer) to enable them to complete the pre-qualification process well in time and call tenders soon after the sanctions are issued by this Ministry.

To

All Officers, Executive Engineers and above in the Roads Wing.

*Enclosure to letter No. NHIII/P/4/82 dated 10.5.85.*

**EXTRACTS FROM THE ENCLOSURE TO LETTER No. NHIII/P/4/82 DATED 11.7.84**

**1. *Conditions for Pre-qualification :***

Pre-qualification of tenderers shall be resorted to under any one or more of the following circumstances :—

- 1.1 **When the continuous stretch of road length (where the development work is to be carried out) is more than 5 kms or when the cost of the project (work portion only excluding centages) is more than Rs 100 lakhs.**
  - 1.2 **When the overall length of the bridge (between the faces of the abutments) is more than 200 metres or when the total cost of the bridge work (excluding centages) is more than Rs 100 lakhs.**
  - 1.3 **When a highly specialised technique (such as mechanised construction of asphaltic concrete pavement or construction of soil stabilized road) is going to be adopted for the construction of a new road or improvement of an existing road.**
  - 1.4 **When the bridge structure is of special type requiring high degree of precision, specialised technique and equipment which are not likely to be available with all the contractors.**
  - 1.5 **Major highway projects such as Expressway requiring high degree of precision in execution.**
  - 1.6 **When the Project is of extreme urgency and requires to be executed within a tight time schedule.**
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