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To,

The Secretaries (dealing with National Highways) and Chief Engineers (NHs) Public Works Departments of all States/Union Territories; The Director General (Works) Central Public Works Department; Director General Border Roads

**Subject:** Guidelines regarding procedure to be adopted for the pre-qualification of tenderers for the execution of major road and bridge works on National Highways and under other Centrally Financed Schemes — Modified procedure thereof

I am directed to refer to the correspondence resting with this Ministry's letter of even number dated 16.9.85 wherein detailed guidelines in respect of the procedure of pre-qualification of tenderers for execution of major road and bridge works on National Highways and under other Centrally Financed Schemes were intimated and our letters of even number dated 5.3.86 and 18.3.86 modifying the estimated cost and length of the projects to be considered for pre-qualification purposes. On receipt of various representations from the State Chief Engineers highlighting that the procedure, as prescribed by this Ministry, is causing delays in award of contracts and thereby execution of works, this Ministry has given careful consideration to the whole matter again and keeping in view the interest of speedy execution of work it has now been decided to raise the limit for pre-qualification of tenderers for road and bridge works from Rs 50 lakhs to Rs 100 lakhs. Pre-qualification of tenderers is also to be resorted to under the following circumstances :

- (a) In case of a bridge work when the overall length is more than 200 metre; and
  - (b) In case of road works when the road length is more than 5 km.
2. Where a road/bridge project of complicated or difficult nature involved, it would always be open to this Ministry to stipulate the prequalifications irrespective of the cost or length of project.
  3. The above instructions may be followed scrupulously with immediate effect.