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To

The Chief Engineers, (dealing with National Highways and Centrally Sponsored Works), PWDs of all State/U.Ts, Director General (Border Roads), Director General (Works) C.P.W.D.

**Subject:** Prequalification of Contractors for National Highways and Centrally sponsored works – Advance action thereto.

Prequalification of contractors for major road works costing Rs.1 crore and above is an important requirement and this process should be initiated well in time and achieved in a time bound programme adopting pragmatic procedure.

2. As soon as the technical proposal for a scheme has been approved by the Ministry, preparation of detailed estimate should be taken up and completed expeditiously by the Execution Agency. Concurrently with the submission of detailed estimate to the Ministry, the invitation of prequalification bids and evaluation thereof should be taken up by them and completed by the time the detailed estimate is sanctioned by the Ministry.

3. The Prequalification invitation, scrutiny and evaluation should be handled at the Chief Engineer's office to ensure uniformity, coordination and timely action.

4. A time bound programme for preconstruction stage of all major schemes should be drawn and progress of various activities such as prequalification, tender invitation and settlement etc; are systematically monitored with a view to cutting down delays in implementation of highway projects.
  5. You are requested to bring the foregoing requirements to the notice of concerned field formations under your charge and confirm action taken in this regard.
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