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To

The Secretaries, and Chief Engineers of State Public Works Departments, Union Territories dealing with National Highways and other Centrally Financed Schemes, The Director General (Works), Central Public Works Department, The Director General, Border Roads.

Subject: Guidelines regarding the procedures to be adopted for prequalification of tenderers for the execution of major Road and Bridge works on National Highways and under other Centrally Financed Schemes – Modifications in the procedure.

It has been brought to the notice of this Ministry that the system of carrying out prequalifications of

1-Amendment to circular dated 25.01.1988 & 23.01.1989

contractors for individual projects (costing Rs.2 crores and above), as laid down under the existing procedures, is causing certain delay in the award of works after sanction. The matter has been examined in the Ministry and it has been decided that in consonance with the existing procedure of prequalification laid down in Ministry's letter No. NH-11024/1/86/NH-III/DI dated 25th January, 1988, read with letter No. NH-11024/1/88-DOI dated 23rd January, 1989, the following system may be adopted to expedite the prequalification of tenderers for NH works.

- (i) The process of prequalification should be initiated at the beginning of each calendar year (i.e. slightly ahead of the start of financial year) in a consolidated manner for all projects of similar scheme costing above Rs.2 crores likely to be taken up on the National Highways during the year. While issuing a common notice on these lines, the list of anticipated projects could be indicated and the contractors given the option to show interest for one or more of these as might suit them.
- (ii) Prequalification done on this basis should remain valid upto the end of the concerned financial year. If any of the proposed work is not taken up and slides into the next financial year, then prequalification for it should be done afresh along with anticipated works of the next year.
- (iii) Prequalification of contractors for projects of special nature, having requirements of special equipment, methodology of construction and/or techniques may, however, continue to be carried out individually, as per existing procedure.

2. This may please be brought to the notice of all concerned officers for immediate compliance.