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*Dated the 18th March, 1991.*

To

The Secretaries (dealing with National Highways), Public Works Departments of all States and Union Territories, The Director General (Works), Central Public Works Department, The Director General (Border Roads).

**Subject:** Guidelines regarding procedure to be adopted for prequalification of tenders for execution of works on National Highways and under other Centrally financed schemes.

I am directed to draw your kind attention to this Ministry's detailed guidelines issued vide letter of even number dated 25th January, 1988 and our letter No. NH-11024/1/88-DOI dated 23rd January, 1989 on the subject mentioned above and to state that some doubts have been expressed about restricting to a particular State prequalification of contractors in connection with execution of major road and bridge works on National Highways and under other Centrally financed schemes. As you are aware, if the prequalification of tenders is restricted to a particular State, the very purpose of getting the quality work done from experienced contractors having requisite qualified manpower and adequate funds does not serve the purpose. It is, therefore, made clear that selection of contractors for prequalifying them for NH projects will not be restricted to a particular State or area but is applicable to all over the country. This may kindly be brought to the notice of all field organizations under your control for compliance to the instructions issued in this connection.