

*No.RW/NH-11024/2/95-DO I*

*Dated, the 14th June, 1995*

To

The Secretaries (dealing with National Highways), Public Works Department of all State and Union Territories

Subject: Tender for road and bridge works on National Highways

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's Circular No. PL-30(62)/76 dated 26.6.76 on the subject mentioned above and to say that in an EFC meeting held on 22.2.95 the suggestion that projects whose revised cost estimates based on tender are likely to exceed Rs. 5 crores should be cleared by EFC before tenders are accepted, was examined in this Ministry and it was felt that in such situations, the State Governments would have to refer the matter to the Ministry time and again and obtain the approval of EFC, which may cause delay and ultimately affect the validity of tenders. As such, it was decided that the present system of awarding works by the State Governments in cases where the revised cost estimates based on tender exceeded the original estimate upto 15% would continue. However, it was reiterated that all the State Governments must ensure that RCE, EFC cases be submitted to this Ministry as early as possible but by all means within the prescribed time limit i.e. two months.

---