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The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India; All State Chief Engineers dealing with National Highway Projects; Regional Officers.

Subject : Policy on prequalification of contractors for implementation of NH Projects

A number of NH Projects are being implemented by various State Governments as well as by the National Highways Authority of India from different sources of fund, viz., Government Budgetary support, Multi — lateral Borrowings and Funds from private sector under Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) Scheme. It has been brought to the notice of this Ministry that there appears to be some confusion regarding type of contracting firms to be invited for the implementation of various types of projects. This has been considered in the Ministry and it has been decided that the following policy shall be followed in this regard.

2. **BOT PROJECTS**

Participation by all entrepreneurs; domestic or foreign, single or joint venture found eligible in terms of specific requirement of the projects is to be permitted.

3. **GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROJECTS**

3.1. For projects assisted by Multi - lateral funding agencies (externally aided); contractors including joint ventures from eligible source countries of respective lending agencies are to be permitted in terms of specific requirement of the projects.

3.2. **Domestically Funded Projects**

- (a) For projects costing Rs. 100 crore and above, eligible contractors and joint ventures from any country, willing to be paid in Indian currency, may be permitted to participate.
- (b) For projects costing less than Rs. 100 crore eligible contractors from any country (excluding joint ventures) willing to be paid in Indian currency, may be permitted to participate.

These instructions are issued with the approval of Secretary (SFT) and may please be adhered to while prequalifying contractors for future NH Projects.
