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To

The Chief Secretaries of all State Governments; Secretaries of Works Department dealing with National Highways; Chief Engineers of all State/UT PWDs dealing with NH and other centrally Sponsored works; Secretary, Border Roads Development Board; Director General Border Roads; Chairman, National Highways Authority of India

Subject : Standard Bidding Document (SBD) for works costing more than Rs.5 crore – Technical Evaluation - reg.

Please refer to this Ministry's letters of even No. Dated 4th September and 4th October, 2000 forwarding therewith Standard Bidding Document for procurement of civil works costing more than Rs.5 crore. A point has been raised about the composition of Technical Evaluation Committee and whether the Committee should be headed by Chief Engineer of the State or Chief Engineer (MORT&H). It is clarified : that Technical Evaluation Committee headed by Chief Engineer (NH) may process and approve the technical bids for works costing between Rs.5 crore and Rs. 15 crore. The Regional Officer stationed at headquarters of CE(NH) may be included in the Technical Evaluation Committee. For the works costing Rs. 15 crore and above the Technical Evaluation Committee headed by CE of the State shall undertake all the activities between Day 1 and day 17 as per procedure annexed to the circular and send the recommendations of the Committee to Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. After that, the recommendations of the Technical Evaluation Committee will be examined by the Screening Committee headed by Chief Engineer (MORT&H) as approved vide this Ministry's circular No RW/NH-11024/1/94-D.O.I dated 15th June, 1994. The final approval of the bid will be accorded by the combined Technical Evaluation and Screening Committee between Day 17 and 20. Paragraph 5 of the circular dated 4th September, 2000 and the new procedure for award of civil work contract annexed thereto may, therefore, be interpreted accordingly.

2. The content of this letter shall be brought to the notice of all concerned for compliance.