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Dated, the 27th April, 2008

To,

The Secretaries of State PWDs dealing with National Highways, The Engineers-in-Chief/Chief Engineers of State PWDs dealing with National Highways, The Chairman, NHAI, The Director General (Border Roads).

Subject : Acceptance of single tenders for National Highways works

I am directed to say that as per the existing CVC guidelines, single tenders can be accepted only with detailed justification in support of the acceptance with the approval of Competent Authority including Associated Finance. In general, single tenders are not acceptable in the first instance. However, it has been observed that the State PWDs are accepting rates on the basis of single tenders without observing the prescribed procedure, which is a violation of CVC Guidelines.

2. It is, therefore, decided that the State PWD may cancel the single tender received in the first call without opening the bid and re-invite the tender. If single tender is received, even after re-tendering the State PWD may give the detailed justification in support of the single tender indicating the importance of the work and award the work after obtaining approval of the competent authority and consulting the internal finance within the delegated power to the State Governments (when the estimated cost based on tendered value is within 5% above the original sanction cost). However, in no case the negotiation with the tender should be resorted to.

3. In case where the estimate cost based on tendered value is beyond 5% the original sanctioned cost and where revised estimate is required to be submitted, the State PWD may follow the above procedure and obtain Ministry's approval for the Revised Cost Estimate before awarding the work.

4. This may be brought to the notice of all concerned for strict compliance.
