

Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(P&M Section)

NH-11065/4/2012-P&M(PL&T)

New Delhi, the 19th September, 2012

To

1. The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of States/Union Territories, Public Works Departments(Dealing with National Highways, other Centrally Sponsored Schemes and State Schemes)
2. The Engineers-in-Chief Engineers of Public Works Departments of State/Union Territories(Dealing with National Highways and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes and State Schemes).
3. The Chairman, NHAI, G-5&6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-45.
4. The DGBR(BRO), Seema Sadak Bhawan, Naraina, New Delhi.

Subject: Advance action for initiation of tenders for development works on National Highways & PR works, Special Programmes for development of roads under SARDP-NE including Arunachal Package-reg.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to mention that the issue of expeditious action regarding invitation of tenders and award of works for NHs and other centrally sponsored schemes have been emphasized from time to time by this Ministry. However, on many occasions, the awards of works get delayed as the initiations of invitation of tenders are not undertaken prior to sanction of works by the Ministry.

2. In this context kind attention is drawn to the extant guidelines contained in Ministry's Circular NO. NH-15015/29/2001-PL dated 05.07.2001, on "Guidelines for expeditious acceptance of tenders and award of works" inter-alia stipulating that for Improvement in Riding Quality(IRQP) and Periodical Renewal (PR) works 'The State PWD can take advance action for tendering in consultation with concerned zonal Chief Engineer of the Ministry. The pre-award action should be completed preferably by month of March and works are awarded as soon as these works are sanctioned in the month of April/May.'

3. Considering the necessity for timely award and implementation of development works on NHs i.e. NH(O) & PBFF works including IRQP, PR works and Special Road Development Programmes such as SARDP-NE including Arunachal Package and under LWE affected area scheme etc., the position has been reviewed and following has been decided in partial modification of the above said circular dated 5-7-2001 (para 2 above) for the projects which are not required to be appraised by PIB/EFC/SFC i.e. projects below Rupees 25 crores:

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1-Amendment to circular dated 05.07.2001

- i. Advance action may be initiated including invitations of tenders by all executing agencies for development works on NHs, i.e NH(O) & PBFF works including IRQP, PR works and works under SARDP-NE including Arunachal Package and LWE scheme immediately after the project proposal is technically approved and financially concurred in the ministry.
 - ii. Once such project proposal is technically approved and financially concurred, the concerned Project Zone CEs of the Ministry shall immediately intimate the executing agencies and RO/ELO concerned of the Ministry for initiating such prompt advance action by the executing agencies which includes invitations of tenders, opening and evaluation of technical bids, etc.
 - iii. Financial bids will, however, be opened only upon issue of administrative approval of the project by the Ministry.
4. For the projects requiring appraisal by PIB/EFC/SFC, the existing procedures shall be applicable.
 5. This would be effective from the date of its issue.
 6. The above instructions may be brought to the notice of all concerned for needful compliance.
 7. This issues with concurrence of Finance Wing vide their U.O No. 685/TF-II/12 dated 16.7.2012 and approval of Hon'ble Minister (RT&H).

Yours faithfully,



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