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The Secretaries (dealing with National Highways), PWD of all States and Union Territories; Secretary, Border Road Development Board; Chairman, National Highways Authority of India

Subject : Revision of land acquisition estimate

I am directed to say that it has come to the notice of the Ministry that though land acquisition estimates are sanctioned based on existing market rate projected by State PWDs, these estimates are often revised due to Court decrees for revised compensation. In such revision of estimates extra agency charges are also paid to the State Governments, though they are not doing any extra work on account of these revision.

2. It has, therefore, been decided that in future no revision of land acquisition estimates would be entertained in the Ministry on account of rates, etc. and in case of Court order for additional payment, the same would be reimbursed to the State Governments from charged expenditure and State Governments would not be paid any extra agency charges.

3. The above instructions may please be brought to the notice of all concerned in your Department for guidance and necessary action.