
No. NHIII/P/10/76

Dated the 4th Nov., 1977

To

The Secretary All State Govts.
(Deptts. dealing with National Highways).

Subject : National Highways—Acquisition of lands for National Highways—Registration of their title, in the name of Central Government

In supersession of this Ministry's circular letter No. NHII/P/10/76 dated 2nd August, 1977 I am directed to say that according to Section 4 of the National Highways Act, 1956 all National Highways vest in the Union of India and therefore, the ownership of all the National Highways, including all lands acquired for the development of National Highways vests in the name of the Government of India. It is therefore appropriate that the title of all such lands should be registered in the name of the Central Government. It has been reported in this connection by some of our Regional Officers/Engineer Liaison Officers that the practice of registering the title of lands acquired for the Central Government for National Highway purposes is not being uniformly followed by some of the State Governments. I am, therefore, to request you kindly to ensure that the title of all lands already acquired or as may be acquired for this Ministry in future for National Highway purposes, is invariably registered in the name of the Central Government. It will go a long way to ensure implementation of this requirement if suitable instructions are issued by the State Governments to the State Revenue Authorities concerned with the actual acquisition of such lands.
