

No. NHIII/P/43/82

Dated the 7th Aug., 1982

To

All State Chief Engineers
(dealing with National Highways)

Subject : Need to limit acquisition of land to the minimum necessary area

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of D.O. letter No. 22011/29/2/82-LRD dated 18.6.82 (Appendix-I) from Shri S.C. Verma, Secretary (RD), Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi addressed to Shri Mohinder Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Shipping and Transport, Transport Bhavan, New Delhi on the subject mentioned above for your guidance and necessary action.

2. The Standards for the width of land to be acquired for various categories of highways have already been laid down by the Indian Roads Congress and the lands are to be normally acquired as per these Standards. With a view to conserving useful lands especially in agricultural and urban fringe areas, utmost restraint may be exercised in land acquisition so that only land as is necessary for a highway project is actually acquired.

3. The contents of this letter may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

Enclosure to letter No. NHIII/P/43/82 dt. the 7th August 1982

APPENDIX I

LETTER NO. 22011/29/2/82-LRD, DATED 18.6.82 FROM SECRETARY (RD), MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, KRISHI BHAVAN, NEW DELHI ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT, TRANSPORT BHAVAN, NEW DELHI'

It has been brought to the notice of the Prime Minister that, in a number of cases, land has been acquired for public purposes in a liberal scale and far in excess of actual requirement, thereby causing avoidable hardship to a number of landowners. The Prime Minister has expressed grave concern over this development and has desired that to acquisition of land for public purposes should be