

No. PL-13 (5)/56

Dated the 21st June, 1958

To

All State Govts.
(Departments dealing with Roads)

Subject : Improvement and maintenance of existing Inspection Bungalows and rest houses attached to National Highways

I am directed to refer to the Ministry's letter No. PL-13 (5)/56 dated the 17th January, 1957, and to say that the Government of India have re-examined the question of meeting the expenditure on the improvement and maintenance of inspection bungalows and rest houses attached to National Highways and to state the position as indicated in the succeeding para.

2. The definition of the term "highway" given in section 4 of the National Highways Act, 1956, covers all land appurtenant to a National Highway and such structures, fences, trees, etc., mentioned in that section as fall within that land. If an inspection bungalow or rest house falls within the National Highway land, its ownership vests in the Central Government and they can incur expenditure on its improvement and maintenance as was done before the National Highway Act, 1956, came into force. The land falling within the boundary lines on either side, of the centre line of the National Highway as well as any land adjacent to the boundary line of the National Highway and attached to the boundary line of National Highway and attached to any structure such as an inspection bungalow or rest house primarily meant for the convenience of Public Works Department officers in charge of National Highways shall be considered as the land appurtenant to the National Highway.
3. In the circumstances, I am to request that a list of such inspection bungalows and rest houses as fall within the National Highway land as defined in the preceeding para may kindly be furnished to this Ministry as early as possible to enable the Government of India authorise expenditure on their improvement and maintenance.
4. I am to add that the Government of India have decided that the following broad principles should be applied in the use of these inspection bungalows and rest houses :—

(1) All income be credited to the Central Govt.

- (2) The order of preference in the reservation of accommodation will be as under :—
 - (i) Central and State Government Officers in-charge of the National Highways
 - (ii) Other Central or State Government Officers
 - (3) The Executive Engineer, in whose jurisdiction the building lies, will make the reservation
 - (4) Non-officials and officers not on duty will be allotted accommodation when Government officers on duty do not require it and will pay rent on an approved schedule
 - (5) In the matter of rents, etc. all (Central and State) Government Officers will be treated at par
5. It is requested that the rules in force may be revised, where necessary, in order to make them conform to the aforesaid principles and concurrence of this Ministry obtained to the draft revised rules.
6. This letter disposes of your letters for to Bombay only, @ to Assam only No. ITW. 3857-W. dated 22nd April 1957* @@ to West Bengal only ONH : 395/56/16666, dated 1st August 1957@ 723 W (C), dated 6th February, 1958@@
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