

No. RM-23 (33)/75

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To

The Chief Engineers/Addl. Chief Engineers of State P.W.Ds. dealing with National Highways

Subject : Technical Committee for assessing the need of repairs and maintenance of Central Machinery

Powers were delegated vide Ministry's letter No. RM-25 (33)/75 dated 3-11-76 to Ministry's Regional SE (M)s for according technical approval to the repair/maintenance estimates of central machinery received from State Govts. concerned. But it is found that the estimates are not sent in the beginning of the financial year, and the provisions made therein are not found justified on the basis of data, such as working hours, repairs to be carried out etc., furnished by the States along with estimates. Due to these reasons, the sanctioning of the estimates could not, therefore, be expedited in many cases, inspite of delegating the powers referred to above.

It needs no emphasis that correct documentation and technical checks by the State P.W.Ds. are essential, for framing the repair estimates which would be of great help in sanctioning the estimate expeditiously by the Ministry/Ministry's Regional Officers. As such, due care for the maintenance of records, and documentation may be taken.

2. In this connection, it was suggested in Item 4 (v) of the Memorandum for the State Chief Engineers' Meeting held on 23rd Jan. '79 at Bangalore that the State P.W.Ds. may consider setting up a Technical Committee of State officers to go into this matter and certify the need for repairs of each equipment needing repairs before forwarding the repair estimates to the Regional Officers of the Ministry. Such a Technical Committee would obviously go into the records maintained by State PWD regarding utilisation, previous repairs attended to etc. None of the State Chief Engineer had indicated any difficulty to set up such a technical committee in the meeting held at Bangalore.

It is hoped that all the State P.W.Ds. must have formed the same as now. The major repairs for the equipment can be visualised, and properly assessed before preparing the repair estimates, support it with justifying data and the same can be submitted to the Ministry's Regional Mechanical Officer in the beginning of each financial year so that it can be sanctioned at the earliest. This would result in better availability of Central Machinery for execution of central works, resulting in better utilisation of central machines. It is, therefore, requested that the action taken by the State PWD, in the matter may kindly be intimated at a very early date. In case, such a Committee has not been formed so far, appropriate necessary action in the matter may kindly be taken immediately under intimation to the Ministry, and Ministry's Regional Mechanical Officer.