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To

The Secretaries of all State PWDs and Union Territories (dealing with National Highways); Director General (Border Roads); Director General (Works) CPWD.

Subject: Use of Hot Mix Plants on NH works - technical specifications - regarding.

Your attention is invited towards the Ministry's letters No. RW/RMP-16(3)/84 dated 1-1-85 and No. RW/RMP-16(3)/89 dated 18-3-88 vide which technical requirements of Hot Mix Plants to be used on NH works were indicated and it was requested that the same may be clearly mentioned in the tender/contract documents. Subsequently the main features of H.M.Ps were incorporated in the revised "Specifications for Road and Bridge works" which became effective from 1-6-88. From this it follows that all the NH works after 1-6-88 should be executed with the use of H.M.Ps meeting the technical requirements laid down in the Ministry's Specifications.

2. It is, however, observed that despite ample time having been given in many cases the H.M.Ps being used on NH works are not meeting the prescribed requirements. The use of substandard plants leads to improper quality of bituminous road works. It has, therefore, been decided that if N.H. works are executed with the use of Hot Mix Plants not conforming to the laid down Specifications, this Ministry will be constrained to withhold the reimbursement of expenditure incurred on such works to the State PWDs.

3. It is, therefore, reiterated once again that suitable instructions be issued to all concerned for strict compliance of the Ministry's instructions and not to allow the use of sub-standard Hot Mix Plants on NH works.

4. Ministry's R.O.s and Regional Superintending Engineers (Mech.) have been instructed to carry out inspection of each and every H.M.P/drum mix plant being used/proposed to be used on N.H. works in their respective jurisdiction and report violations, if any, to the Ministry for taking further necessary action in regard to withholding the reimbursements to State PWDs in terms of the revised National Highway Rules. It would be advisable to carryout joint inspection of the plants by State PWD officers and Ministry's R.Os/SEs(M) for verifying the fitness of the Hot Mix Plants before commencement of the works.

5. The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.