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To

The Engineer-in-Chief/Chief Engineer/Addl. Chief Engineer of the States of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh & West Bengal (dealing with National Highways)

Subject : Training of personnel on sophisticated bituminous pavement construction machinery

D.G.S. & D., for the first time, placed bulk order for supply of hot mix plants and paver finishers on indigenous manufacturers (viz) Marshalls, vide A/T No. ME-7/220/07/702/17.2.72/514/PAOM dated 27.3.73 M/s. Sayaji vide A/T/ No. ME-7/220/07/702/17, 2.72/5/516/PAOB dated 28.3.73 and M/s Millers vide A/T No. ME-7/220/07/702/17.2.72/1/515/PAOB dated 5.4.73, on account of this Ministry. The bituminous pavement construction work with these sophisticated hot mix plants was new to most of the States. Therefore, trained personnel were essential to operate such closely and sophisticated machines in proper manner, economically and to improve utilisation. As such a provision was made in the above A/Ts. that the supplying firms will train operating and maintenance personnel free of cost at their works and also at work-site during erection and initial trial run of 150 hours operation.

The supply against above A/Ts. have since been completed and the plants are being utilised in your State. But the Ministry is not aware, the number of staff you have engaged in these hot mix plants/paver finishers, the number of staff trained at firms' works and during trial run at work sites.

P.A.C. of the Parliament, in para 7.56 of 18th Report of 6th Lok Sabha has urged that in case of new range of equipment, the State authorities may be persuaded to send the machine operators and mechanics to the manufacturing units for training well ahead of arrival of the equipments so that there is no loss of machine-time at the work-sites.

It is requested that the following information may be furnished to this Ministry :

- i) Number of operators/mechanics engaged on hot mix plants and paver finishers
- ii) Number of technical staff already trained at works of different firms and at work sites on different makes of hot mix plants and paver finishers.
- iii) Number of technical staff undergoing training
- iv) The action being taken to get the remaining staff trained expeditiously.