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To

The Chief Engineer of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal

Subject: Proposal for establishing training facilities for mechanics, fitters, operators etc. in association with I.T.Is.

Public Accounts Committee of Parliament in their recommendation and Accountant Generals of some of the States in their reports have adversely commented on the low utilisation of Central equipments allocated to State P.W.Ds. for execution of Central/NH works. The Road Building Machinery Committee in their report already communicated to States vide RM-21(1)/75 dated 20.6.1975 had brought out that one of the reasons for low utilisation of Central equipments was lack of skilled operators, know-how for operation, and trained technicians for maintenance and repairs of Central equipments, and for manning workshops.

2. P.A.C. in their recommendation No. 7.55 have stressed for early establishing of training centres for imparting training to the staff at Industrial Training Institutes which have been set up almost in all States. The committee has also suggested that the States, may review the present strength vis-a-vis the future requirement of operators and technicians so that a regular training programme is arranged in every State

expeditiously to meet the future requirements. They have also suggested that it will be beneficial if refresher and in-service training courses are also arranged from time to time so that staff is made conversant with the work of equipment of the latest design and technology.

3. Ministry have been pursuing this matter with State P.W.Ds. since long, when they were requested to have the staff trained in the training centre run by the C.W. & P.C. etc. Finally in June, 1975 when the States Chief Engineers meeting was held on 29th June, 1975 at New Delhi, it was decided to establish the centres in association with IIT. The Minutes of the meeting were communicated to all the States vide Ministry's letter No. RM-10(2)/75 dated 18.7.1975. The matter was further discussed in the group of State Chief Engineers meeting held in the Ministry on 11/12th November, 1975 and the Minutes of the same were communicated to all the States vide Ministry's letter No. RM-21(5)/75 dated 28th November, 1975. The matter was also discussed with the State Chief Engineers individually in the review meetings held with them, in the Ministry during October/November, 1976. The States were also reminded vide Ministry's letter No. RM-20(40)/76 dated 20.4.1977 to finalise the training programme expeditiously under intimation to the Ministry. But it is regretted that such proposals are still awaited from almost all the States.

4. The State Chief Engineers are again requested to look into the matter personally, and work out suitable proposals so that by using the facilities available in the ITIs. and supplementing them by providing machines, personnel, sandwiching integrating with on road job field training on actual operation etc., a suitable training programme can be worked out. It is also requested the State P.W.D. may assess their present vis-a-vis future requirements of operators and technicians so that, as desired by PAC, required training programme is arranged in every state to meet the future requirements.

5. As suggested by P.A.C., the State P.W.D. may also consider for starting refresher and in-service training courses so that the staff is made conversant with the working of the equipment of latest design and technology.

6. The State Chief Engineers may finalise such proposals at the earliest under intimation to the Ministry.