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To

The Chief Engineer of State PWD dealing with National Highways

Subject : Utilisation of mobile workshops and their running expenses — regarding

Ref : Ministry's letter No. RM-24(8)/78, dated 17.5.1978.

You are aware that this Ministry had procured mobile workshops and allocated to various State PWDs for providing repair facilities for the repair and maintenance of Central machinery. A procedure for meeting the running expenses of the workshops had also been laid down while issuing the sanction for establishment of Central/Divisional workshop *vide* Ministry's letter No. RW-24(8)/78 dated 17.5.1978. In para (7) of this letter, it was stated that the expenses on the wages of the staff and POL etc. of the Central/Divisional workshops should initially be met from a suspense account and proportionately debited/adjusted to the repair and maintenance estimate of equipment subsequently. The same is applicable in the case of mobile workshops also.

2. It was also indicated in para (8) of the above mentioned letter that in case spare capacity is available, machines purchased against Central loan assistance and State owned machinery may also be got repaired at appropriate charges.

3. However, it has been observed that the mobile workshops are not being utilised fully. One of the reasons for underutilisation has been indicated as difficulty being experienced in meeting the expenditure towards staff charges and consumable materials like POL, etc., required for the operation of these mobile workshops.

4. To overcome the above difficulties it is clarified that in addition to the procedure indicated in para (7) of the letter dated 17.5.1978 mentioned above, the State PWDs while preparing Annual repair/maintenance estimates of Central machines may provide an element towards utilisation of mobile workshops, for meeting the expenses towards the staff wages and consumable materials like POL, cotton waste etc.

This provision must be proportionate to the expected utilisation of the mobile workshop for the repair of an individual machine or for the group of machines to the extent such works are to be carried out by the workshops.

5. It is hoped that the above provision will help the State PWD to improve the utilisation of the mobile workshops and speedy repair of Central machinery. It is suggested the State PWD should work out utilisation programme for full utilisation of the mobile workshops throughout the year. A copy of the same may be forwarded to this Ministry and to the Regional Superintending Engineer (Mech.) for information.

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