

No. RW/NH-34045/1/95-S&R

Dated, the 15th April, 1999

To

The Chief Engineers of States/UTs, PWDs, (dealing with National Highways and other Centrally Financed Schemes); Director General (Works), Central Public Works Deptt.; Director General Border Roads; Chairman, National Highways Authority of India; Engineer-in-Chief, Municipal Corporation of Delhi; The Empanelled Consultants.

Subject : Soil/Sub-surface investigation for road and bridge works on NH and other centrally sponsored schemes

Instances where there has been considerable variation between the subsoil profile as per the subsoil investigation report submitted by the consultants or by the Department and the soil profile actually encountered during execution have come to this Ministry's notice. Recently, one such instance where it resulted in considerable time and cost overrun of the project had become the subject matter of an audit observation. The matter has been viewed seriously and the need for issuing necessary policy circular to all agencies executing this Ministry's projects has been highlighted.

In this context please refer to this office letter of even number dated March 18, 1999 forwarding the list of consultants who have been prequalified and empanelled for subsoil investigations for i) Major Bridges and ii) High embankments and minor bridges. A proforma was enclosed with this letter for submitting the annual performance report of the consultants. It was requested that the performance report of the consultants who had provided subsoil investigation services to your organisation may please be forwarded by the Chief Engineers alongwith their comments.

In this connection, it is further suggested that during investigation stage a responsible officer of the department should be associated and inspections carried out from time-to-time to ensure proper investigation by the consultants. It is also suggested that in case glaring variations in the actual soil profile from that of the report of the consultants are noticed during execution leading to cost and time overrun for the project, in addition to taking action against the consultant as per terms of the contract, the matter may also please be specifically brought to the notice of the Ministry so that this Ministry can consider disqualification of the consultant and/or other suitable actions

[Enclosures to Ministry's Circular No.RW/NH-34045/1/95-S&R dated 15.4.1999]

PERFORMANCE REPORT*

Name of Consultant :

Year :

S. No.	Name of project	Amount of consultancy fee	Date of award	Target date of completion	Actual date of completion	Remarks including reasons for delay, if any.

* Certificate from clients to be enclosed.