

To

The Chief Engineers of (By name)

Dated the 26th July 1984

I hope the project preparation work in respect of schemes proposed for World Bank assistance in your State has reached an advanced stage. Clarifications are being sought from the State PWDs in regard to the geometric design standards to be adopted for these schemes and on the method of presentation of the project documents.

For the sake of uniformity and proper presentation of the project, we have evolved design standards and guidelines for presentation of the documents and the same are described in Annexures I & II respectively. I shall be grateful if these guidelines and standards are complied with in the project preparation work.

Annexure I**GEOMETRIC DESIGN STANDARDS FOR NATIONAL HIGHWAYS (RURAL SECTIONS) PROPOSED UNDER THE WORLD BANK AID.**

		Ruling		Minimum
1.	Design speed (km/hr)	:		
	a) Flat terrain	100		80
	b) Rolling terrain	80		65
	c) Mountainous terrain	50		40
2.	Roadway width (metres) :			
	For 2 lane carriageway	:	Flat & Rolling	12
			Mountainous	8.8
	For 4 lane divided carriageway	:	Flat & Rolling	25
			Mountainous	22
	On culverts	:	Same as for road section	
	Extra width may be provided for busbays where necessary			
3.	Carriageway width (metres)			
	For 2 lane carriageway	:	7	
	For 4 lane divided carriageway	:	2 × 7.5	
	Extra width may be provided for bus bays where necessary			
4.	Shoulder width (meters)			
	Flat & Rolling terrain	:	Treated shoulder	1.5
			Untreated shoulder	1.0

	Mountainous terrain	:	Total width on either side of carriageway (Entire width to be treated)	2.5 0.9
5.	Median width (metres)	:		5
6.	Camber (Per cent)	:	— Median — carriageway — Treated shoulder (Blacktop) — Untreated (earth) shoulder	4.0 2.5 3.0 4.0
7.	Sight Distance (meters)	:		
	— Two lane roads	:	To be designed for overtaking sight distance; Intermediate or stopping sight distance may be resorted to in difficult situations.	
	— Four lane divided road	:	To be designed preferably for intermediate sight distance and in difficult situations for stopping sight distance	
8.	Radius of horizontal curves (metres)	:		
			Ruling	Minimum
	Flat terrain		360	230
	Rolling terrain		230	155
	Mountainous terrain-non snow bound		80	50
	Mountainous terrain-snow bound		90	60
9.	Maximum Superelevation (Per cent)			
	Plain & Rolling terrain		7	
	Hilly areas — snow bound		7	
	Hilly areas — Non-snow bound		10	
10.	Summit and valley curves			
	To be designed for appropriate sight distances mentioned in S. No. 7 and minimum length = .6 V			
11.	Vertical profile			
	In realigned portions, the subgrade may be fixed 1 metre above the HFL.			
12.	For all other details, the IRC publication No. 73-1980-Geometric standards for Rural (non-urban) Highways may be referred to.			

Annexure II**GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTATION OF PROJECT DOCUMENTS****1. General Presentation**

The documents for each subsection as per this Ministry's Lr. No. PL-30 (68)/80-Vol. II, dt. 18.7.84, should comprise

Part I — Project Report

Part II — Design including Material Report

Part III — Drawings

Part IV — Estimates

Wherever required, the documents may be further subdivided into various volumes under each part mentioned above.

2. Number of copies required

12 copies each of the above documents are required to be furnished to the Roads Wing.

3. Size of documents

The size of documents for all Parts except Part III should be 297 mm × 210 mm.

As regards Part III (Drawings), the sizes mentioned in IRC publication No. 19 may be followed.