OFFICE MEMORANDUM

New Delhi the 29th June, 2011

Sub: Necessity to complete pre-construction activities before the civil works to be taken up for development of particular stretches of National Highways-reg.

It has been observed that many of the projects for development of NHs are sanctioned and awarded before completion of all the pre-construction activities, viz., completion of land acquisition, shifting of utilities, obtaining environmental and forest clearances, etc., wherever applicable, including providing encumbrance free sites. This often results into delay in implementation of projects and consequently leads to time and cost overruns.

2. In view of the above, it is requested that it may be ensured henceforth that all the preconstruction activities related to development of a particular stretch of NH may be fully completed before civil work for development of that particular stretch is sanctioned and awarded.

3. The above instructions may be followed with immediate effect and until further orders.

4. This issues with the approval of Secretary (RT &H).

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