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To

The Secretaries of all States/UTs (In-charge of PWD); Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of State PWDs and UTs (dealing with National Highways); Director General Border Roads; Chairman, National Highways Authority of India

Subject : Adherence of Ministry's norms for construction/repair on National Highways

It has come to the notice of the Ministry that Ministry's norms and specifications are not being scrupulously followed while preparing estimates for improvement/widening and repairs of National Highways. Also the rate analysis is not worked out as per Ministry's Standard Data Book for rate analysis. Particular instances of provision of sub standard diameter of pipe culverts, inappropriate rate analysis for WBM including prime coat, tack coat/surfacings, etc. have come across. These deficiencies have led to variations during execution of work resulting in cost over-run.

It is, therefore, requested to ensure that the provisions in the project/repair estimates are made in strict conformity with Ministry's Specifications for Road and Bridge Works (3rd revision) read with upgraded version of Section 500 and related clauses of Section 900 and Section 3000 and various circulars and amendments on Specifications issued from time to time and the rate analysis are worked out in accordance with Ministry's Standard Data Book for Rate Analysis to avoid cost over-run. This supercedes the earlier circular of even No. dated 21st May, 2001.

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