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Dated the 17th February, 2003

To

All Regional Officers & ELOs of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

Subject: Measures of ensure Quality Control on National Highway works and Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

Please refer to Ministry's Circular No. NH-11042/1/87-NH-III/I dated 18th April, 1988 (Code No. 406.13) furnishing detailed guidelines for adopting Quality Assurance System for works on National Highways and under Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Further guidelines for Quality Assurance on Improvement of Riding Quality Programme (IRQP) and Periodic Renewal (PR) works have been issued vide Ministry's letter No. RW/NH-33044/10/2000-S&R dated 26.9.2002. It may be mentioned that Quality Control charges @ 1% of the estimated cost of project is being allowed for ensuring quality of work on such projects. However, it has been observed that proper attention is not being given by some of the Executive Agencies which results in sub-standard construction. It has further been noted that defect appear within one year of the completion of IRQP and PR works. This is inspite of the fact that specific amounts are being earmarked in the estimates for Quality Control.

2. The above issue has been viewed seriously by the Ministry. The main reason for sub-standard work on National Highways and Centrally Sponsored Schemes is negligence, slackness and non-compliance with the Ministry's Specifications and Guidelines. It has, therefore, been decided to involve Ministry's Regional Offices for enforcement of Ministry's Specifications and Guidelines to ensure Quality Control.

3. Accordingly, all Regional Officers may earmark the National Highways under their jurisdiction to the Officers of the Regional Office. These Officers shall regularly inspect the works allocated to them and send a certificate to the Ministry's concerned Project zone confirming that all the requisite Quality Control tests as per Ministry's Specifications/Guidelines have been conducted by the respective Officers of the State PWD. It may further be ensured that each work is inspected and the requisite certificate issued at least once in every two months, positively.

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