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All State Govts./Administrations except Tripura and Andaman and Nichobar Islands, Departments dealing with roads

Sub: Monetary limits upto which expenditure on petty and miscellaneous items of works pertaining to National Highways ordinarily called as new works, can be charged to repairs

I am directed to invite a reference to memoranda No. B-30 (9)/49, dt. the 14th June '49, from the Consulting Engineer (Roads), Govt. of India to all Provincial Chief Engineers etc. and this Ministry's Circular letter No. WI-43 (13)/60, dt. the 5th May '61, to all State Govt etc. and to say that the monetary limit of Rs 20,000/- under the 'exception' below para 27 (4) of Appendix No. 2 to the Central Public Works Account Code which was fixed in 1961 needs further upward revision in view of general rise in the cost of materials and labour. The Govt. of India have reviewed the position and decided that the present limit of Rs 20,000/- under the 'exception' below para 27 (a) of Appendix No. 2 to the Central Public Works Account Code should be raised to Rs 25,000/-. The revised instructions are reproduced below in consolidated form for information and guidance:

1. Works that can be financed from maintenance and repairs grant:
 - a) The following petty and miscellaneous items of work (which ordinarily should be classed as "new works") upto the prescribed limit of Rs 25,000/- in any one case, provided that the works in question do not, in the opinion of the Superintending Engineer concerned, forms part of any comprehensive scheme or project covered by the works estimate:
 - i) Superelevation at curves.
 - ii) Cutting back a hillside to improve vision at curves.
 - iii) Improvements of alignment or gradients or changes of grade at Irish bridges, or dips, carried out at the time of renewing a surface.
 - iv) Improvement to or reconstruction of the surface or road in some different material where it is desirable to carry out such improvements or reconstruction at the time of renewing a surface.
 - v) The construction or reconstruction of road surfaces in different materials for the purposes of experiment.
 - vi) The construction or remodelling of bridges, causeways, embankments, ferry approach, protective or training works in connection with a road.

Notes: Item (vi) includes replacement of boats and other apparatus connected with ferries.
 - b) Petty works of the following nature (which are considered to be covered by the spirit of the Exception to para 27 (4) of the Central Public Works Account Code) upto the prescribed limit of Rs 25,000/- in any one case, with the prior approval of the Govt. of India.
 - i) Petty survey work, including survey required to complete records relating to land widths, encroachments etc.
 - ii) Demarcation of road boundaries.
 - iii) Traffic surveys for planning of road development.
 - c) Ordinary repairs and maintenance, including surface painting and the necessary addition of stone chips, gravel or sand.
 - d) Widening the formation or carriageway of a road including a drain or culvert and reconstruction a drain or culvert.
 - e) Special Repairs and periodical renewals.
2. Original works taken up for the first time, that cannot be financed from maintenance and repairs grant
 - a) Works involving land acquisition which may otherwise come under items (1) (a) (ii) and (iii) above.
 - b) Provision of asphaltic or bituminous concrete, premix asphalt or bituminous macadam, bituminous grout, bituminous semi-grout, mix-in-place, cement concrete or cement macadam surface.