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Dated the 26th December 1974

Sub : Maintenance and Repairs of National Highways. Abstract—Estimate for 1975-76

As per standing instructions issued on the subject, the Abstract particulars estimates for Maintenance and Repairs of National Highways for the year 1975-76 are to be received in this Ministry by 1st January 1975. Superintending Engineers (Roads) may take up the matter with the States if the same are not received by the due date.

2. Comments and recommendations on the abstract estimates from the Regional Officers are due to be received in this Ministry by 1st February 1975. Superintending Engineer (Roads/Bridges) may please ensure that the comments on these estimates, are received by the scheduled dates so that there is no delay in finalisation of the proposals sent by the States and in release of funds for the same.

3. While scrutinising the proposals for renewals Superintending Engineers (Roads) should take into account the Miles (or kms) that are being improved or proposed to be improved by June 1976 under Original works as also the miles (or kms) where pavement surface has already been improved or proposed to be improved during 1975-76 under special repairs or flood damage repairs and consider only the balance lengths for renewals depending upon their entitlement as per renewal cycles. Their recommendations on the requirements of funds for ordinary repairs and renewals should reach S.E. (R) IB before 1st April, 1975. These recommendations are to be furnished National Highwaywise and Divisionwise in the enclosed *Proforma I in duplicate* so that the same can be incorporated in the allotment letters.

4. Superintending Engineers (Roads/Bridges) should also examine the demands of the State Chief Engineers for continuing special repair works and continuing flood damage repair works and keeping in view the comments received from the Regional Superintending Engineers, give their final recommendations of funds admissible for these sub-heads in the enclosed *proformae II and III in duplicate* to S.E. (R) IB by 1st May 1975. Since release of further funds for continuing special repair works and continuing flood damage repair works depends upon the actual expenditure incurred on individual works during previous years, it may be ensured this information is obtained from State Chief Engineer without fail.

5. The estimates for new Special Repair works, if any, received from the State Chief Engineers should be examined keeping in view the recommendations received from the Regional Superintending Engineers. They should give their final recommendations of funds admissible for this sub-head to S.E. (R) IB by 15th July 1975.

6. The estimates/Reports received from the States for the fresh flood damage repairs, if any, rendered necessary due to monsoons of 1975 should be scrutinised and keeping in view the recommendations received from the Regional Superintending Engineers give their assessment of total cost of restoration (National Highway-wise and work-wise) in Proforma No. IV and the funds required during 1975-76 to S.E. (R) IB by 15th November, 1975.

To All Superintending Engineers (Roads and Bridges), Roads Wing, New Delhi.

Copy also forwarded to all the Chief Engineers (Roads and Bridges), (Roads Wing), New Delhi, for information.

ENCL : AS ABOVE.

Copy with copies of enclosures also forwarded to :

All Regional Officers and Liaison Officers, Ministry of Shipping and Transport (Roads Wing), outside Delhi.

They should ensure that the prescribed time schedule for submission of estimates is strictly adhered to by the State Chief Engineers.

2. As soon as the estimates along with bar charts etc. are received, their recommendations (National Highway-wise and Division wise) regarding demands for Ordinary Repairs and Renewals, should be forwarded to the Ministry immediately and in any case not later than 1st February 1975.

3. Similarly their recommendations for continuing special repair works and continuing flood damage repair works should be forwarded to the Ministry latest by the 15th April, 1975 and while forwarding their recommendation on individual works, they should see that expenditure incurred up to 31st March, 1975 on these works are also furnished.

4. They should also forward their comments on the estimates for new special repairs works latest by 1st July, 1975.

5. They should, without waiting for estimates from State Public Works Department also arrange to forward a detailed report on the flood damages along with rough costs of restoration and requirements of funds during 1975-76 for the States in their Jurisdiction, latest by 1st November, 1975.

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6. They should also ensure that detailed estimates for new flood damage repairs are forwarded by the States soon after the occurrence of the floods and also arrange to send their comments on these estimates soon there after and in any case before 15th December, 1975.

II. Copy to All Under Secretaries and works section.

It is observed that in some cases that technical approvals have been issued without ascertaining the availability of funds from the maintenance cell. In this connection their attention is invited to paragraph 8 of this circular where in it is emphasized that the technical approvals should be issued only after obtaining the clearance from the Maintenance Cell.