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To

Secretaries (PWD/Roads) of all State Government/Union Territories; Chief Engineers of State/Union Territories (dealing with National Highways and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes); Director General Border Roads; Chairman National Highways Authority of India

Subject : Thermoplastic Road Marking Material

As per the information available in this Ministry, Thermoplastic Road Marking Paints being used on various road work sites for road markings are generally imported. It has also come to notice that in some cases, even though the paints were meeting specifications as per BS:3262, these were not meeting specifications as per Clause 803 of Ministry of Surface Transport (Roads Wing) Specifications for Road and Bridge Works, 1995. Recently a domestic firm named M/s S.N. Industries having its Head Office at 2682, Gali No. 2, Beadon Pura, Ajmal Khan Road Market, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110 005, Telephone No. (011) 5725156, (011) 5743879, Fax (011) 5761279 has approached this Ministry that they are producing Thermoplastic Road Marking materials indigenously. The firm claims that the paint is conforming to clause 803 of Ministry of Surface Transport (Roads Wing) Specifications for Road and Bridge Works, 1995 and have furnished test reports from some reputed organisations. The firm has also given an undertaking to the Ministry that they will warrant the paint for any manufacturing defect for a period of two years from the date of application of paint on the road surface.

2. In order to encourage indigenous production of such type of materials, it is suggested that the Thermoplastic Road Marking Paint being manufactured by the above mentioned firm may be tried for use on the National Highways after ensuring the required quality as per clause 803 of Ministry of Surface Transport (Roads Wing) Specifications for Road and Bridge Works, 1995 and necessary feed back regarding the performance of this paint furnished to the Ministry.

3. The contents of this Circular may please be brought to the notice of all concerned.