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To

All the Regional Superintending Engineers (by name)

Subject : Qualitative aspects of execution of National Highway works and other Centrally financed works like Strategic Roads

Although it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments entrusted with the execution of the above mentioned works to arrange their execution to the expected qualitative standards, duly satisfying the other requirements of expected technical and financial procedural discipline, for the fulfilment of the above objective the Roads Wing have also to oversee the performance of the States in properly handling and supervising the execution of these works. The attention of the State Governments has been invited to the above mentioned requirement repeatedly through correspondence and on every conceivable occasion through the meetings of the State Chief Engineers, the Standing Committee on Roads of the Transport Development Council, etc. The Roads Wing officers posted in the Regional Offices as also at the Headquarters also frequently tour, inspect such works and convey certain observations during such inspections, some bearing on the qualitative aspects of execution of those works and sometimes deficiencies in them. These observations are subsequently confirmed through the inspection notes being issued by them. It is expected that such observations particularly concerning any deficiencies in the execution of works are supposed to be given due attention by the State P.W.D. authorities for rectification/remedying thereof as also for ensuring that such deficiencies do not re-occur. The Regional Officers/Engineer Liaison Officers of the Roads Wing are expected to follow-up such observations so that the objective of qualitative standards of execution being improved is achieved. The State authorities are required to inform the Ministry about the action taken on such observations. The Regional Officers are also expected to be aware of the compliance of such follow-up actions. They should also be apprising the Ministry of such outcome from time to time.

2. The Monthly Reports received pursuant to this Ministry's letter No. NHIII/MISC/43/74 dated the 16th July, 1974 and subsequent communications on the subject often do not give adequate information on the action taken by the State P.W.Ds. on such inspection notes issued from time to time by the officers of the Regional Offices and by the Headquarters Officers from New Delhi. The reports in most cases also do not comment on the correctness or otherwise of the compliance report of inspection observations sometimes made by the State P.W.D. The absence of this information thus handicaps this Ministry in monitoring the quality and progress and in deciding on the workwise budget allotments. Under the circumstances it is impressed that it should be made a point to ascertain the follow-up action taken by the State P.W.D. on such inspection notes during your further inspections and through personal pursuit with the State Chief Engineer. You should also verify at site the compliance of observations by the State P.W.D. It is hoped that in future your Monthly Reports as also individual reports in regard to follow-up action by States on such inspection notes, will cover this aspect. From the above point of view you may please review the requirements of the earlier inspection notes also and further ensure careful compliance in future.

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