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The Ministry is receiving from the State P.W.Ds quite a number of proposals and estimates for various works on National Highways as well as on the Central Sector road schemes. It has been emphasised during the Regional Officers' meetings and during inspection of works in the States by senior officers from the Headquarters and by me that ROs should associate themselves with proposals regarding improvement and maintenance of National Highways during formative stage and guide the State P.W.D. officers in order to get the proposals and estimates as per required standards and specifications and in conformity with local conditions. This was proposed to eliminate delay and correspondence after the same are received in the Ministry and to obviate the need for furnishing of comments by R. Os to the Ministry on the basic information such as C.B.R., water-table, leads for materials, etc. for road works and hydraulic particulars, foundation strata etc. for bridge works. The Ministry could, thereafter only call for comments on specific points requiring clarification from ROs.

2.   Regional Offices located in the States are primarily meant for sorting out majority of problems by consultations with P.W.D. officers thereby cutting down avoidable correspondence and saving time; steps which are essential for efficient implementation of various schemes. It is, therefore, the responsibility of *R Os to get themselves associated with the schemes at all stages right from survery and investigation, framing of estimates, original and revised if necessary, execution to their completion as per the predetermined targets.* By the above, it does not follow that full time presence by ROs or their representatives on the job is required. They should ensure that the State P.W.D. proceeds on the right lines during the various stages of work. I am sure you will keep these aspects in mind and ensure.