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To

All Inspecting Officers at Headquarters, Regional Officers and Engineer Liaison Officers

The prevalent practice is that as soon as a revised estimate for National Highway Works is received its scrutiny is commenced and correspondence is entered into with the State Public Works Departments for probing into the reasons for excess and justification thereof before the case is processed further and sent to Finance for obtaining their concurrence to the revised cost. Since this system is evidently time consuming and may at times involve asking embarrassing questions resulting into a deadlock, it is better that the Roads Wing's Inspecting Officers from Headquarters and outside make it a point to discuss such cases with their counterparts in the State PWD, particularly the items where the cost over-run have already taken place or are likely to occur, so as to determine their reasonableness or otherwise and sort out the matters. If as a result of such discussions, site verification becomes necessary the same should be undertaken. Such a course of action would help to minimise correspondence and expedite accord of technical and financial sanction to revised estimates in question.

All Roads Wing inspecting officers at Headquarters and outside are therefore, requested to please keep the above instructions in mind whenever they plan their visits/inspections of NH Works in their jurisdiction. The inspecting officers from Headquarters should make a mention in their inspection notes about the estimates discussed with the State PWD Officers during their inspection. Similarly Regional Officers/Engineer Liaison Officers should make a mention in their monthly diaries about the revised estimates discussed.