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To

All Technical Officers of Roads Wing at the Headquarters/All Technical Officers in the Regional Offices at Roads Wing

Subject : Acquisition of land for approaches before estimates for bridge and approaches are sanctioned

The Vohra Committee on National Highway Agency System had, *inter alia* recommended that the sanction of work should be given only after complete land acquisition has taken place atleast over such a Section which on completion would be used by traffic. The State Governments were, therefore, requested in this Ministry's circular letter of even number dated 5.4.84 that separate land acquisition estimates should be prepared and submitted for sanction expeditiously so that the land could be acquired and estimates for the works could be sanctioned thereafter.

2. Director General (Road Development) & Additional Secretary has observed that estimates are still continuing to be sanctioned without acquiring the land first. As this is not a sound practice, it is requested that it may please be ensured that no project estimate is sanctioned until and unless land acquisition estimate has been sanctioned and land acquired.

3. In respect of projects, which are expected to be taken up in the near future, the matter may please be taken up with the concerned States for expeditious submission of land acquisition estimates and urgent action thereafter so that the sanction of project estimates is not delayed.