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Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the record of discussions held in the DG (RD)'s room on 9.3.1984 regarding the utilisation of Bituminous Pavement Equipment for implementation. In this connection, attention is also invited towards Ministry's letter of even no. dated 29th October, 1983.

To

All Technical Officers at the Headquarters/The Regional SEs including SEs (Mechanical) E.L.Os.

RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS HELD IN DG (RD)'s ROOM ON 9.3.1984

The following is the resume of the discussion held in the DG (RD)'s room on 9.3.1984 to consider ways and means for improving the utilisation of Bituminous pavement Equipments.

2. The discussion took place in the background of circular letter dated 16.2.1984 issued to all the Project Chief Engineers (Roads) and C.E. (PI). Opening the discussion Chief Engineer (Mechanical) stated that inspite of best efforts State Chief Engineers are not taking much initiative to plan and programme the utilisation of Central machines and hence, more effective steps/actions is necessary from the Ministry.
3. The assessment made on the basis of information furnished by the Project Chief Engineers clearly reveals that enough work is available to utilise the existing Hot Mix Plants and allied equipments available with the Ministry. What is needed is only to link or co-ordinate the utilisation of machines with the National Highway works at various stages as per e.g. Planning, sanctioning, execution and monitoring.
4. In this context and in the light of discussions DG (RD) decided the following guidelines may be followed :
 - (i) Broad strategy should be kept in view while finalising the Annual plans in respect of utilisation of Bituminous pavements construction equipments. Chief Engineer (Mechanical) may be associated in this work at the appropriate stage.

- (ii) While sanctioning the strengthening works with BM/SDC/AC specifications, it should be clearly mentioned in the Technical Note that work should be executed with Central machines available in the States,
 - (iii) The use of Contractor's plants should be considered only if all the plants belonging to the Ministry in the State are deployed/utilised, and priority of works so warrant.
 - (iv) In the case of pre-mix carpet works the use of Mini hot mix plants should be insisted upon in the Technical Notes, wherever the quantum of work is more than 2 kms.
 - (v) At the execution stage, the R.Os including SEs (M) should keep a watch, and report any deviation from the above policy to the Ministry. This aspect should also be kept in view by the Officers going on inspection from the Headquarters.
 - (vi) While monitoring the National Highways works in the review meetings the aspect of utilisation of machines should also be included.
5. Taking into consideration the present distribution of bigger Hot-mix plant in the States, it was felt that Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal in that order is having surplus plants. Some of the surplus plants should be redistributed amongst the States like Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Orissa, and Madhya Pradesh, in consultation with the Project Chief Engineers of this Ministry and State Chief Engineers. Similarly, some Mini-hot mix plants, surplus in the Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh can be considered for the re-distribution amongst the needy States like Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat etc.
 6. The question of non-utilisation of Mini-hot-mix plants even though not declared as surplus by the States like Manipur, Meghalaya, Orissa, may be taken by the Project Chief Engineers/ADG (R) with the concerned State Chief Engineer through discussions and D.O. Letters.