

No. RW/NH-11026/2/99-US(D.I)

Dated, the 13th January, 2000

To

The Secretaries (dealing with National Highways), PWD of all States and Union Territories; Secretary, Border Road Development Board; and National Highways Authority of India

Subject : Expeditious acceptance of tenders for works on National Highways

I am directed to state that the detailed instructions on the above subject were issued by this Ministry vide letter No. RW/NH-11026/1/89-DO.I(Pt.) dated the 6th September, 1990. In supersession of these instructions the following revised instructions are hereby issued.

- (i) Where the acceptable tender is such that the excess over the sanctioned estimate does not go beyond 5 per cent, the State PWD should ensure that the tenders are settled before the expiry of the validity date of the tenders.
- (ii) Where the cost of tender is more than 5 per cent of the sanctioned estimated cost the work should be got desanctioned and fresh estimate be got sanctioned from the Ministry.
- (iii) In order to ensure that the above procedure does not cause undue delay in execution of sanctioned works, in future all the estimates should be framed and got sanctioned by the Ministry based on the current schedule of rates.

No. RW/NH-11024/3/99-US(D.I)

Dated, the 9th March, 2000

To

The Secretaries, PWDs of all States and Union Territories dealing with National Highways and other Centrally financed schemes; Director General (Works), Central Public Works Department; Director General Border Roads; Chairman, National Highways Authority of India

Subject : Invitation of tenders for the execution of works on National Highways and other Centrally financed schemes - Need for adoption of uniform policy by the State PWDs relating to advertisements in the newspapers/journals

I am directed to refer to the guidelines relating to advertisements in newspapers/journals for invitation of tenders for the execution of works of National Highways and under other Centrally financed schemes issued by the Ministry vide letter No. NH-11024/1/86-DO. I dated 23.5.1989 and to say that these have been reviewed in the light of general price escalation during this period and certain modifications have been considered necessary.

2. The modified advertisement norms will be as under:

Sl.No.	Cost of Work	Norms for advertisement
(1)	Upto Rs. 5.00 lakhs	No advertisement in Press but a copy of NIT should be sent to Contractors' Association(s), all divisions of PWD within the District, concerned SEs office.
(2)	Above Rs.5.00 lakhs and upto Rs.1.5 crores	3 Regional papers, one each in Hindi, English and the Local language. If local language happens to be English/ Hindi, it would suffice if the advertisements for such works are issued in two regional papers, one in Hindi and the other in English.
(3)	Above Rs.1.5 crores and upto Rs.5.00 crores	Advertisement in local editions (within the State) of 2 national newspapers (one in Hindi and the other in English) and 2 Regional newspapers (one in Hindi and the other in local language). In regions, where there is no Hindi newspaper, the advertisement may be published in 2 Regional papers, (one in English and the other in local language).
(4)	More than Rs.5.00 crores	Advertisement in all editions of 4 national newspapers in English and 2 regional paper (one in Hindi and the other in local language) and the Indian Trade Journal and the Indian Highways.

2.1. In all cases a copy of the Notice Inviting Tenders should invariably be sent to the contractor's association(s), all divisions of the PWD within the district, concerned Superintending Engineers' Office, concerned Chief Engineers' Office, Local Municipalities and Collector's Office.