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To

1. The Chief Secretaries of all the States
2. The Principal Secretaries / Secretaries of States/Union Territories, Public Works Departments (Dealing with National Highways, other Centrally sponsored schemes and State Schemes)
3. The Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of Public Works Departments of State/Union Territories (Dealing with National Highways, other Centrally sponsored schemes and State Schemes)

**Sub: Training of Highway Engineers of the State Governments from the CRF—reg.**

Sir,

The necessity of Capacity Building of the Government Organizations associated with Highway Sector including Human Resource Development has assumed great significance in the wake of the emphasis being accorded by the Government towards developing the Road Infrastructure in the Country. In tune with this, there is urgent need to organize regular training programmes for the Highway Engineers in the Government Sector to promote awareness regarding the technological developments taking place world over and for facilitating adaptation of the present day requirements. This is a continuous process and it is desirable that the training needs, involving trainings in engineering disciplines, project management techniques, financial management, operation and management of highways, etc., should be imparted during entry in services, at job sites and through periodic in-service refresher courses, etc. However, the limited availability of funds for training in most of the States could be a major constraint at present leading to limited deputation / participation of the Government Highway Engineers in the Training Programmes being organized by the National Institute for Training of Highway Engineers (NITHE), the apex training institute set up with the primary objective to fulfill the need for training of highway engineers in the Country.

2. In this context it is pertinent to mention that vide this Ministry's letter No. RW/G-20011/8/98-WA, dated 16.8.2002 (regarding Project Contingencies, Quality Control, W.C. Establishment, and Agency Charges – Admissible Expenditure), it has been inter-alia mentioned that the expenditure incurred on training may also be met from the quality control admissible for NH works. Also, there is provision of 1% quality control as per Sub-Rule (11) under Rule (5) of the Central Road Fund (State Roads) Rules, 2007 for development of State roads through Central Road Fund (CRF). The same is also applicable for development of State roads under Economic Importance (EI) & Inter-State Connectivity (ISC) schemes as per Sub-Rule (3) of Rule (7) of these Rules.

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3. In view of the above, it has been decided that the expenditure incurred for training of Highway Engineers of the State Governments may be admissible under the provisions of quality control for CRF and EI&ISC works, subject to the following conditions:-

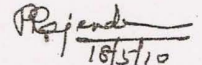
(a) Generally the estimated cost of individual CRF works may vary from about Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 15 or 20 crore. Therefore, it should be possible to fund some training programmes for a few officers by the State Governments at NITHE, out of individual sanctioned projects from the provisions available under quality control. State Governments may, accordingly, consider meeting the expenses of training of Highway Engineers imparted/to be imparted at NITHE out of the quality control provisions of individual sanctioned/approved CRF and EI&ISC works. The detailed modalities/cost implications of such training programmes may be finalized by the State Governments concerned in consultation with NITHE and funds may accordingly be provided to NITHE by the concerned State Governments out of the approved/sanctioned project provisions. State Governments may obtain from NITHE relevant utilization certificates at appropriate time for further necessary action.

(b) Besides organizing such regular training courses at its NOIDA campus, NITHE may also consider organizing some limited training programmes for the State Government Engineers in the respective States depending upon its engagements, etc., in case there is genuine difficulty faced by the States to depute its officers due to specific exigencies.

4. It is requested that the contents of the letter may be brought into the notice of all concerned for information and necessary action.

5. This issues with the concurrence of Internal Finance Wing vide U.O. No. 127/TFII/10, dated 12.5.2010.

Yours faithfully



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