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To

The Secretaries and Engineers-in-Chief/Chief Engineers (National Highways), State Public Works Departments, Union Territories (dealing with National Highways and other Centrally Financed Schemes); Director General (Works), Central Public Works Department; Director General Border Roads; The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India; Regional Officers/ Engineer Liaison Officers of MoRTH

**Sub: Model Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) Document for Construction of Two-lane National Highway Works Reg...**

Sir,

Public funded National Highway projects are executed as item rate contracts using Standard Bidding Document (SBD) for the project costing Rs. 5 crore and above. It is experienced that the item rate contracts are prone to time overrun and cost overrun. In order to overcome these drawbacks a new Model Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract Document for the development of 2-lane National Highways has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure. The main objective is to ensure implementation of the project to specified standards with a fair degree of certainty relating to cost and time while transferring the construction risk to private sector agencies. The document is available on Ministry's website [www.morth.nic.in](http://www.morth.nic.in). It has been decided that all National Highway projects, projects sanctioned under Left Wing Extremism (LWE) and SARDP (NE) schemes pertaining to widening to 2 lane standards (with or without paved shoulders) & Strengthening, new bypasses and stand alone bridge & flyover projects would hence forth be awarded on EPC Mode only. The same may be brought to the notice of all concerned for immediate compliance.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Maya Prakash)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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1. All technical officers at the Headquarters
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