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The Secretaries, PWDs of all States and Union Territories

Subject: Construction of parallel service roads along suitable National Highway urban links and National Highways bypasses

As you are aware, the Government of India provide Central financial assistance to the States for maintenance and development of urban links to National Highways. In this connection, a scheme had been formulated in 1954 under which an agreement between the State Government and the Government of India is required to be signed. It is provided in the Scheme that for suitable urban links of National Highways, parallel service roads are required to be constructed for which the Government of India provide full cost for initial construction of parallel service roads except the cost of acquisition of built up property, if required, which is to be borne by the State Governments. In addition to this, the States are also required to maintain and improve such parallel service roads after their initial construction by the Government of India. It is also provided in the scheme that where the urban links of National Highways are not suitable and bypasses are constructed, full cost of construction and maintenance of the bypass carriageways is provided by the Central Govt but construction and maintenance of parallel service roads along the bypasses including the cost of land acquisition is to be borne by the State Governments.

2. It has been observed that because of shortage of funds the State Govts. have not been able to provide parallel service roads in all such cases. It has also been noticed that maintenance of parallel service roads where constructed, has also not been to the required standard because of financial constraints. In view of this, some of the States have been advocating that the States' share of such parallel service roads should also be borne by the Central Government but the Government of India too has not been able to provide for this additional burden because of lack of adequate financial resources.

3. The matter has been discussed in the past in various forums like Chief Engineers' meetings, TDC Meetings and other review meetings with the State Governments. In the last Chief Engineers' Meeting held at Goa on 7th Sept '85 it was agreed that such proposals should be accommodated against the CRF allocations of the States. In view of this, such stretches where parallel service roads are required to be provided along permanent NH Urban Links and along the National Highway bypasses may be identified. Taking into account inter-se priorities, the proposals for their construction/maintenance may then be forwarded in a phased manner to the Ministry for being accommodated against the CRF allocations in respect of individual States.