

No. RW/NHIII/P/9/77

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To

All State Governments and Union  
Territories dealing with National Highways

Subject : Discarded lengths of National Highways—Preservation of. (Ref, circular No. NHIII/P/9/77 dt. 30.11.77)

As per the present practice, whenever new stretches of National Highways are constructed for improving the existing alignments, removal of kinks, construction of new bridges, diversion of existing roads etc., the old lengths are discarded and the old NH lands get reverted to the State/U.T. Government. It will be appreciated that where such old stretches are close to the newly improved sections, the old alignment and road embankment may serve as additional carriageway for a four-lane highway or even as a diversion, when development/maintenance works are undertaken on the new carriageways.

2. It is, therefore, necessary that before discarding the old lengths, the matter is carefully examined to assess the requirement of four-lane highway, diversion road etc., in each situation as also the potential of the old alignment to serve in this regard. Where it is recognised that the old alignment can be of use, the same should not be reverted to the State but retained as part of the N.H. land.
3. It is requested that these instructions may be brought to the notice of all field officers dealing with the National Highways for necessary action.