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To

The Secretaries (dealing with NHs), PWDs of all States and Union Territories, The Director General (Works) Central Public Works Department, The Secretary, Border Road Development Board.

Subject: Acquisition of land for National Highways.

I am directed to state that this Ministry has been requesting from time to time all the executing agencies in respect of National Highways to get the National Highway land registered in the name of Central Government. It has also been requested that the executing agencies should prepare land plans and other inventory of National Highway land so that this Ministry should have complete National Highway land records. This requirement will help the Government to process the National Highway land encroachments cases more effectively in the Courts of Law. However, it has also been observed that the National Highway system suffers from inadequate land width in certain stretches which come in the way of its proper development wherever required. It is, therefore, essential to have adequate National Highway land width conforming to standards. In this connection, kind attention is invited to our letter No. NH. III/P/72/76 dated 13.1.1977 containing the standard land width and other details required for National Highways. Also the IRC publication entitled "Geometric Design Standards for Rural (Non-Urban) Highways" (IRC: 73-1980) contains relevant requirements of land width which may be consulted. It is a priced publication and is available from the Secretary, Indian Roads Congress, Jamnagar House, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi - 110 011. It is, therefore, requested that all the executing agencies may kindly ensure that additional land may be acquired wherever necessary so that the National Highway land width conforms to the guidelines issued by this Ministry and to the IRC standards. In this regard estimates may be prepared and sent to this Ministry in a phased manner for grant of approval. The position regarding acquisition of additional land will also be discussed in the Review Meetings being conducted by this Ministry twice a year and the executing agencies should bring up-to-date position in such Review Meetings.