

No. NH-11037/1/87-NHIII/DI

Dated the 10th August 1987

To,

The Director General Works, CPWD; The Director General Border Roads; The Chief Engineers (dealing with National Highways) PWDs of all States & Union Territories

Subject : Advance action for location and shifting of utility services in respect of National Highway Works — Guidelines regarding

Please refer to this Ministry's letter No. RW/NHIII/P/32/84 dated 13th November, 84 on the subject mentioned above (copy enclosed for ready reference). The guidelines on shifting and relocation of utility services such as electricity lines, water lines, telephone cables etc. as enunciated in the said letter are not being followed strictly by some of the Public Works Departments. This has caused much delay and non-utilisation of scarce funds allocated for NH projects. It is, therefore, reiterated that necessary instructions to all concerned officers at the State Headquarters and in the field organisations for strict compliance of the following instructions may be issued and also its compliance ensured :

"Once land acquisition estimates have been sanctioned, the PWD should take up the matter with the concerned agencies for removal of these utilities at their cost. Whenever it has been accepted that the cost of removal etc. has to be borne by the NH authority, necessary steps to obtain expeditiously the estimate from the concerned departments be taken on priority basis and in any case before the estimates for the main projects are prepared. These shall be submitted separately to this Ministry for sanction, so that availability of funds exclusively for these works is ensured. This will ensure completion of works in time and to work on the project once sanctioned would proceed uninterrupted".

2. It may be noted that no estimate for earthwork, widening etc. would be sanctioned by the Ministry till full land is in possession without any hindrance such as electricity cables/posts, water lines, etc.

Enclosure to letter No. NH-11037/1/87-NHIII/DI/ dated the 10th August, 1987

No. RW/NHIII/P/32/84

Dated the 13th November, 1984

To,

All State and UT Chief Engineers of PWDs dealing with the National Highway works

Subject : Advance action for location and shifting of utility services in respect of National Highway works

It is noted that shifting and relocation of utility services such as electricity lines, water lines, telephone cables etc. take long time and it often leads to time and cost over-run on the National Highway works. It is also observed that the provisions for these items in the works estimates are made on *ad hoc* basis or on insufficient data which are invariably found inadequate during actual execution of the work.

2. To avoid such occurrences, it has been decided that once land acquisition estimates have been sanctioned, the PWD should take up the matter with the concerned agencies for removal of these utilities at their cost. Wherever it has been accepted that the cost of removal etc. has to be borne by the NH authority, then necessary steps to obtain expeditiously the estimates from the concerned departments be taken on priority basis and in any case before the estimates for the main projects are prepared. These shall be submitted separately to this Ministry for sanction. This shall ensure availability of funds exclusively for these works and their completion in time so that the work on the highway projects once sanctioned proceeds uninterrupted.
 3. It is requested that these instructions may please be conveyed to all concerned in your department for ensuring necessary action.
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