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*Dated the 13th November, 1984*

To

All State and U.T. Chief Engineers of P.W.Ds.  
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.