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Dated, the 21st November, 2001

To

The Chief Secretaries (All State/Union Territories Governments)

Subject : Arrangements for toll collection (Departmentally) in case where delay is visualized in conducting auction.

I am directed to say that National Highways (Fees for the use of National Highways Section and Permanent Bridge-Public funded project) Rules, 1997 notified by the Central Govt. on 27.8.1997 require levy and collection of a fee in perpetuity either departmentally or through private contractors, on all mechanical vehicles for the use of a notified National Highways section/Permanent bridge notified for the purpose.

2. It has come to notice of the Ministry that the State Governments take undue long time in conducting auction and in the meantime do not make any arrangement for toll collection departmentally. As a result, the collection of tolls on National Highways sections/bridges has to be foregone mainly due to avoidable delays at various level in initiating and finalizing the contract for toll collection. These avoidable administrative delays in making arrangement for toll collection by State Chief Engineers result in loss of potential revenue.

3. In view of the above, it is impressed upon all State PWD CE's to initiate advance action in such cases and to make immediate arrangements for departmental collection as an interim measure in case any delay is visualized in conducting auction for collection of toll.

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