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To

The Secy. to the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal & Jammu & Kashmir.

Subject: Augmentation of laboratory facilities to states for material testing/Research — provision of Regional labs/sub-centres

I am directed to state that with a view to augment the existing laboratory facilities in States for material testing/research, the Govt. of India have decided to offer a grant-in-aid equal to Rs 2.25 lakhs on matching basis, from the Central Road Fund (Ordinary) Reserve for regional labs/sub-centres. These laboratories are envisaged to be to the standard of Testing and Control Laboratory recommended in the Quality Control Handbook of the Indian Roads Congress. The broad break-up of the cost is as under :

i)	General Equipment		Rs 63,900
ii)	Soil Testing Equipment		Rs 26,000
iii)	Bitumen Testing Equipment		Rs 28,000
iv)	Concrete and Material Testing Equipment		Rs 39,800
v)	Control of profile and unevenness		Rs 8,700
		Total :	Rs 1,66,400
	Contingencies @ 3%		Rs 5,000
			Rs 1,71,400
	Library		Rs 30,000
	Accommodation :		
a)	Laboratory	300 sq. mts.	
b)	Office	100 sq. mts.	
c)	Library	50 sq. mts.	
	Total :	450 sq. mts.	
	450 sq. mts. at the rate of Rs 500 per sq. mts.		Rs 2,25,000
	Furniture Lump-sum		Rs 25,000
		Total :	Rs. 2,50,000
	Grand Total :- Rs 4,51,400 or say Rs 4.50 lakhs		

2. Since the grant from the Central Road Fund (Ordinary) Reserve would be restricted to 50% of the total cost, the balance 50% will have to be met by the State Govt. from their own resources but excluding their free balance in the Central Road Fund (Allocations) account. I am, therefore, to request that the State Govts. may be asked to forward the required estimate in this regard. While forwarding the estimate the concurrence of the State Government to meet 50% of the cost of regional labs/sub-centres from their own plan resources may also be forwarded to this Ministry.