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To

The Chief Engineers of States/Union Territories (dealing with National Highways); Chairman, National Highways Authority of India; Director General Border Roads; Director General, Central Public Works Department

Subject : Guidelines for selection of Consultants for Highway/Bridge Project on National Highways

The interim guidelines for selection of Consultants for Highway/Bridge Projects on National Highways were circulated vide Ministry's letter of even number dated 12th January, 1990. The provisions in the circular have been reviewed in the Ministry and the following modifications are being communicated for addition :

- (i) Existing guidelines does not provide for any earnest money deposit at the time of submission of proposals in response to letter of invitation from the pre-qualified consultants approved by the Ministry from time-to-time on basis of their technical capability and financial resourcefulness. It has, however, come to the notice of the Ministry that some State Governments are charging EMD at the time of submission itself from pre-qualified consultant. After careful consideration of all related aspects it has been now decided that the earnest money deposit @ 2 per cent of the estimated value of consultancy will be charged for the work more than Rs. 1.0 crore.
- (ii) It is reiterated that the successful bidder shall furnish bank guarantee for an amount of 20 per cent of the total consultancy fees to be received by him for owning responsibility for accuracy of the project as provided in para 7 of the Terms of Reference (TOR) circulated vide Ministry's letter referred to above and other provisions in the same para should be strictly followed
- (iii) The period of validity of the consultancy proposal including the quoted price mentioned in para 10.4 of the guidelines circular referred to above should be modified to 120 days from the stipulated last date for receipt of the proposals.

2. It is requested that contents of this circular may be brought to the notice of all concerned for compliance.
