

*D.O. LETTER NO. RM-16 (1)/77 DATED THE 23RD MAY 1978, FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL (ROAD DEVELOPMENT) AND ADDL. SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA ADDRESSED TO SECRETARIES (DEALING WITH N.Hs.) TO THE GOVTS. OF ASSAM, ANDHRA PRADESH, BIHAR, GUJARAT, H.P., HARYANA, J & K, KARNATAKA, KERALA, MAHARASHTRA, M.P., MANIPURE, NAGALAND, MEGHALAYA, PUNJAB, RAJASTHAN, TAMIL NADU AND U.P., W. BENGAL, D.G. (WORKS) C.P.W.D.*

Kindly refer to my Demi Official letter No. RM-16 (1)/77, dated the 29th March, 1978 regarding submission of quarterly performance report of Central machinery in your State. This question of timely submission of the quarterly performance report indicating the actual extent of utilisation is being repeatedly stressed by us in a number of correspondences and also in review meetings held with you, your Chief Engineer and other officers of your State Public Works Department. Your attention has also been drawn about the serious view taken by the Audit, Public Accounts Committee, and Planning Commission about the non-receipt of quarterly performance report in time and non-furnishing the essential data such as the working hours done to appreciate the percentage utilisation.

2. Public Accounts Committee vide their recommendation No. 7.61 has stated "The Committee further note that in order to have continuous record of the performance of the Central machinery in the Headquarters, the States are required to submit from 1972-73 onwards a quarterly performance report indicating the number of hours the equipment has worked, remained idle or under breakdown etc. The Committee find that whereas all the 8 States concerned had furnished reports for all the 4 quarters during 1974-75, the position had deteriorated in 1975-76 as only 2 States viz. Haryana and Punjab, submitted these reports for the whole year. The Committee would desire the Ministry to ensure that these quarterly reports are received regularly and in time from all the States so that on the basis of particulars furnished therein the Index Cards now being maintained at the headquarters are kept up-to-date, all the time".

3. Public Accounts Committee has also pointed out that further expenditure on purchase of road building machinery for Central works should be considered only after making sure that the machinery already available has been put to effective use. We are also not able to effectively convince Finance and Planning Commission the requirement of additional equipments and the funds needed for the procurement and upkeep, due to non-availability of utilisation data.

4. There is large volume of earthwork in high embankments such as rail and river bridge approaches, pavement strengthening works etc. and it should not be difficult to utilise the general purpose equipments allotted to your State. They were purchased specifically to ensure quality and speed of construction. What is needed is only advance planning of works, and earmarking work for the use of the machines and watching the actual utilisation subsequently. For this purpose, I had already suggested to you to have a separate officer in the office of your Chief Engineer who can obtain the required information from the field officers, consolidate the same and send to us. I may be informed about the action taken in this connection.

5. The quarterly performance report for the quarter ending 31st March, 1978 may please be sent immediately, and the reports of the previous quarters may be sent subsequently but as early as possible.