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To

All the State Chief Engineers dealing with National Highways and D.G., CPWD**Subject : Utilisation of Central machines**

You are aware that the utilisation of Central machines supplied by the Ministry for the execution of National Highways and other centrally sponsored work is not satisfactory due to various reasons. Besides the factors like non-availability of work due to lack of adequate funds etc., it has been observed that in some cases, even if central machines were available in the State, instead of utilising them, either the machines belonging to State PWDs or contractors have been deployed on National Highway Works. With the view to improve utilisation of Central machines to the maximum extent possible, it has been decided that :

- (a) The availability of Central machines in the State and prospects of their being utilised on NH Works should be kept in view, right from the stage of preparation of works estimates.
- (b) Items of works to be done by machines should be identified, and provisions in the works estimates should be made accordingly.
- (c) Items of works like earth work in high embankments, bridge approaches, bye-passes; etc., and bituminous macadam, semi-dense carpets, pre-mix carpets, etc., should be earmarked to be executed by the Central machines wherever available;
- (d) When the central machines are available, State plants or those belonging to contractors should not be used on NH works at the cost of Central machines.
- (e) In the event of machines required to be lent to Contractors, wherever available, Central machines should be lent to Contractors on prescribed hire charges basis.

It is, therefore, requested that the above requirements may kindly be complied with and also brought to the notice of all the concerned Officers for implementation.