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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

TRANSPORT BILAWAN
NO.1 PARLIAMENT STREET
NEW DELHI - 110 001

No.NII-14012/5/2001-P&M

New Delhi dated the ^{21st} JUNE, 2001

To

The Secretary,
PWD
(dealing with NIs)

Subject: Proposals for declaration of State roads as National Highways.

Sir,

Ministry has received a number of proposals for conversion of State Roads into National Highways in your State. A list of proposals received from the State Government and VIPs is enclosed. The criteria for declaration of new National Highways was modified in February, 2001 by adding following three requirements which will be pre-requisite for consideration of any such proposal in future.

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- (i) The Road must be upto the standards laid down for State Highways - both in its Technical requirements as well as the Land Requirements.
 - (ii) The Road and ROW must be free of any type of encroachment and should be the property of the State Government, and
 - (iii) The ROW required for National Highways (preferably 45 metres, minimum 30 metres) must be available for acquiring, free of encroachments and the State Government would complete acquiring formalities within six months.

2. In this connection, kind attention is invited to D.O. letter No. MOS-IC (RT&H) 2001/170 dated 15th February, 2001 from Hon'ble Minister of State of Road Transport & Highways (Independent Charge) addressed to all chief Ministers.

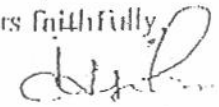
3. A copy of the modified criteria for declaration of new National Highways is enclosed for reference.

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4. The proposal received so far need to be examined & reviewed on the basis of the modified criteria as already mentioned in D.O. letter of even number dated 26th February, 2002 from Hon'ble Minister of State for road Transport & Highways (Independent charge) addressed to all Chief Ministers.

5. It is, therefore, requested that all the proposals may be got examined on the basis of modified criteria for declaration of new National Highways and only those proposals, which fully satisfy laid down criteria, be submitted to the Ministry for consideration with complete details as per proforma enclosed.

Yours faithfully,



(H.K. Roy)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Encl: As stated

CRITERIA FOR THE DECLARATION OF NEW NATIONAL HIGHWAY

- (i) Roads which run through the length and breadth of the country.
- (ii) Roads connecting adjacent countries.
- (iii) Roads connecting the National Capital with State capital and roads connecting mutually the State capitals.
- (iv) Roads connecting major ports, large industrial centers or tourist centers.
- (v) Roads meeting very important strategic requirements.
- (vi) Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth thereby.
- (vii) Roads which help opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly regions.
- (viii) ~~National Highway grid of 100-Km is achieved~~
- (ix) The road must be up to the standard laid down for State Highways both in its technical requirements as well as the land requirements.
- (x) The road and right of way must be free of any type of encroachment and should be the property of the State Government.
- (xi) The right of way required for the National Highway (preferably 45m, minimum 30m) must be available for acquiring, free of encroachments and the State Government would complete acquiring formalities within six months.
