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To

The Chief Engineers of all the States and U.Ts : (dealing with N.H.) and other centrally sponsored works

Sub : Construction of bridge projects on National Highways-Co-ordination with other departments-regarding.

A case has come to our notice where a bridge project taken up by the Road authority in the normal course

had to be abandoned half way through resulting in infructuous expenditure because in the meanwhile, the Irrigation Department of State took up the construction of a dam down stream of it and the reservoir of the dam would submerge the bridge and approaches. This lack of co-ordination between the two departments of the State has been adversely commented by the Comptroller & Auditor General.

In order to avoid any such situation in future, proper co-ordination must be established between the State P.W.D. and other executive Departments like the Irrigation Department even at the planning stage of the project. As far as National Highway and other Centrally sponsored works are concerned, it is suggested that whenever any proposals are made for the construction of new bridges, a certificate should be given that the State Irrigation and other Departments have been consulted and the bridge project in question will not be affected by any future development plans that those Department may have in that area and that the proposed bridge would not be rendered infructuous by the construction of any structure being planned by the Irrigation or other Department.

The contents of this letter may please be brought to the notice of concerned in your State including Irrigation department for their guidance.