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To

All the Chief Engineers of the States/UTs (dealing with N. Hs and other Centrally sponsored works)

Subject: NHs and other Centrally Sponsored Works—Irrigation Dams-Road and Bridges affected

Kindly refer to this Ministry's circular letter No. NHI/MSD/84/78, dated the 1st March, 1979 (copy enclosed) in which the necessity of establishing proper co-ordination between the State P.W.Ds and other Departments like the Irrigation Department etc. even at the planning stage of project was stressed.

2. There is imperative need for timely expeditious coordinated pursuit of requirements to re-locate or raise any N.H. sections (road and bridges) where occasioned by the back-water of any new dam/irrigation reservoirs, planned to be put up by the Irrigation authorities. It has been the experience of this Ministry for the last two Plan periods that activity of the State P.W.D. in regard to such N.H. requirement has seriously lagged behind pursuit of the irrigation projects by the Irrigation authorities with the result that much valuable time is lost which leads to the State P.W.D. authorities incharge of N.H. system racing with time in the latter phase of the irrigation project execution periods.

3.1. At the start of every Five Year Plan, the State authorities incharge of the N.H. system should have a meeting with the State authorities incharge of the irrigation to know about all the programmes of dam construction and the requirements for raising/relocation of the N.H. system and then to chalk out a co-ordinated programme with the construction of the dam by the I.B. for the modification of the N.H. system where needed in consequence of the coming up of the dam.

3.2. For all such requirements of road relocation/raising, the State authorities incharge of the N.H. system should carry out preliminary reconnaissance survey and then immediately associate the Officers of this Ministry from the Regional Office and Hqs for a joint reconnaissance survey, thereafter through joint discussion of higher officers and if necessary associating C.W.C. officers preliminaries should be got finalised upon which detailed survey and designs etc. of the proposed diversion/reconstruction processed by the State authorities incharge of the N.H. system in consultation with the State authorities incharge of the irrigation.

3.3. The cost apportionment between the Road authority and Irrigation authority should also be worked out by the State P.W.D. The Roads Wing may be consulted wherever necessary.

4. The intention of this circular is to emphasize that these important project requirements should speedily move through joint coordinated pursuit and efforts rather than being left to mere exchange of correspondence to arrive at decisions and it is imperative that delays have to be cut out.