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To

1. The Secretaries (dealing with National Highways) Public Works Departments of all States and Union Territories
2. Director General (Works), C.P.W.D
3. Director General (Border Roads), New Delhi.

Subject : Siting of rail and road bridges.

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's Circular No. WI-48(18)/56 dated 10.7.1957 (copy enclosed) regarding siting of new rail and road bridges. In this connection, Ministry of Defence was requested to clarify some additional points brought to the notice of this Ministry by some of the State PWDs. These additional clarifications/guidelines as received from the Ministry of Defence are given below :

- (a) Where widening of existing national highway and construction of additional bridges by the side of existing ones is required to be undertaken, prior clearance from the Ministry of Defence is no longer required. Where new roads or bridges are to be constructed, they should be as far apart as possible with a minimum distance of 400 meters between the new and the existing bridge. This policy is applicable only in cases of important bridges with more than 300 meters waterway and having individual span of 30 meters and above. This distance may, however, be relaxed in special cases only by the Chief Engineers of the respective Army Command Headquarters, and in such cases this Ministry may be addressed for obtaining necessary clearance.

*Note :* Circular No. NH11052/5/87-NH III/D/dated 10th July, 1957 has already printed as Code No. 1100.1

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