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To,  
All State Governments  
(Departments dealing with Roads)

*Dated the 20th March 76*

Subject : Estimates for construction of bridges on National Highways and approaches thereto — Submission of

I am directed to say that at present no set procedure is being followed by the State Governments for submission of estimates to this Ministry regarding construction of bridges on National Highways and approaches thereto despite the requirement having been specifically and stressingly emphasised in this office letter No. NHI-40 (3)/71, dated 29.1.1971, addressed to the State Chief Engineers, attention being invited to paragraphs 1 and 4 thereof. While in some cases a combined estimate both for the bridge proper and its approaches has been forwarded to this Ministry, in other cases estimate for bridge only has been sent in the first instance. This has resulted in delays in the sanction of estimates for approaches. A number of instances have come to the notice of this Ministry where the construction of a bridge has been completed but it has not been possible to commission the bridge into service because the approaches thereto have not been completed. In a few cases, even the estimates for approaches have not been received from the State Government although the bridges have been completed. In order to avoid recurrence of such cases and to ensure that entire project of construction of the bridge and its approaches is proceeded with in a well-coordinated manner, it has been felt necessary to emphasise again that henceforth the State Governments should send to this Ministry a separate estimate for bridge work, (including its training/protective works) and a separate one for approaches thereto but these should be forwarded simultaneously and under the same covering letter. Estimates which do not meet with this requirement will be returned to the State Government.

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