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To

All Chief Engineers/Addl. Chief Engineers of State PWDs and Union Territories dealing with Roads

Subject : Improvement/reconstruction of weak and narrow bridges-Data to be furnished along with detailed proposals

It has been observed that the proposals for improvement/reconstruction of weak and narrow bridges are not accompanied by suitable detailed inspection reports on the bridges giving their condition as also calculations supporting the rating of bridges. The information often included is based on the survey data collected as per Ministry's letter No. NHIII/Misc./129/77 dated the 3rd December, 1977, which is basically meant for overall planning purposes to facilitate decisions about *interse* priorities and not complete enough for furnishing detailed proposals.

2. It is, therefore, requested that in future all proposals relating to improvements/reconstruction of weak and narrow bridges should be accompanied with the rating of bridges based on detailed provisions contained in IRC Special Publication No. 9 "Report on Rating of Bridges" for proper appreciation. Further, the inspection shall be done for collection of data which should be furnished in accordance with the provisions contained in Chapter R-3 of the aforesaid publication.