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To,

All Chief Engineers of State Governments and Union Territory
Administrations dealing with National Highways and
Other Roads financed wholly or partly by Centre.

Subject : National Highways-Widening of narrow roads and bridges-Need for simultaneous completion

Instances have come to the notice of this Ministry that the pavement of the sections of National Highways on either side of the existing narrow bridges are widened to two-lane and the work of widening of narrow bridges is not taken up for quite some time. In such cases, the fast moving vehicles approaching the bridge from the widened carriageway of road are exposed to the risk of collision with the railings of the bridge or with the oncoming vehicle. Occurrence of some serious accident causing the loss of life and property due to this cannot be ruled out.

2. To avoid inconvenience to the flow of traffic and the resulting danger of accidents, it is necessary to programme the execution of work in such a way that the widening of the narrow bridge and the adjoining carriageway is completed almost simultaneously. Further, to avoid the time lag in sanctioning the estimates, as far as possible, the estimates for widening of narrow bridge and for widening of approach roads should be prepared and submitted to this Ministry for sanction simultaneously.
3. In case where narrow bridges may have to be left unwidened for some time after completion of widening of road on either one or both sides, suitable warning signs on either side of the bridge should be invariably provided.
4. The contents of this letter may kindly be brought to the notice of all Technical Officers in your State dealing with National Highways and Roads financed wholly or partly by Centre. Fifteen sapare copies of this letter are enclosed herewith for this purpose.

Note : Encls-not attached.

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