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To

The Chief Engineers of all States/UTs (dealing with NHs and other Centrally sponsored works); Director General, CPWD; Director General Border Roads

Subject: Need for coordination between the construction of bridges and their approaches for the completion of both the components simultaneously.

I am directed to invite your attention to this Ministry's letter No.NH-III/P/30/77 dated 19th October, 1977 wherein the need for maintaining close coordination between the construction of bridges and their approaches has been emphasised in order to see that there is no time gap between the construction of the two components.

2. However, it appears that the guidelines indicated in the above and other earlier letters issued by this Ministry are not being followed by some of the State Govts. It has recently come to the notice of this Ministry that the construction of a bridge on one of the National Highways was completed in December, 1989 but it could not be opened for traffic because of non-completion of approach roads.

3. It may be stated that if the instructions contained in the various circulars issued by the Ministry are followed, it should be possible to ensure simultaneously construction of the bridges and their approaches. It is, therefore, reiterated that the instructions relating to the construction of bridges and their approaches simultaneously, issued by this Ministry from time to time may please be complied with strictly. Efforts may also be made to entrust the construction of bridge and its approaches to a single agency, wherever possible, with a view to facilitate their coordinated completion.