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To

1. The Secretaries of all State Governments and Union Territories,
(Deptt. dealing with National Highways)
2. The Chief Engineers of PWDs of all States,
(Deptt. dealing with National Highways).

Subject : Model Contract document for lumpsum contract for highway bridges

On the recommendations of the All India Chief Engineer's Conference (held at Bhubaneshwar in May 1969), a Committee of the State Chief Engineer under the Chairmanship of the Addl. Director General (Bridges) was set up for evolving standard model contract document for the execution of Centrally financed road and bridge works in the country, so as to have uniformity in practice in different State PWDs who are the executing agencies for all these works and to improve upon as far as

possible, the existing deficiencies in the State PWD contract documents. Besides some officers of the Roads Wing, the Committee included the Chief Engineers of Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, U.P. and Bihar as also a representative each of the Directorate General, Border Roads and the Director General, Works, CPWD.

The Committee evolved two separate model documents — one for lumpsum contract and the other for item rate contract for road and bridge works. These documents were sent to the Ministry of Finance and Min. of Law for their comments. The Ministry of Finance referred the matter to the Accountant General, C.W. & Misc., who offered comments on some of the clauses of the document relating to lumpsum bridge contract.

2. In order to facilitate early finalisation of the Model contract document, the comments of Accountant General C.W. & Misc. were discussed and considered in several meetings of all the members of the Committee as also representatives of the Ministries of Law and Finance, Comptroller & Auditor General and Accountant General, C.W. & Misc. A copy of the "Model contract document for lumpsum contract for highway bridges" as finalised is enclosed herewith for guidance.

Note : *(Enclosures not printed as the same have been printed separately)*