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Dated the 8th October, 1990.

To

The Secretaries (dealing with National Highways), Public Works Departments of all States and U.Ts, The Director General (Works), Central Public Works Department, The Secretary, Border Road Development Board.

Subject: Defect liability period in respect of bridges on National Highways and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

I am directed to state that it has been observed that bridges constructed on National Highways sometimes do not conform to the standards and the specifications as approved by the Ministry. In a few cases, immediately on completion of the bridges, some defects have come to the notice of the Ministry which need immediate remedial measures. Also there has been a demand for the State Public Works Departments that the present defect liability period of six months is not adequate to observe the performance of the bridge structures and should be increased. This matter was therefore, discussed in detail in the State Chief Engineers meeting held at Gandhi Nagar in October, 1989 during the 50th Session of Indian Roads Congress. The State Chief Engineers recommended that defect liability period in respect of bridges on National Highways may be increased from the present period of 6 months to 12 months.

2. The Central Government has accepted the recommendation of Chief Engineers and it has been decided that the defect liability period for bridges on National Highways and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes may be increased from 6 months to 12 months with immediate effect.

3. It is requested that the above instructions may be brought to the notice of all concerned for strict compliance.