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The Chief Engineers of all State P.W.Ds and Union Territory Administrations dealing with National Highways and other Centrally Financed Roads

Sub: Inspection of Bridges-Cat-Walk Ladder arrangement for piers

At present, Inspection and Maintenance of road bridges is not as perfect as in Railways. This needs the personal attention of the State Chief Engineer and requires to be improved.

2. In order to enable inspection of bearings, underside of bridges superstructule to the extent possible, it is necessary that cat-walk ladder arrangement is provided for the piers of all bridges with the help of protructing reinforcement embedded in the masonry of the piers. This has to be provided for all bridges with piers of height more than 2 metres above the lowest bed level or low water level in the case of tidal reaches.

3. It is requested that in respect of bridges in progress or those yet to be taken up, the above arrangements may please be provided.