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To

The Chief Engineers of all State PWDs and Union Territories dealing with N.H. & other Centrally Financed Roads, D.G. Works, CPWD. & D.G.B.R.

Sub : Clarification of application procedure of Interim Specifications for Elastomer Bearings (Interim 'N')

It is requested that the provisions of Interim Specifications for Elastomer Bearings (abbreviated name Interim 'N') of this Ministry may be strictly followed with effect from July 1, 1985 for all design and use of elas-

tomer bearings in the bridges on National Highways and under other Centrally Financed Schemes. The following points of clarification may kindly be kept in view :

- 1.1. Application of Interim 'N' with effect from July 1, 1985, is without any prejudice to the non-conforming design and use of elastomer bearings prior to July 1, 1985.
- 1.2. Interim 'N' shall apply to all contract specifications after July 1, 1985. For current contracts also, in case the design of elastomer bearing is yet to be finalised, revised specifications conforming to Interim 'N' may be adopted, if contract conditions permit.
- 1.3. During the limited transition period, until the standard plans for elastomer bearing issued by this Ministry are amended to conform to Interim 'N', the existing standard plans may be used. Such use of standard plans for elastomer bearings not conforming to Interim 'N' shall only be permitted in cases of bridges where the entire design of superstructure conforms to standard plans issued by the Ministry. In such cases, the acceptance criteria laid down in clause No. 106 of Interim 'N' shall be fully complied with.
- 1.4. Where bearings of special use under the purview of Clause Nos. 100.1.2 and 100.2 are required to be provided, prior approval of the complete specifications by this Ministry may be obtained.
2. Your experience in the application of Interim 'N' will be an invaluable aid to its improvement. Comments may be sent to this Ministry for any clarification needed or modification suggested.