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To

All the States Chief Engineers dealing with National Highways.

Subject : Mixing of bitumen materials on Pans, keeping central mini Hot mix plants idle

It has been reported that the mixing of bituminous materials on steel plates is still continuing in some States, and the Central Mini HMP are not being utilised for laying pre-mix carpet. Some of the States are also engaging mix-all or combined drying and mixing plants procured from the State funds. It is felt that in these hot mix plants, the required temperature cannot be obtained and there is likelihood of burning of bitumen and the mixing with the concrete mixer type of blades (instead of Pugmill) may not be proper. As such, such plants which do not ensure a hot mix of specified quality should not be used for NH works.

2. It is requested that the field staff may be asked to stop mixing of bituminous material on steel plates, Mini hot mix plants, with separate arrangements for drying and mixing should only be used to ensure quality work.