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To

All Chief Engineers of State PWDs and Union Territories dealing with National Highways

Sub : Quality control on National Highway/other Centrally financed works

The need for strict quality control on National Highway/other Centrally financed works has been stressed by this Ministry at various occasions in the past. Attention is invited in this connection to the circular letter of even No. dated the 24th August, 1973, copy enclosed for ready reference.

2. In addition to the points made in above-referred circular, you are requested to take the following steps so that the National Highways and other Centrally financed highway development and improvement works are executed to specified desired qualitative standards as durable investments and are able to offer a better level of service to the roadusers :

- (i) Field officers at designated levels should be instructed to approve and certify the work as having been correctly executed at different stages of execution namely, embankment, subgrade, sub-base, base course and wearing course etc. for road work, foundations, substructure, superstructure, wearing coat etc. for cross-drainage culverts, before construction proceeds further from one stage to the next;
- (ii) Record of the test results observed by the quality control teams should be kept at site apart from copies kept in different offices so that it is available to the inspecting officers of the State PWD/Ministry of Transport; and
- (iii) Officers from the Regional Offices of the Ministry, who are being asked to intensify their inspections, should be afforded all possible cooperation to check the record of quality control measurements and verify these by additional tests in their own presence, if necessary.

3. It is requested that the contents of this circular may be brought to the notice of the Officers in your Department engaged on National Highway/other Central works.