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To

The Secretaries/Chief Engineers of States/Union Territories, Public Works Departments, (dealing with National Highway and Centrally Sponsored Schemes); Chairman, National Highways Authority of India; Director General Border Roads; Director General, Central Public Works Department; Director, NITHE.

Subject : Option for cement concrete pavement for construction of Highways

This Ministry in letter No.RW/RMP-20(5)/85 datd 26th June 1985 and No.RW/NH-VI-67(12)/85 dated 11th August, 1986 have earlier requested the State PWDs to consider concrete pavement for construction of roads. There are many long term advantages associated with concrete roads, such as, long life cycle, low maintenance cost, etc. The technology of concrete pavement has improved considerably in the recent past with introduction of new machineries for rapid construction with control on quality of the work. Adoption of concrete pavement is in any case a better option in situations, like, weak soil with low bearing capacity, high rain-fall areas, built-up areas with inadequate drainage facilities high traffic volume with heavy axle load, etc. The Union Government is also concerned about the demand recession of cement and wants to encourage the use of cement in construction of all arterial roads.

2. In view of the above, it has been decided to give preference to cement concrete pavements, wherever feasible. While formulating proposals for four-laning/Expressways, new bypasses/ROB approaches, etc. including forthcoming BOT project, the option for concrete roads should be given due weightage.

3. The contents of this letter may please be brought to the notice of all concerned in your organisation/department.

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