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To

All State & Union Territory Chief Engineers  
dealing with National Highway works,  
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Sub : Collection and spreading of aggregates on existing roads

The normal practice in road pavement construction is to collect and stack the road metal in advance and spread it as and when required for construction. During the intervening period, the metal collects dust, becomes dirty and needs cleaning before spreading. The dust also causes environmental air pollution particularly in the urban areas. This can be avoided by resorting to directly spreading the metal especially when strengthening the existing roads. This incidentally shall check the accident hazards due to stacking of road metal on shoulders as well as curtails the delays in construction and cut down the cost. It is, therefore, suggested that the road metal as far as possible may be directly spread on the roads and suitable instructions may be given to field officers in this regard under intimation to the Ministry. However in respect of new roads the existing practice of advance collection may continue.