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To

All Chief Engineers of State/Union Territories, PWDs dealing with National Highways and Centrally Aided Projects, The Director General (Border Roads).

Subject: Measures to be taken in the event of disruption of traffic on account of damages to roads, bridges and approaches due to floods.

A copy of the Ministry's Circular No. NH/20017/7/90-PL dated 18.6.1992 listing the emergent action to be taken in the event of disruption of traffic on account of damages to roads, bridges and approaches due to floods which is self explanatory is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action.

2. In order to keep proper liaison with the Ministry in reporting the damages and taking timely remedial actions by the PWDs, a nodal officer of the rank of Superintending Engineer may please be nominated and informed to the Ministry with his complete address and the contact telephone numbers. The State PWD should be ready with their contingent plan to handle the emergent situations and ensure that as far as possible no disruption of traffic during the ensuing monsoons takes place.
3. In some adverse situation whenever a road breach takes place of a bridge/culvert is washed away, there may be a necessity of launching of a Baily Bridge if diversion of traffic through an alternative route is not possible. You are, therefore, requested to intimate the position of availability of Baily Bridges both with the State Government and those purchased through the Ministry. The detailed information should include number, length, loading capacity and location of such Baily Bridges. This information should be sent to Ministry immediately by fax latest by 12th July, 2002.
4. The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.