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To

Secretaries of all States/Union Territories (Incharge of PWD), All Chief Engineer of States/Union Territories PWDs dealing with National Highways and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Director General (Border Roads).

Subject: Measures to be taken in the event of disruption of traffic on account of damages to roads and bridges due to Natural Disasters- Nomination of 'Nodal Officer' and information regarding availability of Bailey bridges.

Please refer to Ministry's letter No. NH-18014/7/2000-PL dated 05.07.2002 (copy enclosed) requesting for nomination of 'Nodal Officer' for carrying the Emergency Support Functions in case of a Natural Disaster, The Nodal Officer will keep proper liaison with the Ministry in reporting the damages and taking timely remedial actions by the State PWD.

2. It was also requested in aforesaid Ministry's letter to furnish details of Bailey bridges available with the State.
 3. The above details are still awaited. It is, therefore, requested that the following information/details may please be sent to the Ministry immediately latest by 07.02.2003.
 - (i) Nodal Officer of the rank of Superintending Engineer may please be nominated for Natural Disaster Management and his name, address and telephone/fax numbers intimated to the Ministry.
 - (ii) The details of Bailey bridges available with the State Government.
 4. This may please be treated as most urgent since the matter regarding Natural Disaster Management is being monitored at the highest level in the Ministry.
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