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No. NHI-41 (11)/71

Dated the 14th September, 1971

To

All State Governments/Administrations
(Departments dealing with roads)

Sub: Reports regarding damages to National Highways

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. WI-6 (4)/56, dated the 22nd March, 1956, in which State Governments were requested to issue suitable instructions to all concerned to the effect that whenever damages were caused to or dislocation of traffic occurred on, National Highways by floods, earthquakes etc., the event should be reported to this Ministry immediately after the occurrence by the local officers direct by telegram or telephone, whichever is quicker, and thereafter a detailed report should be sent at the earliest. Copies of this letter were endorsed to all the State Chief Engineers also. As the required intimations and reports were not being received in many cases, the need of following this procedure was reiterated in greater detail in the Director General (Road Development) letter No. WI-51 (12)/68, dated the 2nd January, 1959 and letter No. WI-43 (12)/63, dated the 21st September, 1963 to all the State Chief Engineers. A copy of the last mentioned letter dated the

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21st September, 1963 is enclosed for ready reference. It is also further clarified that similar information is also required to be sent in cases where a National Highway stretch gets substantially submerged under flood water even though traffic may have somehow with difficulty continued to ply over it and may not have been completely disrupted.

2. It has again come to this Ministry's notice that the instructions mentioned above, are not being followed strictly by the State officials. I am, therefore, to request that fresh instructions may kindly be issued to all concerned (including the Executive Engineers in-charge of the National Highways) and a copy of the instructions issued may kindly be supplied to this Ministry for information and record.