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Dated the 31st January, 2003

To

The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, Director General (Border Roads) and all Chief Engineers at PWD dealing with National Highways.

Subject: Inspection of Bridges on National Highways

As you are aware, bridges are vital elements of National Highway network and nonfunctioning of any of the bridges would cause immense public inconvenience. It is, therefore, necessary to keep a watch on the adequacy and serviceability of its components through regular inspections so that remedial measures are taken up in a timely manner. Detailed instructions regarding inspection of bridges have been issued by the Ministry from time to time. This is often neglected. I would, therefore, request that you may please issue suitable instructions to field officers to ensure that the bridges are inspected regularly in accordance with the IRC Special Publication No. 33 "Guidelines on Inspection and Maintenance of Bridges" including the Ministry's relevant circulars and results of inspection furnished to the Ministry promptly.

2. I shall be grateful if a you could inform the Ministry about the planning and methodology adopted for regular inspection of bridges on National Highways by 28th Feb. 2003 positively.
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