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To

Chief Engineers of all State PWDs and Union Territories dealing with National Highways

Sub : Speedy execution of widening/reconstruction of existing cross-drainage structures

When a cross-drainage structure is to be widened or reconstructed, the work ought to be so planned that construction is over in the shortest possible time according to a set schedule. This is important not only for minimising the inconvenience to traffic but also obviating the chances of untoward accidents.

2. Need for the above has been emphasised by the Ministry from time to time, last occasion being the circular letter of even No. dated the 20th March, 1973. In spite of this it has come to notice that due attention is not always being paid to the speedy execution of such jobs. At times the work is started but remains incomplete due to non-availability of required materials, labour or equipment. This causes unnecessary dislocation to traffic and increases the risk of accidents.

3. To avoid such situations, it is again emphasised that improvement of existing cross-drainage structures should be taken up only after full advance preparation. In each case it should be ensured before commencement of the construction that needed materials and equipment have been collected at site. In addition, each job should be completed within a strict time schedule.

4. It is requested that these instructions may be carefully followed in future and circulated among all officers in your Department concerned with National Highway/centrally-aided works.