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To

The Chief Engineers of State PWDs (By name)

You may kindly recall Ministry's letters of even number dated the 3rd April, 1984 and the 25th July, 1984 wherein detailed instructions regarding the use of roughometers during the inspection of National Highways for achieving effective monitoring and greater accountability in road construction and maintenance operations, were communicated. Detailed guidelines for the use of Roughometers for measuring road roughness have also been sent to you vide Ministry's letter of even number dated the 19th May, 1984.

2. Further, with the Ministry's letter of 25th July, 1984, standards for roughness of newly constructed roads of various specifications and periodicity and level of checks of roughness on newly constructed stretches of National Highways were suggested and it was also desired that the results of measurements and investigations may be intimated to the Ministry on quarterly basis. The need for immediate action to procure the instruments, obtain necessary proficiency in their use and start taking measurements on newly constructed sections of National Highways and the requirement of submission of periodic progress reports have all been highlighted in Ministry's communications dated the 21st July, 1984, 5th November, 1984 and the 22nd December, 1984.

3. In spite of the urgency for adoption of the suggested system expressed in the aforesaid letters as well as during periodic meetings and visits of officers of the Ministry to the States and concern voiced during review meetings for expeditious action, no significant headway in this direction seems to have so far been made. Moreover, no reports indicating the status of implementation of the suggested procedure for roughness measurements have so far been received from you.

4. I would, therefore, request you to adopt prompt measures for procuring the instruments and arranging necessary proficiency in their use and going ahead with the field measurements on newly constructed sections. A status report on the implementation of the envisaged scheme may please be furnished to the Ministry immediately, to be followed by timely submission of quarterly reports.

Copy forwarded to all the Chief Engineers and Superintending Engineers dealing with roads in the Headquarters for information and necessary pursuit.