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To

Secretaries of all States/Union Territories, Public Works Department (dealing with National Highways); Director General Border Roads; Director General (Works), Central Public Works Department; Chairman, National Highways Authority of India

Subject: Removal of Speed Breakers : Policy regarding

Please refer to this Ministry's circular of even No. dated 28.06.1996 to reiterating the Ministry's policy that speed breakers should not be constructed on National Highways as these defeat the basic objective of providing an obstruction-free high speed facility, apart from being a safety hazard. The circular recommended provision of properly designed rumble stripe at places like approaches to sharp curves or level crossings, congested or accident prone sections etc. where control of speed on National Highways is unavoidable.

2. It has come to the notice of the Ministry that speed breakers continue to be provided on National Highways despite contrary advice from the engineers and planners. These speed-breakers mostly of improper design being provided on National Highways have become a safety hazard.

3. The locations where speed breakers have been constructed should be reviewed and other safety measures such a removal of encroachments, provision of speed limit signs, construction of parallel service roads etc. may please be considered. The existing policy of providing only rumble strips at places where speed control is

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unavoidable may be continued. However, proper care should be exercised to ensure that these strips conform to the design recommended by the Ministry.

4. It is requested that appropriate instructions may please be issued to the concerned field officers including Distt. Magistrates for immediate removal of speed breakers from the National Highways. This task should be completed by 31st July, 1998 and position reported to the Ministry immediately thereafter.
