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Dated the 11th December, 2002

To

The Secretaries of States / Union Territories, Public Works Department (dealing with National Highways), All Chief Engineer of States / Union Territories (dealing with National Highways), The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, The Director General (Border Roads), All Regional Officers, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

Subject: Removal of Speed Breakers-Policy regarding

Please refer to this Ministry's Circular of even number dated 28th June, 1996 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 strips at places like approaches to sharp curves on level crossings, congested or accident prone sections, etc. where control of speed on National Highways is unavoidable. The Ministry's policy has further been reiterated vide Circular dated 13th May, 1998 and in the D.O. letter dated 24th August, 2000 from the Secretary (RT&H).

2. It has been noted that such rumble strips are being provided indiscriminately. It has, therefore, been decided that the location of such rumble strips shall be approved by Chief Engineer (National Highway) who will satisfy himself of the requirement. A copy of such approval letters shall be enclosed to respective Regional Officer of the Ministry.

3. It is requested that position of removal of speed breakers and approval of location of rumble strips on National Highways should be intimated to the Ministry by 31st December 2002.

4. Receipt of the letter may please be acknowledged.

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