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To

1. All Secretaries of States/UTs PWDs
2. Director General Border Roads
3. Director General (Works)

Subject : Traffic Management during execution of works on Highways — Guidelines on provision of diversions.

The importance of traffic management during execution of works on highways both from point of view of safety and facility to road users has been long felt. In this direction certain guidelines were issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. NHIII-33(125)/72 dated 20th March, 1973 and also a relevant clause has been provided in the Ministry's Specifications for Road and Bridge Works (First Revision/Second Revision — under print)

2. It is, however, observed that the subject matter is not receiving due attention. Generally, either a lumpsum amount is provided in the estimate for this purpose or a sketchy provision for a diversion is made which normally results in make shift arrangements during construction.

3. Looking to the ill conceived traffic management adopted in practice, the subject was discussed in the Chief Engineers' meeting held at Udaipur on 23rd May, 1987. The need for proper traffic management during execution of works on highways was realised and it was decided that the same should get reflected in the project estimate, both for road and bridge works, for all projects in the country and not confined to National Highway works only. It was further felt that the Ministry may bring out guidelines in this respect.

4. With a view to achieving this objective, guidelines on the specifications to be adopted for different categories of diversions to meet the various requirements, such as of traffic, environmental and climatic conditions, the service life, the level of service etc., and display of caution signs etc. have been worked out and are enclosed for adoption as such or with modifications, where considered essential to suit the local conditions, with full justification.

5. One of the essential features for such diversions is their regular maintenance during their service period. Other important requirement is controlled and regulated traffic during the said period.

6. It is requested that feedback after implementation of the recommendations in the guidelines may be forwarded to the Ministry. It is further requested that your suggestions for improvement and/or modifications, if any, based on your experience may also be forwarded in due course to the Ministry for consideration.