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To

The Chief Engineers, PWDs of all States and Union Territories (dealing with National Highways)

Subject: Regulation of traffic in construction zones along National Highways

With the growing road transport demand, there has been a great boom in road construction activity in the country. In this context, the need for adopting proper measures for safety and guidance of traffic in the road construction zones has gained special significance. Detailed instructions regarding regulation of traffic for providing effective guidance and enhancing safety on National Highway stretches under construction or repair were issued vide this Ministry's letter No.NH.III/33(125)/72 dated 20th March 1973. These safety measures *inter alia* comprise installation of appropriate advance warning/informatory signs, barricading, delineation, pavement markings, red warning lights at night and traffic control and regulation, and have been highlighted in the above circular letter.

2. The above matter came up for discussion in the Chief Engineers meeting held at Bangalore on 24th November, 1993 when the need for adoption of appropriate safety and guidance measures for construction zones was recognised. Accordingly, it has been decided that henceforth itemwise specific provisions for effective control and regulation of traffic should be made, instead of being provided on lumpsum basis, in the project estimates for NH works.

3. It is requested that appropriate instructions in the above regard may be communicated to all concerned so that project proposals duly incorporating requisite safety features in construction phase are furnished to this Ministry.