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To

The Chief Secretaries/Secretaries (PWD/Roads) of all State Govts./UTs (dealing with Roads); Chief Engineers of States/UTs (dealing with National Highways and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes); Director General (Works) Central Public Works Department; Director General Border Roads; Chairman, National Highways Authority of India.

**Subject:      Plantation of trees in the campuses, office complexes of the organisations dealing with roads**

The national objective for tree cover in the country is about one-third of land mass. The recorded forest area in the country being a little over one-fifth, the desired level of green cover can only be achieved if sustained efforts are made to take up and maintain large scale plantation on non-forest lands. In this connection, Central Ministry of Environment and Forest have recently requested this Ministry to take up massive plantation of trees in the campuses, office complexes and other lands under the control of this Ministry to enhance the green cover in the country.

It is, therefore, requested that suitable instructions may be issued to all concerned officers plantation of trees in the campuses and office complexes under their control to enhance the green cover in the country. The progress achieved in this regard may please be reported to this Ministry at the end of each financial year so that the actual physical achievements could be determined and Ministry of Environment & Forests informed. The first such report may please be furnished in April, 1999.

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