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To

All Regional Officers/Engineer Liaison Officers/All other Technical Officers in the Regional Offices

Subject : Inspection of sites for bridges, estimates in respect of which are to be sanctioned

Recently one of the State PWD's have reported to this Ministry that they are not able to commence the work of reconstruction on a particular bridge, owing to the reason that there is no access to the bridge site and that the work can be taken up only after land acquisition for the purpose has been completed. In this case the sanction for the work had been issued by the Ministry more than 2 years back as the P.W.D. had at that time reported that the existing bridge was weak and dilapidated and that cracks had developed on the substructure and superstructure. The delay of more than 2 years in the taking up of the work after sanctioning the estimate, could have been avoided had the P.W.D. taken co-ordinated measures to acquire the land in the initial stage itself so that it synchronised with the commencement of the work on the bridge immediately after sanction.

2. In order to avoid such delays, it is requested that before the estimate for any bridge work is submitted by the PWD to the Ministry the concerned RO/ELO should inspect the site in order to examine the technical feasibility of the location for the bridge and also to get an idea whether similar problems as above are likely to crop up so that any modifications needed can be got incorporated before the estimate is taken up for sanction.

3. In the past in respect of one bridge, the concerned R.O. had reported after issue of sanction to the estimate that the existing bridge was adequate enough for the safe movement of traffic. It will be appreciated that such instances place the Ministry in a somewhat embarrassing situation. In view of the above it is reiterated that the RO/ELO should inspect each of the sites of those bridges, the estimates in respect of which are under submission to the Ministry and if any drawbacks are noticed the same should be reported immediately to the Ministry, so that suitable action can be taken before the scheme is approved.