

F.No. RW/NH-34059/2/2001-S&R(B)

Dated: the 18th August 2016

Dear

To :

- (1) The Chairman, NHAI; (2) DG (Border Roads); (3) Secretaries of State PWD; and
- (4) Chief Engineers (NH) of PWD

As you are aware, bridges are vital elements of National Highway network and non-functioning of any of the bridges would cause immense public inconvenience. The Ministry vide various communications reiterated for the need to keep a watch on the adequacy and serviceability of its components through regular inspections so that remedial measures are taken up in a timely manner. Detailed instructions regarding inspection of bridges have been issued by the Ministry from time to time and are also stipulated in the IRC SP 18, IRC SP 33 and IRC SP 35.

2. The inventory and condition survey of all the bridges on the National Highways on pan India basis has been taken up by the Ministry by appointing the Consultants and the said work is at various stages. Based on the field data, the prioritization and rating of bridges are in progress through Indian Bridge Management System (IBMS). Till the full proof system of inventory and condition survey through IBMS is made functional, I request to conduct pre and post monsoon inspections of all the bridges on existing National Highways on priority as per usual procedure, following Circular No. NHVI-67(29)/76 dated 02.03.1983 and D.O. No. RW/NH-34059/2/2001-S&R(B) dated 31.01.2003 issued by the Ministry (copies enclosed) and in accordance with the relevant IRC stipulations.

3. In this regard, I would like to request you to take the proactive effort and the critical bridges requiring urgent repairs be identified and necessary remedial measures be taken up on priority to ensure the safety of the existing structures as well as the road users.

Yours sincerely,

Encl : As above

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2. All Regional Officers, MoRT&H
3. PPS to Secretary (RT&H) – For information



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