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To

All State Governments and Union Territories
(Departments dealing with National Highways)

Subject : Highway Barriers on National Highways

In supersession of earlier instructions issued vide this Ministry's letter No. WI-43 (2) 66 dated the 28th January 1966, and No. NHI-42 (57) 69 dated the 8th April 1970, 30th January 1971 and 10th March, 1971, I am directed to convey the following instructions regarding erection and operation of highway barriers on National Highways for guidance in future.

2. *Erection of Highway Barriers*

- 2.1 Highway barriers may be required by various State Government Authorities for controlling movement of commodities, forest produce etc. or checking smuggling of goods, at the boundaries of Administrative Units. Though the practice of putting physical barriers on National Highways is not favoured by this Government, their erection at the present juncture may not altogether be prohibited. As such, State Government Departments dealing with roads may permit a barrier provided the same is considered absolutely necessary. The location of the barrier should be approved by the State Chief Engineer and the same should conform to either of the three type designs contained in IRC : 41-1972 "Type Designs for Check Barriers".
- 2.2 The choice of a design out of the three type designs mentioned above would be based on consideration of the conditions obtaining at site and the volume of traffic required to be handled at any particular location. The barrier should be constructed by the Highway Authority as deposit work at the cost of the authority requiring it.

3. *Operation of Highway Barrier*

- 3.1 Where a barrier is erected, the check post controlling the gates should function round the clock to avoid inconvenience to through traffic. The barrier gates may be closed to stop a passing vehicle, if and when to be checked, but the gates should be reopened immediately after checking which should be done in the least possible time.
4. It is requested that the contents of this circular may be brought to the notice of all officers in your department engaged on National Highway works.