

No. NHIII/P/66/76

Dated the 26th March, 1982

To

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

Subject : Laying and protection of coaxial and trunk telephone cables belonging to
the Posts and Telegraphs Department on National Highways

For laying the coaxial and trunk telephone cables belonging to the Posts and Telegraphs Department, a consolidated circular was issued *vide* this Ministry's letter No. NHIII/P/66/76 dated 19th November, 1976 in which the conditions and the manner in which the cables were to be laid, were conveyed for adoption in the field. It has been observed that these instructions are not being followed in implementation by the Posts and Telegraphs Department especially in respect of their having prior consultation with the Highway authority. Location of services without proper pre-planning and prior consultations with Highway authorities apart from disrupting the highway construction and maintenance works on hand may necessitate costly relocation/shifting of services at a future date when the developmental works of the highways are to be taken up.

2. In this connection, the State Government authorities dealing with National Highways are requested to establish close liaison with the local P & T Department officials, particularly when the National Highway and P & T expansion works are under finalisation for settling the appropriate locations of services keeping in view the likely developments/improvements on the highway. This would obviate the need for shifting/re-laying of utilities when highway developmental works are taken up in future. For actual laying of the utilities, the concerned highway engineers incharge shall ensure proper location of the services as per the guidelines given in the Ministry's circular dated 19.11.1976.
 3. **The contents of this letter and the enclosure may be brought to the notice of all the field officers, so that the instructions are scrupulously followed.**
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