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To

All State Governments
(Departments dealing with National Highways)

Subject : Construction of road over/under bridges on National Highways in
replacement of level crossings — sharing of cost of works — procedure regarding

It has come to the notice of the Ministry that uniform procedure has not been followed in preparing estimates for approaches to road over/under bridges on National Highways in replacement of level crossings where the cost is to be shared between the road authorities and the railways. Though, the railways are including the cost of field staff, regular establishment working in the Headquarters in addition to the normal 2% work charges establishment in the estimates for the construction of road over/under bridges (to be executed by the railways) but the State Government do not include agency charges on the Railways' share of cost in the estimates for the construction of approaches to be executed by this Ministry. As the State Governments are aware that all the National Highway works are executed by them on behalf of the Government of India and the 9% agency charges are reimbursed to them to compensate for the organisational inputs covering cost of establishment tools and plants etc. which they deploy on the execution of National Highway Works, it is but appropriate that the Agency charges should also be included in the estimates for approaches as these charges are analogous to those being included by the Railways in their estimates. Accordingly, this matter was taken up with the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) and they have now agreed to the inclusion of 9% agency charges on the Railway's share of cost of approaches to the road over/under bridges on National Highways which are constructed in replacement of existing level crossings. I am, therefore, to request that in future the Agency Charges may invariably be included in all estimates for the construction of approaches to road over/under bridges on National Highways, the cost of which is to be shared by the Railways.