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The Secretaries, PWDs of all State Govts./UTAs (Departments dealing with roads)

Subject: Provision of safety measures at Approaches to Railway Level Crossings

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 10th February, 1993 regarding the need for expeditious removal of speed breakers on National Highways. It has also been mentioned therein that, on approaches to railway crossings or weak/narrow bridges, rumble strips should be provided instead of speed breakers.

2. In the interest of traffic safety, it is again reiterated that rumble strips, as per the design and locational details, communicated to the State Chief Engineers vide this Ministry's letter No.RW/NH-III/P/31/84 dated 9th January, 1987, may be provided on approaches to railway level crossings. These rumble strips should be provided over the total width of the road, i.e. from edge to edge of the berm and marked with reflective paint and supplemented by warning/speed limit signs, as per the Ministry's design. It may also be ensured that these are maintained properly and do not lose their effectiveness over time.

3. In a recent meeting with the Ministry of Railways, it was jointly agreed that henceforth rumble strips only will be provided on approaches to railway level crossings. As such, installation of any new speed breakers at these locations should not be permitted. Any speed breaker already provided by the Railways as a temporary measure at these locations should be removed concurrently with the provision of rumble strips, for which Railways are being suitably informed.

4. It is requested that urgent instructions may be issued to all concerned in your Department for implementing the above mentioned safety measures on priority and in a time-bound manner so that the installation of rumble strips on approaches to all railway level crossings is completed latest by 31st January, 1994.

5. It is also requested that, from public safety angle, similar instructions may be issued for providing safety measures at approaches to railway level crossings falling on State roads.