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To

The Secretaries (dealing with roads), Public Works Department of all State Govts. and Union Territories

Subject: Provision of safety measures at approaches to Railways level crossings

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letters of even number dated 26.10.93 and 1.11.94 regarding provision of safety measures at railway level crossings falling on National Highways. The measures recommended therein and in earlier circulars issued on the subject are as under :

- (i) Installation of IRC Road Signs (Specified in IRC:67-1977 "Code of Practice for Road Signs)" whether the railway crossing is manned or unmanned;
- (ii) Imposition of speed limits for approaching traffic and installation of relevant road signs;
- (iii) Provision of rumble strips on both sides of the railway crossings. Speed breakers of hump type shall not, however, be permitted; and
- (iv) Speed breakers already provided by the Railways as a temporary measure at these locations should be removed concurrently with the provision of rumble strips.

2. The Specifications for rumble strips were circulated among all State Governments vide this Ministry's letter No. PL-50(8)/72 dated 4th June, 1976. It was also reiterated that rumble strips as per the design and locational details communicated to the State Chief Engineers, vide this Ministry's letter dated 9th January, 1987 may be provided on approaches to railway level crossings.

3. The State Governments were requested to issue urgent instructions to all concerned in the Department engaged in National Highways and other Centrally financed road works, for implementing the above mentioned safety measures on priority and time bound basis so as to complete this work by 31.1.94.

4. It was also requested to send an implementation report in this respect. The implementation report is still awaited from most of the State Governments in spite of reminders. It is, therefore, again requested that the implementation report may please be sent to this Ministry at an early date.