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To

All Secretaries of State Govt. dealing with National Highways and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes;  
Director General Works, CPWD; Director General Border Roads

Subject: Bridge Works on NHs and other centrally sponsored schemes.

I am directed to say that while reviewing the details in respect of Major Bridge Works on National Highways and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes, it has been noticed that some of the bridges constructed by M/s Gammon India Limited and other major contractors have developed defects either during the course of constructions or immediately after completion. It is, therefore, requested that it may be examined whether the defects noticed in the bridges during the course of construction or immediately after completion are due to the negligence fault of the contractors who have executed the works. This Ministry is of the view that in case the defects have occurred due to negligence/fault of the contractors, it is the responsibility of the contractor to rectify the defects at his own cost. It is further requested that if it is found that the defects are of serious nature, the question of debarring or black listing the contractor may be considered.

I am to request that a critical examination of these aspects may be undertaken immediately and necessary action taken at your end under intimation to this Ministry.