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To

**All State Chief Engineers (dealing with roads)**

**Sub :** Dismantling of old structures where new bridges are being constructed to replace them

Instructions have already been issued vide Ministry's letter of even number dated the 16th October 1973 about the dismantling of diversions provided through the bed and flood plane of the river after a new bridge has been constructed and opened to traffic. In continuation of this it is requested that the existing bridge structure which is being replaced by the new bridge should also be dismantled upto the bed level of the river along with the diversion. However, in such rare cases where the new bridges are constructed a considerable distance away from the old bridge and the flow conditions through the new bridge are not in any way affected by the existence of the old-bridge, if the State P.W.D. desires, the old structure may be allowed to remain but in such cases the cost of maintenance of the approaches and the old bridge shall be borne by the State Govt. and shall not be a charge on National Highway funds. However, concurrence of this Ministry shall be obtained for all such cases where the old structure is intended to be retained after the construction of the new bridge.