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To

The Secretaries of all State PWDs. (Deptts. dealing with N.Hs.) by name and CEs. of all State PWDs. dealing with N.Hs. (by name)

Sub : Dismantling and auctioning of existing steel bridges after construction of new bridges on National Highways

During inspection of various National Highways in different States, I have observed that wherever new concrete (RCC or prestressed concrete) bridges have been constructed in place of existing steel girder or truss bridges, the already existing steel bridges have not been dismantled. It is a sheer waste of national wealth to allow the steel bridges to weather away in such a way. The old steel bridge superstructure is the property of the nation.

2. We shall, therefore, be grateful if you have a survey of all the bridges conducted on top priority of each of the National Highways in the State to identify such abandoned steel bridges and arrange to dispose them of by auctioning, if no longer required by the State PWD. The sale proceeds as obtained by auction may be credited to the account of the Govt. of India.