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Sub: Availability of adequate number of Bridge experts for planning, design, execution and supervision of bridge projects under PMGSY.

Dear Madam / Sir,

Kindly refer to discussions in monthly progress reviews, interaction with states and guidelines issued by Quality Division of NRIDA regarding availability of bridge experts with SRRDAs.

2. The availability of adequate number of bridge experts have been emphasized in various interactions and states were advised to enlist / empanel sufficient number of experts. This is to ensure that bridges are constructed with utmost technical precision in conformity with available technical literature, training imparted by NRIDA and complies with all codal provisions. Ensuring compliances, not only economizes construction, but also increases bridges' life span with high serviceability and safety.

3. As already advised earlier, States should take onboard bridge experts with sufficient technical background in design and construction of bridges. *Besides taking the services of retired senior officers and consultants from the market, interns from Engineering colleges and Polytechnic can also be enlisted for day to day quality control and site execution.* These interns will supplement the supervision team, ensuring that bridges are constructed after due technical checks, testing at sites as well as testing at laboratories to meet the specifications.

4. I shall be grateful if you could review the same at your level and direct the concerned officials to *send a detailed report in this regard indicating the actions taken so far to ensure that bridge experts are available,* commensurate with the quantum of bridge work under planning and execution in your state.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To,

The Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of Nodal Department implementing PMGSY in the States/UTs