

Construction of Bridge  
Cum Bandhara type of structure  
Relaxation of norms for the

Government of Maharashtra ,  
Public Works Department,  
Circular No.PLN 1075/(B-cum-B)63(38-A)/DESK-30  
Sachivalaya Bombay No32 BR  
24<sup>th</sup> March 1976

GOVERNMENT CIRCULAR

Under Government Circular , B&C. D.No. PLN 1072/119097 PI dated 14-11-1973 read with ammendum of even No.dated the 7-12-1973, Government has already issued guide lines/ instructions to the field officers in respect construction of Bridge cum Bandhara type of structure on the sites of existing bridges as also in conjunction with the new bridges under construction or proposed to be constructed in near future. According to these guidelines / instructions, the superintending Engineers are required to submit proposals to the Superintending Engineer, Design Circle, Bombay . In view, however, of the difficulties experienced by the local officers to fit in the proposals of bridge-cum- bandharas within the prescribed norms, orders have been issued under Government letter No. PLN 1072 /119997-PI dated 18-6-74 , that the plans and estimates for bridge-cum-bandharas should be prepared wherever sites are technically promising for new bridge works, irrespective of the criteria and norms indicated in the Government Circular dated the 14-11-73. Further orders have also been issued , under Government Circular P.W.&H.D.No.PLN 1075 (Bridge- cum-Bandhara) / 63-(38-A), Desk-30.dated the 27-1-76, that for all monor bridges where exposed rock or rock at shallow depth is available in the bed, the Bandhara should be proposed or added to the bridge, irrespective of the norms of the cost or minimum storage. The cost thereof is, however , to be debited to the bridge project concerned, and for existing minor bridges,bandharas should be added, wherever possible,M.O.W.(Communications) grants.

2.Inspite of the relaxation of the norms, the progress in the matter is found to far from satisfactory. Government is very keen about the construction of Bridge-cum-Bandharas. With a view to achieving some result in the matter, Government is pleased to relax the criteria for major bridges also in respect of minimum storage and cost norms limits mentioned in the Government Circular dated the 14-11-1973 read with ammendum , dated the 7-12-1973, for a period of one year subject to the condition that proposal of Bridge-cum-Bandhara at major bridge should be approved by the Superintending Engineer, Design Circle as technically feasible and sound. The Superintending Engineers of territorial Circles are, therefore requested to ensure that atleast one work in each District is started during this season. The plans and estimates of such works are to be prepared by Superintending Engineers of territorial Circles.

3.The cost of the Bandharas proposed to be constructed in conjunction with the new bridges should hereafter be included in the bridge project concerned, while Bandharas at the existing bridges should be provided through M.O.W.(Communications) grant, wherever possible. In the case of Bandharas for new bridges where estimate for bridges are sanctioned but work is not started , the local officers should submit proposals to Government.

4. The local officers should follow the above instructions and show definite results in the matter, failing which serious view is likely to be taken thereof . They are also requested to furnish a report in the matter by the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1976.

By order and in name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

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Deputy Secretary to Government