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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No. 2014/CE-III/BR/Bridge Policy

New Delhi, dated: 09.02.2016

**Principal Chief Engineers
All Indian Railways**

Sub: Inspection and maintenance of waterways of bridges

Cleaning of waterways is an important item in maintenance of bridges. In this connection detailed responsibilities and action required in connection of cleaning of waterways is given in Para 201, 202, 206, 1101 and 1107 of IRBM and required to be filled in proforma for inspection of major and important bridges (Annexure 11/9 para 1103.4 of IRBM). It has, however, been found that in some cases cleaning of waterways was not given due importance at the time of inspection resulting in blockage of waterway and subsequent flooding/damage to bridges.

2) Board (ME) has desired that as a onetime exercise, dated photographs of all major and important bridges showing waterway on upstream and downstream side should be taken and made available with shared access rights. Until BMS module is fully functional, Railway may create a web based shared drive and upload photographs not exceeding 2MB in JPEG format, which can be accessed from this office. Compliance should be reported on 1/3/16.

3) Kindly acknowledge receipt and confirm dissemination on Assurance Register.

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