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ON MANY occasions, the president has expressed the need to accelerate the provision of infrastructure in this country.

However, his actions in the appointment of ministers seem to decry this intent. For the Justice portfolio, the minister is a professional lawyer, and for Health, the minister is a professional medical doctor.

In contradiction to this, professional expertise at the head of the following two departments, the departments of Transport and Public Works, both extensively involved in the provision of infrastructure and where engineering expertise and

competence is a necessity, we have, if media reports are accurate, ministers with no engineering background. One reportedly is a qualified nurse, and the other a “party political hack” whose adult life has apparently been devoted to politics.

What is worse and which may be behind the reason why infrastructure has been neglected during the tenure of the ANC government is this situation has existed for decades.

The excuse engineers do not enter politics is not valid since the president has the option of appointing two persons as ministers who are not MPs.

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