

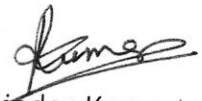
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of February, 2019.

A copy of the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary for the Cabinet pertaining to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for the month of February, 2019 is enclosed herewith for information.



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To

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1. The road construction programme is particularly impacted by weather conditions; hence the Ministry's effort is to maximum construction during the period when weather conditions are favourable. The construction of 8,897 kms length of NHs was completed till February, 2019 as against 7,589 km for the corresponding period last year. The Ministry is hopeful of exceeding the current year's construction target of 10,000 km of NHs by the close of the financial year, though the pace of construction has been constrained by availability of funds.
2. The overall actual expenditure achieved by the Ministry during FY 2018-19 upto February, 2019 has been to the tune of Rs. 63,289.88 crore (i.e.80.5% of RE 2018-19 outlay of Rs. 78,625 crore). The NHAI has raised IEBR amounting to Rs.47,798.53 crore till February against the year's target of Rs. 62,000 crores. The available budgetary outlay under NH (O) for the FY 2018-19 has nearly been exhausted.
3. There is an urgent requirement of at least Rs.7,000 crore under NH(O) for uninterrupted progress of ongoing projects and also to ensure that no contractual claims arise on account of inability to make timely payments of running bills. This would enable us to meet the funding requirement for NH(O) projects tentatively up to February, 2019; the fund requirements of March, 2019 could then be met in April, 2019 under the outlay for BE 2019-20. The Ministry had taken up the matter with the Ministry of Finance requesting for additionality in the third Supplementary estimates. However, this did not materialize. As such, the Ministry will have to carry over liabilities to the next financial year.
4. Smt. Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister and Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, flagged off the "Suraksha Yatra" - a motor car rally from Rajghat in New Delhi to Yangon in Myanmar- to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The flag-off was part of an event to launch the 30th National Road Safety Week. Shri V. Kalyanam, Personal Secretary to Mahatma Gandhi was also present on the occasion. The rally travelled through places historically associated with Gandhiji, both in India, as well as in Bangladesh and Myanmar, and passed through Sabarmati, Porbandar,

Dandi, Yerwada, Sewagram, Jabalpur, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Chauri Chaura, Champaran, Shantiniketan and Kolkata in India before travelling to Dhaka in Bangladesh. It concluded at Yangon in Myanmar on the 24th of February, 2019 covering a total distance of 7250 km. The rally was part of the year-long celebrations to commemorate the 150th year of Mahatma Gandhi in India and across the globe. It took up advocacy on Road Safety at key places along the route.

- 5. Various programmes were held during the Road Safety Week, including seminars and workshops on Emerging Trends in Safety, Road Safety Engineering, Motor Vehicle Insurance, Emergency care (Protection of Good Samaritan & First Responder Training), and so on. A host of initiatives were launched including, inter alia, a Dash Board for Road Accident Data and a set of comic books on road safety produced by Uber and Amar Chitra Katha.
- 6. The Ministry has undertaken initiatives for seamless movement of passengers and freight under the 'Bharatmala Pariyojana'. Accordingly, a project for setting up of an Inter-Modal Station at Ajni in Nagpur was sanctioned in February 2019 with the objective of providing efficient, safe and comfortable connectivity to passengers travelling by passenger trains, metros and buses. All three modes of transport would thus converge in the Inter-Modal Station. The station will be set up on a land parcel of 44 acres which belongs to the Railways. An MoU has also been signed for this purpose between the Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). This is the first project of its kind taken up by the Ministry.
- 7. Similarly, with a view to promoting logistics efficiency, the Ministry has identified 7 locations in the country where Multi Modal Logistics Parks (MMLPs) can be set up for seamless freight movement. One of the sites is Jogighopa in Assam, where the MMLP would be developed on the land belonging to Ashok Paper Mills Ltd., a Government of Assam entity. The MMLP would be connected with rail, road and inland waterways and thus not only optimize freight movement, bringing in efficiency and economy but also over time, develop as a gateway to the neighbouring countries. The project which was approved in February 2019 would be implemented by the NHIDCL