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To

The Secretaries, Public Works Department of all States and Union Territories, Secretary, BRDB and Chairman, National Highways Authority of India

Subject: National Highways (Amendment) Act, 1997 - Urban link agreements - reg.

Section 2(1) of the National Highways Act, 1956 provided as under :

"Each of the highways specified in the Schedule (except such parts thereof as are situated within any municipal area) is hereby declared to be a National Highway"

This has been amended vide National Highways (Amendment) Act, 1997 and the portion in brackets of the above mentioned Section has been deleted. Section 8 of the National Highways Act, 1956, which provided for urban link agreements with State Governments or municipalities, has also been omitted (in the Amendment of the National Highways Act, 1997).

2. Consequently, parts of National Highways, situated within the municipal areas, will now form part of the National Highway network. Agreements entered into with the State Governments for providing central financial assistance for the development and maintenance of urban links stand cancelled.

3. State Governments are accordingly requested to take over the existing urban links immediately and treat the same as part of the National Highways for future development and maintenance of the same.

4. Ministry, however, has provided financial assistance, during the current financial year, in respect of the existing urban links for which agreements have been entered into.

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