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**Ministry of Road Transport & Highways**  
(Co-ordination Section)  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of December, 2018.

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 December, 2018 is enclosed herewith for information.



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Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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To

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1. Road construction programme is punctuated by seasonality. As a result, there is virtually no progress during the rainy season (July to September in northern plains and May to October in many parts of the country). The pace of construction picks up significantly thereafter. The Ministry has achieved construction of 6,715 kms length of NHs till December, 2018 as against 5,680 km for the corresponding period of last year. Further, as against the current year's target of construction of about 10,000 km of NHs, the Ministry is hopeful of completing construction of about 12,000 km length, which may get adversely impacted on account of limited availability of funds.
2. The overall actual expenditure achieved by the Ministry during FY 2018-19 up to December, 2018 has been to the tune of Rs. 50,363 crore (i.e.70.9% of BE 2018-19 outlay of Rs.71,000 crore). Also, IEBR amounting to Rs. 41,170 crore has been raised by the NHAI till November against the annual target of Rs. 62,000 crore. The Ministry is confident of utilising a major part of the BE 2018-19 outlay of Rs. 71,000 crore by January, 2019 (excluding the CRF component). The available budgetary outlay under NH(O) for the FY 2018-19 has almost been exhausted.
3. There is urgent requirement of at least Rs. 7,000 crore under NH(O) so as to ensure that progress of ongoing projects is not adversely affected and there are no contractual claims on account of inability to make timely payments of running bills in respect of completed works. This would meet the funding requirement for NH(O) projects tentatively up to February, 2019 as the fund requirements of March, 2019 could be met in April, 2019 under outlay for 2019-20 BE. The Ministry has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Finance to provide the additionality in the next Supplementary estimates.
4. 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of IRC was held at Nagpur (Maharashtra) from 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. This mega event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport and Highways and attended by about 3500 delegates all across the globe. The aim of this IRC Session was to provide platform to all stakeholders, deliberate on current problems of road sector and come up with solutions in the form of IRC standards and also submit recommendations to Government Departments and State PWDs for improvement of skill and knowledge of their officers so that safer roads are constructed. Several manuals and guidelines on Road construction and Design Standards were also released on this occasion for the benefit of all stakeholders.