

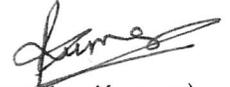
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of January, 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 January, 2019 is enclosed herewith for information.



(Rajinder Kumar)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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To

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1. Road construction programme is punctuated by seasonality. The pace of construction has picked up significantly after the end of rainy season. The Ministry has completed construction of 7,997.8 kms length of NHs till January, 2019 as against 6,398 km for the corresponding period of 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 got punctuated on account of limited availability of funds.
2. The overall actual expenditure achieved by the Ministry during FY 2018-19 upto January, 2019 has been to the tune of Rs. 56,294 crore (i.e. 79.3% of BE 2018-19 outlay of Rs. 71,000 crore ). The NHAI has raised IEBR amounting to Rs.41,170 crore till January against the year's target of Rs.62,000 crore. The available budgetary outlay under NH(O) for the FY 2018-19 has nearly been exhausted.
3. There is urgent requirement of at least Rs. 7,000 crore under NH(O) so as to ensure uninterrupted progress of ongoing projects and no contractual claims arise on account of inability to make timely payments of running bills. 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 BE 2019-20. The Ministry has taken up the matter with Ministry of Finance to provide us the additionality in the third Supplementary estimates.
4. The Ministry has taken up an initiative to recognize good performing construction agencies, for which a scheme of "National Highways Awards for Excellence" has been put in place. The Ministry engaged the Quality Council of India, as a third party independent agency to undertake and complete this process for the current Financial Year. The awards recognize the companies who have performed very well during the construction, operations, tolling and maintenance stages. These agencies were selected based on multiple rounds of rigorous assessment, including on-field inspection of short-listed projects and final presentation with a panel of expert Jury members. The award winning projects are printed on the Calendar of the Ministry.