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Dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2020

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of April, 2020.

A copy of the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary (Both English & Hindi) for the Cabinet pertaining to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for the month of April, 2020 is enclosed herewith for information.



(Anil Sharma)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Encl. As above

To,

1. All members of the Council of the Ministers
2. Deputy Chairman, NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi
3. All Members of NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi. (10 spare copies)
4. Cabinet Secretary, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
5. All Secretaries to Government of India
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## Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

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1. The Ministry has constructed 210 km of National Highways upto April 2020 as compared to 792 km in April, 2019. The award figure is 260 km during this period as compared to 26 km during April, 2019.
2. The Hon'ble Minister of road transport and highways and MSMEs, called upon the Transport Ministers and PWD Ministers of the all the states / UTs on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020, and requested them to take urgent action so that blockades of trucks and lorries at inter state/UT borders is cleared and smooth movement of trucks is ensured in order to carry essential goods to various parts of the country. He urged the State Ministers to intervene proactively and ensure resolutions through the local/district administrations. He stressed to strictly adhere to guidelines issued by MHA and MoHFW , like proper social distancing, wearing masks, use of sanitizers, both by the drivers / cleaners and also at the dhabaas / repair shops. He accorded top priority to the development of road / highway infrastructure. He urged the State / UTs to expedite land acquisition as delays hamper the pace of development and asked them to utilise funds which are remaining unused with them.
3. Funds amounting to Rs. 57.00 Crore were sanctioned and releases to States/UTs for undertaking activities for sanitization and awareness campaign to control outbreak of Novel Coronavirus.
4. The list of Dhabhas/Truck repair shops across the country along National / Sate Highways, made available by the State /UT Government or other organisations were hosted on the Ministry's website at [https:// morth.nic.in/dhabas-truck-repair-shops-opened-during-covid-19](https://morth.nic.in/dhabas-truck-repair-shops-opened-during-covid-19). This was done for the benefit of the truck drivers for facilitation of the movement of goods/cargo.
5. Hon'ble Minister of State, RTH interacted through video conferencing with the representatives of AIMTC, AITWA, SIMTA and AICOGOA which are the biggest and leading Transport/Logistics operators of the country. He appreciated all the organisations and their representatives for all the efforts made by them to ensure the supply of essentials items/ goods in the country and enquired about the further steps the Government has to undertake to facilitate the movement of goods and reduce the hardship of the their people and staff. The MHA issued guideline regarding the permission for plying all goods traffic irrespective of essential / non-essential, movement of all truck and other goods/ carrier vehicles with two drivers and one helper subject to the driver carrying a valid driving license and permission to empty truck / vehicle to ply after the delivery of goods, or for picking of goods.

6. Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has advised NIC to facilitate the States/ UTs in limited registration of BS-IV vehicles all over India except Delhi / NCR in compliance with Supreme Court directions contained in its order dated 27.3.2020. The Supreme Court has allowed limited and conditional sale and registration of not more than 10 per cent pending BS-IV stock (as conveyed to the Apex Court ) with vehicle dealers (except in Delhi, NCR) within 10 days of lifting of the lockdown in a city following outbreak of Covid-19 in the country.
7. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways took the social responsibility of helping people on the roads during the nationwide lockdown due to COVID-19. Soon after the announcement by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 24.03.2020, field units of the Ministry across the length and breadth of the country were urged to extend necessary help to their workers / labours and the common people. All the field units and offices of the Ministry, as well as the associated organizations, NHAI and NHIDCL came forward to help mitigate the difficulties of the people by offering food, sanitization etc.
8. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has released an illustrative animation video which provides for board Dos and Don'ts for truck / lorry drivers as they are handling trips to transport essential goods across the country. The animation calls upon people to respect and cooperate with truck / lorry drivers who are working to ease our life by transporting essential goods and medicines in the scenario when Government had to extend lockdown to curb COVID-19 and save lives.
9. The grievance being received on various forms especially CPGRAMS are continuously being monitored for effective redressal. The Ministry has redressed all the 146 public COVID 19 related grievances received during the month.

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