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Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(Coordination Section)
Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110001

Dated the 12th April, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of March, 2021.

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 March, 2021 is enclosed herewith for information.



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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 Bhavanm New Delhi
5. All Secretaries to Government of India
6. Information Officer, PIB , Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

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- Award and Construction of National Highways:** The Ministry has constructed 13,327 km of National Highways upto March 2021 as compared to 10,237 km in March, 2020. The award figure is 10,965 km during this period as compared to 8,948 km in the previous year. Thus, the Ministry has constructed roughly 37 km of road per day during 2020-21, which is a record never attained earlier.
- Aadhaar for availing contactless services:** A notification was issued on 3rd March, 2021, vide which 18 services relating to driving licenses and certificate of registration have been made online with the help of Aadhaar authentication on voluntary basis. This is in line with the Ministry's initiative to promote ease of living. It will help citizens to avail these services in a hassle-free manner and to reduce the footfall in Regional Transport Offices
- Airbag for the person occupying the front seat, other than the driver:**
The Ministry issued a notification on 2nd March, 2021 regarding mandatory provision of an airbag for the passenger seated on the front seat of a vehicle, next to the driver. This will be effective for vehicles manufactured on and after 1.4. 2021, in case of new models, and 31.8. 2021, in case of existing models. This is an important safety feature, and is also based on suggestions of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety.
- Extension of validity of documents related to Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989:** In view of the COVID pandemic, the Ministry had earlier issued various advisories to States/UTs, asking them to extend the validity of documents related to Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicle Rules (CMVR), 1989 (viz, Fitness, Permit (all types), License, Registration ,etc). The last extension was till 31st March 2021. Taking into consideration the need to prevent the spread of COVID-19, it has been further advised that all these documents may be treated to be valid till 30th June, 2021. This covers all documents whose validity expired since 1st February, 2020 or would expire by 30th June, 2021. This will help citizen in availing transport related services, while maintaining social distancing.