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

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of May, 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 May, 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 Bhavanm New Delhi
5. All Secretaries to Government of India
6. Information Officer, PIB, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

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1. The Ministry has constructed 847 km of National Highways upto May 2020 in 2020-21 as compared to 1692 km in May, 2019. The award figure is 747 km during this period as compared to 241 km in the previous year.
2. Ministry vide its O.M. dated 29.05.2020 has directed to the all executive agencies the MoRTH to implement 'Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order 2017' issued by DPIIT in letter and spirit. All executing agencies have been directed to ensure that no Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) shall be invited for tender upto Rs. 200 crore or such limit as may be prescribed by the Department of Expenditure from time to time. Further, all executive agencies have been directed to ensure that domestic industry is not discriminated against in procurement by the Ministry. If the Indian suppliers of an item are not allowed to participate and/or compete in procurement by any Foreign Government, this Ministry and its agencies may restrict or exclude bidders from that country. Procuring agencies also have to ensure that eligibility conditions including on matters like turnover, production capability and financial strength do not result in unreasonable exclusion of local suppliers who would otherwise be eligible.
3. The Ministry has allocated Rs. 7.11 cr and Rs. 0.66 cr for the States of West Bengal and Odisha respectively so as to ensure immediate restoration of traffic movement in the sections of National Highways (NHs) damaged due to recent cyclone 'Amphan', associated rains and floods. Ministry has already released an amount of Rs.66.45 crore under CRIF to State of West Bengal. Ministry requested West Bengal to forward a proposal to the tune of about Rs. 400 crore for rehabilitation & restoration work of the extensive damages caused to the infrastructure specially State Roads under CRIF.
4. In order to prevent inconvenience to Citizens in renewal of documents for which fees have already been paid, or where the fees is to be paid but the citizens are not able to pay due to COVID Lockdown, in relaxation of Rule 32

and 81 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 , extension was granted till 31st July, 2020.

5. Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSMEs inaugurated the breakthrough event of Chamba Tunnel under *Chardham Pariyojana* through video conference mode on 26.05.2020. Border Roads Organisation (BRO) achieved this major milestone by digging up a 440 m long Tunnel below the busy Chamba town on Rishikesh-Dharasu road Highway (NH 94). The opening of this tunnel will ease out congestion through the Chamba town and reduce the distance by one kilometer and journey through the town will take only ten minutes as compared to thirty minutes earlier.
6. In order to ensure faster resolution of the complaints of the transporters on interstate movement of goods carriers during Lockdown, Helplines were operated in NHAI in addition to the helpline in MHA. Assistance was provided to migrant labourers walking on National Highways. They were provided with resting places near the Toll Plazas as well as assistance in terms of the arrangement of transport through the offices of local administrations and State Transport Undertakings to take them to their places nearest to their destinations. Since 22nd May, 2020 till 31st May, 2020, approximately 1,02,565 migrants have been helped.
7. The Government had notified draft GSR 184 (E) dated 18th March 2020 to draft rules related to Licensing of drivers, fitness and registration of motor vehicles(Section 4-28 of Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2019) and to draft rules related to Construction, Equipment and Maintenance of the Motor Vehicles (Section 39-40 of Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2019 . In view of COVID-19 and requests of stakeholders to extend time for submission of their comments, the Ministry has notified draft GSR 336 (E) and 337(E) dated 29th May, 2020 giving time period of sixty days for furnishing comments/suggestions on these draft rules.
8. In the month of May, 2020, a total 24 nos. of projects were considered by The Standing Finance Committee. The 24 projects of length 797.88 Km and total capital cost, Rs. 23,289 Cr. were appraised by SFC and recommended for approval.
