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(Transport Section)

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To,

- (i) PS to the Transport Ministers of all States/UTs.
- (ii) The Principal Secretary/Secretary (Transport)/Transport Commissioners of all States/UTs.

Sub.: Minutes of the 38th Transport Development Committee(TDC) Meeting held on 19-09-2017 at Vadodara, Gujarat.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose a copy of Minutes of the 38th Transport Development Committee(TDC) and conference of State Transport Ministers held on 19th September 2017 at Vadodara, Gujarat, for kind information and necessary action.

Encl.: As above.

Yours faithfully,



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1. Member (Transport), NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi
2. Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi.
3. Chairman, Railway Board, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.
4. Secretary, Department of Commerce, Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi.
5. Chairman, NHAI, Dwarka, New Delhi.
6. Director General, NIC, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
7. Additional DG, Ministry of Tourism, Transport Bhavan, New Delhi.
8. Advisor (Transport), NITI Aayog.
9. Advisor (Transport Research), TR Wing, MoRTH.
10. Shri Shashi Verma, Director (TFL) via video conferencing.
11. M/s AT Kearney.
12. M/s DIMTS.
13. The Managing Director, BMTCL, Bangalore.
14. Rajkot Municipal Transport corporation.
15. Delhi Police.
16. NIC - with a request to upload on the Website of the Ministry.

Minutes of the 38th Transport Development Council (TDC) Meeting held on 19-9-2017 at Vadodara.

List of participants is annexed.

2. Before commencing the meeting of TDC, all the dignitaries who attended the TDC meeting were taken on a guided tour to Vadodara Automated Driving Testing Track and the Bus Terminal at Vadodara to get first hand appreciation of these modern facilities.

3. Sh. Abhay Damle, Joint Secretary (Transport) welcomed all the participants and made a presentation of ATR on the decisions taken in the 37th TDC meeting held on 5th Feb., 2016, including All India Tourist Permit for Tourist Buses, status regarding Vahan and Sarathi Sites under Transport National Register and identification/ rectification of black spots. He also made a brief account on seamless transport across State Borders due to introduction of GST, digitalisation of payments, Inter-State transfer of private vehicles and the notification dated 13th May, 2015 issued by the Ministry to protect good Samaritans, who come forward to help the road accident victims.

4. Sh. Y.S. Malik, Secretary (RT&H) made introductory remarks. He spoke at length about the need to carry out public transport reforms, technological upgradation in public transport, electric mobility, promotion and adoption of digital payments in STUs and Transport Departments and seamless transport. He also spoke about the provisions envisaged in the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill, 2017 which, interalia, envisage deterrent penalties for violation of rules to reduce road accident fatalities.

5. Sh. Shashi Verma, Director (TFL) participated through video conferencing and briefly shared the manner in which TFL had undertaken major initiatives, as mentioned below:

5.1 He discussed about public transport reforms that have been undertaken in London. Public Transportation in London has been built on a Franchisee Model in which buses are owned, operated and maintained by private operators under the strict regulation regime set by Transport for London(TFL). The Bus Terminals/ Bus stands are operated by TFL. In addition, Quality standards, safety regulations, bus design, fuel type, fare etc. are also regulated by TFL.

5.2 The entire Transport System is technologically enabled with GPS, contactless bank cards for ticketing and passenger information system. GPS technology is used to provide audio-visual notifications in every 30 seconds, enforcing checks on the wrong doing of private operators, and accident/ emergency information. For collecting fare, contactless closed loop card has been made mandatory due to which there has been no cash ticketing since the last 3 years.

5.3 To reduce congestion in Central London area, heavy parking fee is levied. This has helped reduce traffic congestion. Signal is prioritized for buses and a separate bus lane has been dedicated to ensure reliability of public transport since one double