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To

1. All State Governments & Union Territories
(Departments dealing with Roads)
2. Director General (Works) CPWD
3. Director General Border Roads

Sub: Kilometre stones and informatory signs on National Highways-Script of information and form of numerals policy regarding

In supersession of this Ministry's circular letters indicated below, I am directed to forward herewith consolidated instructions on the subject mentioned above for your information and compliance.

1. No. SP-77(27)/60 Pt. dt. 6.3.70
2. PL-30(53)/74 dt. 15.7.76

I. Kilometre stones

(i) According to the revised standard on the subject which is currently under print, the place names should be inscribed on these stones in different scripts in the following sequence, only one script being used on any one kilometre stone. The sequence given below is different from the one being followed in the country up till now.

| Km. No. | Script for place names | Place to be shown |
|---------|------------------------|---|
| 0 | Roman | Terminal/starting station and next important town |
| 1. | Hindi(Devnagri script) | Next important town |
| 2. | Local Language | -do- |
| 3. | Hindi(Devnagri script) | Terminal Station |
| 4. | Local Language | -do- |
| 5. | Roman | Terminal/starting station and next important town |
| 6. | Hindi(Devnagri script) | Next important town and so on, repeated in the same order |

Where local script happens to be same as Devnagri, kilometer to the next important town and the terminal station on ordinary kilometer stones could be shown alternately instead of the order given above. The numerals on kilometre stones shall in all cases to be written in international form of Indian numerals i.e. 1,2,3 etc.

(ii) In the interest of travellers' convenience, States are requested to follow the same policy in respect of kilometre stones on State Highways.

II. Advance information signs at approaches to junctions.

- (i) As regards advance information signs at approaches junctions, the following procedure and guidelines may be followed:
 - (a) All boards should invariably be inscribed in Roman and Devnagri scripts.
 - (b) In States where the script of the State language is not Devnagri, the inscription should be made in the script of the State language also.
 - (c) In a bilingual area on the border of two States, the inscription should also be in the scripts of both the States languages if these are not Devnagri.

(ii) The State Govt. are requested to adopt the above policy for general information signs on State Highways also to avoid inconvenience to road users and tourists.

2. The State Govts. are requested to check up the position on all National Highways and ensure that Km stones and informatory signs are installed in accordance with the above procedure. Deficiencies, if any, should be removed immediately as desired by the parliamentary Committee on Official Language for promotion of Use of Hindi.

3. Expenditure on removal of the above deficiencies may be met from the maintenance and repairs grants released to the States from time to time.

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To

1. Secretaries of all States/Union Territories(Incharge of PWD) dealing with National Highways
2. All Chief Engineers of States / Union Territories PWDs dealing with National Highways and Centrally Sponsored Schemes.
3. Director General (Border Roads), Seema Sadak Bhavan, Naraina, New Delhi-110 010.
4. Chairman, National Highway Authority of India, G-5-6 Sector-10, DWARKA, New Delhi-110 045.

Sub: Procedure for Numbering of Kilometer Stones and provision of Distance Information Boards on National Highways

Sir,

It has been observed that some National Highways have been divided into various sections for the purpose of providing kilometer stones. Thus these National Highways have more than one starting/termination station. This causes inconvenience for the road users. Earlier, the Ministry has issued guidelines on the above subject, but they are not being observed. It has, therefore, been decided to streamline the procedure for numbering of Kilometer Stones and provision of Distance Information Boards on the National Highways. Accordingly, in supersession of all earlier circulars on this subject, the following instructions are issued:

- (i) The location of kilometer 0 (zero) should be from where a National Highway starts and last kilometer should be where it terminates. The starting and terminating points of National Highways shall be as per the schedule annexed to NH Act, 1956 and subsequent notifications.
- (ii) The kilometer stones shall be numbered in a continuous manner and there will only be one starting point (Km 0) and only one terminating point (last Km) for each National Highway. The change in the road length consequent upon the construction of by-pass/realignment/ geometric improvement etc. (including such construction in advanced stage of progress) shall be incorporated in numbering of kilometer stones in a continuous manner to assimilate with the relocated kilometer stones.
- (iii) Every 5th kilometer stone shall show the name and distance of the starting/terminal station in addition to the next important town/station.

- (iv) The Distance Information Boards shall also show distance to the starting/terminal stations of National Highway in addition to other relevant information for users guidance.

2 Some of the National Highways pass through more than one State. It will, therefore, be necessary to co-ordinate continuous numbering of National Highways passing through these states. The following procedure shall be followed for this purpose:

- (i) In case of National Highways entrusted to the National Highways Authority of India(NHAI), the continuous numbering of National Highway shall be ensured by NHAI subject to para 1(i) above.
- (ii) For other National Highways, Project Chief Engineers at Headquarters of the Ministry shall decide the location of Km 0(Zero) stone as per para 1(i) above and advice the concerned State Government to start installing Km stones from Km 0 (Zero) onwards. A limit of three months shall be given to the State for numbering of all Km stones in the State. The number of last km stone falling in the State will be informed to the next State Government/Project Chief Engineer so that the next State can start numbering of km stones in their State. This exercise will be done by all the States upto the termination point of the National Highway.

3. The expenditure on the above work may be met out from the M&R grants released to the States from time to time.

4. The contents of this letter may be brought to the notice of all concerned officers in your Department for strict compliance within the time frame.

Yours faithfully,

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2. All ROs / ELOs,
M/o Road Transport & Highways

It is requested that necessary action on Para 2(ii) may please be taken so that numbering of all kilometer stones on NHs is completed urgently.

3. All Technical Officers at the HQs
4. AS&FA/AFA-II
5. DO(III)
6. Secretary, IRC, New Delhi
7. Library