

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

Parivahan Bhavan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi-110 001

No.RW/NH-33044/8/2001-S&R(R)

New Delhi, the 07th April, 2003

To

1. Secretary, PWDs of all State Govts./U.Ts (dealing with National Highways.)
2. Engineer-in-Chief/Chief Engineer of all States Govts./U.Ts (dealing with National Highways)
3. Chairman, National Highway Authority of India, G-5-6 Sector-10, DWARKA, New Delhi-110 045.
4. DGBR, HQ, Seema Sarak Bhavan, Ring Road, Delhi Cantt.

Subject: Facilities for persons with disabilities

Sir,

As per Section 45 of “The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities protection of rights and Full Participation) Act 1995”, the appropriate Governments and the local authorities shall, within the limits of their economic capacity and development, provide for:

- (a) installation of auditory signals at red lights in the public roads for the benefit of persons with visually handicap;
 - (b) causing curb cuts and slopes to be made in pavements for the easy access of wheel chair users;
 - (c) engraving on the surface of the zebra crossing for the blind or for persons with low vision;
 - (d) engraving on the edges of railway platforms for the blind or for persons with low vision;
 - (e) devising appropriate symbols for disability;
 - (f) Warning signals at appropriate places.
2. Ministry vide letter of even no. dated 31-01-2001 had requested that provisions for the facilities mentioned at Para 1(a), (b) (c) and (f) may be made at all the vulnerable points falling on National Highways under your jurisdiction by incorporating these facilities in the design of National Highways wherever justified.

3. “Action Taken Report” on the implementation of the aforesaid provisions is still awaited from your end. Ministry has to appraise the factual position to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. You are, therefore, requested that “Action Taken Report” may please be forwarded to the Ministry by name to the undersigned, Room No. 328, Transport Bhavan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi – 110 001 latest by 28th April, 2003 .

(S.S. Nahar)
Superintending Engineer
For Director General (Roads Development) & Special Secretary

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. All Technical Officers in the Department of Road Transport & Highways
2. The Adviser, Transport Research division, Jamnagar House, New Delhi
3. All ROs and ELOs. They are requested to take necessary follow up action
4. The Secretary, Indian Roads Congress, Jamnagar House, New Delhi. The matter regarding “devising appropriate symbols of disability” may be taken up in the relevant committee of IRC
5. The Director, CRRI, Mathura Road, New Delhi. .
6. The Director, NITHE, A-5, Institutional Area, Sector-62, NH-24 Bypass, NOIDA-201301(UP)
7. PS to Secretary(RT&H)/PPS to DG(RD) & AS/Dy. F.A./DS(Admn.)/DS(NH)/D.O.I/D.O.II/D.O. III/ Guard File.
8. Copy to Tech. Circular File of S&R

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