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**F. No. RW/NH-33044/309/2016/S&R (R)**

**Dated: the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2017**

**To**

1. The Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments/ UTs
2. The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of all States/ UTs Public Works Department dealing with National Highways, other centrally sponsored schemes.
3. All Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of Public Works Department of States/ UTs dealing with National Highways, other centrally sponsored schemes.
4. The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, G-5 & 6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110 075.
5. The Director General (Border Roads), Seema Sadak Bhawan, Ring Road, New Delhi-110 010.
6. The Managing Director, NHIDCL, PTI Building, New Delhi-110001
7. All ROs and ELOs of the Ministry

**Subject: Ban on liquor shops along National Highways.**

This is in continuation to Ministry's circular of even number dated 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has made modifications/amendments vide their order dated 31.03.2017 on Civil Appeal No. 12164-12166 of 2016 (the State of Tamil Nadu and Ors. vs K. Balu & Anr.) in direction (iii) and direction (v) of paragraph 24 of their order dated 15.12.2016. Accordingly the sub para (iii) and (v) of the para 1 of this Ministry's letter of even number dated 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 are amended as follows:

**Sub para (iii) of para 1 of letter dated 06.04.2017** will read as "The existing licences which have already been renewed prior to the date of this order shall continue until the term of the licence expires but no later than 1 April 2017. In the case of those licences for the sale of liquor which have been renewed prior to 15 December 2016 and the excise year of the concerned state is to end on a date falling on or after 1 April 2017, the existing licence shall continue until the term of the licence expires but in any event not later than 30 September 2017".

**Sub para (v) of para 1 of letter dated 06.04.2017** will read as "No shop for the sale of liquor shall be (i) visible from a National or State Highway; (ii) directly accessible from a National or State Highway and (iii) situated within a distance of 500 metres of the outer edge of the National or State Highway or of a service lane along the highway. In the case of areas comprised in local bodies with a population of 20,000 people or less, the distance of 500 metres shall stand reduced to 220 metres".

2. All the State Governments and UTs are requested to please take necessary action for implementation of the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

**Yours Faithfully**

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**For Director General (Road Development) & SS**