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To

The Secretaries/Engineer-in-Chiefs/Chief Engineers, PWDs of all State Govts/U.Ts (dealing with National Highways); Chairman, National Highways Authority of India; Director General Border Roads

Subject : Erection of Tax Collection Barriers on National Highways

It has been noticed that tax collection barriers are being put-up on the National Highways by authorities, like, civil supplies department, police, and excise department, forest department, Nagar Palikas and Panchayats, etc. without obtaining prior approval of this Ministry. These barriers are hindrance to the through traffic on National Highways. National Highways are designed as a high speed facilities and erection of barriers hinders free flow of traffic.

2. The policy of this Ministry is not to permit erection of check barriers on National Highways except where Ministry's prior approval is obtained. Check barriers, on National Highways can be provided only in the following two situations:

- (i) Where permission of the Ministry has been obtained for erection of such barriers.
- (ii) Temporary barriers erected in emergent situations like maintenance of law and order or natural calamities, like, floods, earthquake, etc.

3. In case where revenue is to be raised by local authorities, like, municipal corporations or Nagarpalikas, separate laybys should be provided outside National Highway Right-of-Way for parking of vehicles required to pay toll/tax. Collection of Toll/Tax should not be a hindrance to the through traffic.

4. Parking laybys as mentioned in para 3 above should be constructed by the authority responsible for the maintenance of the National Highway as deposit work at the cost of the agency requiring it. The laybys should conform to the standard drawings approved by the Ministry. If these laybys are to be constructed on National Highway land prior permission of the Ministry should be obtained.

5. In case any barriers have already been set-up in contravention of these requirements laid down in the foregoing paras, these should be removed immediately.

6. This Circular supercedes all the earlier circulars issued for installation of check barriers.

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1- Superseded vide circular dated 24.12.2007

2- Supersedes all earlier circulars