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To

The Secretary, PWDs of all State Governments/UTs dealing with National Highways; Engineer-in-Chief/Chief Engineer of all States Governments/UTs dealing with National Highways; Secretary, Transport of all State Government and UTs; The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, Director General (Border Roads).

Subject : Installation of Integrated Check Barrier on National Highways

Both the goods and passengers vehicles plying on National Highways (NHs) are subjected to multiple checking by various authorities of State Government such as Police, Sales Tax Department, Transport Department, Excise and Customs etc. Such checking hampers smooth flow of traffic on the NHs especially at inter-state borders. Besides at check barriers, due to stoppage of vehicles there is wastage of fuel, damages to road pavement and traffic congestion resulting into long queue. Check barriers on National Highways are impediment to safe and free flow of traffic.

2. The issue of barrier free movement of vehicles was discussed at the conference of Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries and Transport Commissioners of all States/UTs. on 8th September 2007 and again at the conference of State Secretaries/Chief Engineers incharge of NHs held on 11th September 2007 at New Delhi. After detailed discussion, it was decided that a Committee consisting of Transport Commissioner and Chief Engineer (NH) of State shall be constituted for reviewing all the existing check posts on National Highways in their respective states and number of check post be reduced to the minimum.
3. For safe and free flow of traffic, check posts of all the departments of the State Governments need to be integrated and as far as possible only one Integrated Check Post should be allowed to continue at the border of two States. One such Integrated Check Post may be used by all the departments of State Governments. Such Integrated Check Posts are already being planned by some of the states. The State/UTs should evolve a mechanism to have integrated check post at single entry point at inter-state border to ensure barrier free movement of both goods and passenger vehicles across the country.
4. The permission for setting up of integrated check posts shall have to be obtained from the Committee consisting of the Transport Commissioner and Chief Engineer (NH) of the concerned State/Chief General Manager concerned in case of National Highways Authority of India.
5. The check barrier shall be located on separate laybys beyond Right of Way so that through traffic on NHs is not affected. While designing integrated check barrier, volume of traffic, classification of vehicles (commercial, non-commercial), width of carriageway etc. need to be considered.
6. This circular supersedes the circular issued vide letter No. RW/NH-33044/6/2001/S&R(R) dated 09.02.2001.
7. The contents of this circular may be brought to the notice of all concerned for adoption and compliance.