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To

**All State Governments/Administrations of Union Territories
(Depts. dealing with Roads).**

**Subject : Recommendations/observations contained in the 18th Report (Sixth Lok Sabha) of the Public Accounts Committee —
New additions to the existing National Highway System**

I am directed to say that the Public Accounts Committee have emphasised in their 18th Report (Sixth Lok Sabha) that before any roads are finally decided to be added to the existing National Highway System, it should be ensured that :—

- (a) they have been properly inventorised for determining their deficiencies; and that
- (b) they have been maintained by the State Governments at a reasonable standard and do not entail heavy expenditure on removal of deficiencies.

2. As the State Governments are aware, normally proposals for new additions to the N.H. system are sent by the States themselves. In order to consider these proposals in the event of there being a provision for the purpose in the plan, the Govt. of India call for certain basic data from the States about the existing status of the roads, deficiencies required to be made up for development of road (s) to N.H. standard, cost involved, etc. It will be appreciated that in order to enable the Govt. of India to have a realistic idea of the cost involved, it is necessary that information regarding the status of roads, deficiencies required to be made up etc., is furnished to this Ministry on the basis of proper inventorisation of deficiencies. The above observations of the P.A.C. are, therefore, brought to the notice of the State Governments with the request that these observations may kindly be kept in view while forwarding proposals for new additions to the existing N.H. System in future. I am further to add that while sending these proposals, it may also be clearly stated that the two requirements mentioned in para 1 above have been attended to.