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To,

Secretary (PWDs), Engineer-in-Chief/Chief Engineer (PWDs) of the State Govt./UTs of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhatisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal with National Highways. Director General (Border Roads), The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India

Subject : Annual Plan of work under NH(O)—Emphasis of Road Safety Aspects pertaining to Hill Roads—reg.

Guidelines have been issued by this Ministry from time to time giving emphasis about taking corrective measures to improve the road safety scenario in general through various measures. Some of the specific measures towards enhancement of road safety in Hill Roads include provisions of adequate signages, parapets/guard rails, delineators at high embankments, retaining walls/breast walls, installation of traffic safety barriers such as crash barriers/wire rope fencing etc. at high risk situations like recurring accident spots, sharp curves, etc. However, it has been observed that due priority is not being given towards inclusion and sanctioning of such important road safety related works on National Highway sections passing through hilly areas under Annual Plans.

2. It may be recalled that the importance of giving priority to enhance road safety measures was also emphasized by the Hon'ble Minister of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways during the Conference of the Ministers in-charge of Highways in the States/Union Territories, held in New Delhi on 24.6.2008.

3. In view of the above, the concerned State Governments and Union Territories are requested to draw a prioritized list of works required to be taken up on National Highway sections passing through hilly areas, as mentioned above, in consultation with the Regional Officers of this Ministry. The State Governments and Union Territories may also take up immediate necessary action for preparing detailed proposals including cost estimates for these works and forward the same to the concerned Project Zone Chief Engineers of this Ministry within a period of one month. The concerned Project Zone Chief Engineers of the Ministry may intimate the total tentative estimated cost of these proposed road safety related works on National Highways in hilly areas to Planning Zone and may process and keep the same in readiness for seeking approval of the Competent Authority for sanction once additional allocations are received.

4. Similar action may also be taken up by the Chairman, NHAI and the Border Roads Organization for National Highway sections passing through hilly areas, which have been entrusted to them.
