

No. NH-14012/12/2018-P&M  
Government of India  
**Ministry of Road Transport & Highways**  
(Planning Zone)

Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110001

Dated the 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

To

1. The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of all States/ UTs Public Works Departments dealing with National Highways, Other Centrally Sponsored Schemes & State Schemes
2. The Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of all States/ UTs Public works Departments dealing with National Highways, Other Centrally Sponsored Schemes
3. The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), G-5&6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi- 110075
4. The Managing Director, NHIDCL, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, PTI Building, 4- Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110 001
5. Director General (Border Roads), Seema Sadak Bhawan, 4- Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110001
6. All CE-ROs/ SE-ROs/ ELOs of the Ministry of RT&H

**Subject: - Declaration of State roads as National Highways (NHs) - Preparation of DPRs for State roads approved "In-Principle" as NHs - Reg.**

Sir/ Madam,

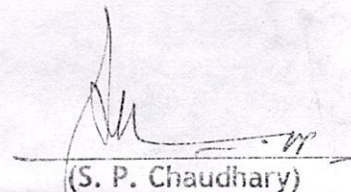
It has come into the notice of the Ministry that low priority is being assigned in many of the States for proper upkeep, maintenance and development of the State roads approved "In-Principle" as NHs subject to outcome of their DPRs perhaps on the pretext that since these may eventually be upgraded as NHs and consequentially development and maintenance obligations thereof would be vested with the Central Government, therefore it may not be worthwhile to spend funds on the same by the State Governments.

2. However, the responsibility for maintenance of any such State road approved "In-Principle" as new NHs rests entirely with the State Government until they are notified as NHs and entrusted with implementing agencies (such as NHAI, NHIDCL, State PWDs, etc.) after State Governments conveyed their no objection for handing over assets thereof pursuant to notifying the roads as NHs .

3. It is, accordingly, requested that development and maintenance of such State roads may not be neglected by the State Governments concerned.



4. It is requested that the content of this letter may be brought into the notice of all concerned for needful compliance.



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