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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of December, 2018.

A copy of the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary for the Cabinet pertaining to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for the month of December, 2018 is enclosed herewith for information.

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1. Road construction programme is punctuated by seasonality. As a result, there is virtually no progress during the rainy season (July to September in northern plains and May to October in many parts of the country). The pace of construction picks up significantly thereafter. The Ministry has achieved construction of 6,715 kms length of NHs till December, 2018 as against 5,680 km for the corresponding period of last year. Further, as against the current year's target of construction of about 10,000 km of NHs, the Ministry is hopeful of completing construction of about 12,000 km length, which may get adversely impacted on account of limited availability of funds.

2. The overall actual expenditure achieved by the Ministry during FY 2018-19 up to December, 2018 has been to the tune of Rs. 50,363 crore (i.e.70.9% of BE 2018-19 outlay of Rs.71,000 crore). Also, IEBR amounting to Rs. 41,170 crore has been raised by the NHAI till November against the annual target of Rs. 62,000 crore. The Ministry is confident of utilising a major part of the BE 2018-19 outlay of Rs. 71,000 crore by January, 2019 (excluding the CRF component). The available budgetary outlay under NH(O) for the FY 2018-19 has almost been exhausted.

3. There is urgent requirement of at least Rs. 7,000 crore under NH(O) so as to ensure that progress of ongoing projects is not adversely affected and there are no contractual claims on account of inability to make timely payments of running bills in respect of completed works. This would meet the funding requirement for NH(O) projects tentatively up to February, 2019 as the fund requirements of March, 2019 could be met in April, 2019 under outlay for 2019-20 BE. The Ministry has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Finance to provide the additionality in the next Supplementary estimates.

4. 79th Annual Session of IRC was held at Nagpur (Maharashtra) from 22nd - 25th November, 2018. This mega event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport and Highways and attended by about 3500 delegates all across the globe. The aim of this IRC Session was to provide platform to all stakeholders, deliberate on current problems of road sector and come up with solutions in the form of IRC standards and also submit recommendations to Government Departments and State PWDs for improvement of skill and knowledge of their officers so that safer roads are constructed. Several manuals and guidelines on Road construction and Design Standards were also released on this occasion for the benefit of all stakeholders.

5. The Ministry has appointed Asian Institute of Transport Development (AITD) as an Apex Agency for MoRTH for various activities related to Road Safety and concluded a Contract Agreement with AITD. Under this agreement, AITD has to undertake several activities such as conducting Road Safety Training for about 4000 professionals and Road Safety Audit Trainings for another 1500 professionals from Government Departments, prepare a framework for development of Centres of Excellence in road safety, conducting workshops and conferences on the issues concerning road safety, facilitate awareness campaigns along the project (NHIIP) , development of Road Safety Curricula, development of Road Safety Audit Accreditation System etc. Till date, 1724 officials from various State Governments as well as officials from MoRT&H have participated in the Road Safety and Road Safety Audit training which includes 110 participants trained in Road Safety Audit. Several workshops on Road Safety and allied activities have also been conducted by AITD.

6. This Ministry has issued a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the vehicle owners to facilitate presentation of their documents like certificate of registration , insurance, fitness and permit , driving licence, certificate for pollution under check and any other relevant documents etc in Electronic format, when called upon to do so by the enforcement agencies. There is no need to carry these documents in hard formats now. The SOP also contains details about the operating process for the enforcement agencies.

7. People can produce the documents and other information either through the Digilocker or the mParivahan mobile app. The enforcement agencies can simultaneously access these details from eChallan mobile app, which has data for online verification of vehicle and its license status. The Enforcements Agencies can also carry out complete process of challan including tagging of the Driving Licence or the Certificate of Registration for impounding or suspension.

8. A day long workshop of all the Regional Officers of MoRTH, NHAI and NHIDCL was organized on December 18, 2018 on the issues relating to land acquisition (LA) , contract document (EPC/DPR) and e - Disha (ERP project) , new standards and technical specifications. A Manual containing comprehensive policy guidelines on Land Acquisition for National Highways and related issued with updated legal opinion has also been issued and placed on Ministry's website.

9. Till now, the youth above the age of 16 years were permitted to drive a L1 type two-wheeler (i.e., a two-wheeler with the engine capacity up to 50 cc). Now, the Ministry has issued a Notification to include the battery-operated two-wheeler having a motor capacity up to 4 kilowatts in the

definition of L1 Category of vehicles (Two-wheeler). This will enable citizens above the age of 16 years to drive such electric two-wheelers and would promote the use of electric two-wheelers in the country. It may also be mentioned that the Ministry has already notified green registration plates for EVs to give them a distinct identity.

10. The Ministry has issued a notification in respect of High security Registration Plates (HSRP) wherein the vehicle manufacturers shall supply the registration plates along with the new vehicles to be sold on or after 1st April, 2019. The Ministry has provide for different colour stickers to be pasted on the wind-screen to distinguish the vehicles based on the fuel type. The cost of high security registration plate and its affixture on the vehicle after placing the mark of registration shall be included in the price of the new vehicle and no additional or itemised cost shall be charged from the vehicle purchaser by the dealer for the same. With the new HSRP scheme, it is expected that the affixation and coverage of vehicles with HSRP would improve considerably in the country and it would be convenient for citizens.

11. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on Acceptance of Driving Licence, Registration Certificate and other transport related information presented in Electronic form have been issued through Notifications during the month in respect of following items:

a. Specifications of Lighting and Light - Signalling Devices for Trailer and Semi-Trailer excluding Agricultural Tractors and Power Tillers.
b. Specifications regarding the white reflex reflectors on power tillers.
c. Rear view mirror specifications in respect of L1, L2, L5, L7, M and N category of vehicles manufactured after October, 2019.
d. Vehicle reverse parking alert system complying with the standards on all Category M2, Category M3 and Category N vehicles (except tractors including puller tractor for semi-trailers, trailers and modular hydraulic trailers).
e. The Safety provisions for occupant of three-wheeled vehicles which includes better head light arrangements, seat belt for the driver and comfortable seating space for the passengers.

12. The first meeting of the SCO's Joint Commission on International Highway Transport Facilitation was held in Xiamen, China from 13-14 December, 2018. The meeting was attended by the delegation from the Ministry. The meeting primarily focused on the operational issues including permits, mutual recognition of driving licences, customs, etc. on the six routes identified in the inter-governmental Agreement on International Highway Transport Facilitation signed in 2014. The delegation from

Pakistan expressed their readiness to extend some passing through POK during the course of the meeting. However, the proposal was dropped as Indian delegation requested for details / alignment of the proposed routes. It was, however, agreed that all sides, including India, Pakistan and Belarus (the three new members of the group) will send their proposals for an amendment before March 2019. The next meeting of the Joint Commission will be held in Kyrgystan.

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