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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of December, 2020.

A copy of the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary (Both English & Hindi) for the Cabinet pertaining to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for the month of December, 2020 is enclosed herewith for information.



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To,

1. All members of the Council of the Ministers
2. Deputy Chairman, NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi
3. All Members of NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi. (10 spare copies)
4. Cabinet Secretary , Rashtrapati Bhavanm New Delhi
5. All Secretaries to Government of India
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## Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

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1. **Award and construction of National Highways:** The Ministry has constructed 7,767 km of National Highways upto December 2020 as compared to 6,940 km in December, 2019. The award figure is 7,203 km during this period as compared to 3,434 km in the previous year.
2. **Inauguration of NH projects in Nagaland:** Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSMEs inaugurated and laid foundation stones for various NH projects during the month, as under:
  - (i) Hon'ble Minister inaugurated and laid foundation stone on virtual mode for 15 National Highways projects in the State of Nagaland on 04.12.2020. These NH Projects have a length of about 266 KM costing about Rs 4,127 crore.
  - (ii) Hon'ble Minister inaugurated three lane 1.5 km long Koilwar bridge over Sone river in Bihar through Video Conferencing on 10.12.2020. A sum of Rs 266 crore has been spent on the bridge.
  - (iii) Hon'ble Minister inaugurated and laid foundation for 33 NH projects in the State of Karnataka through virtual mode on 19.12.2020. These projects include 1,197 kms long roads with an outlay of Rs 10,904 crore.
  - (iv) Hon'ble Minister inaugurated and laid foundations for 14 NH projects in the State of Telangana through virtual mode on 21.12.2020. These projects include 765 kms long roads costing Rs 13,169 crore.
  - (v) Hon'ble Minister inaugurated and laid foundations 18 highway projects in the State of Rajasthan mode on 24.12.2020. These projects carry a road length of nearly 1,127 kilometers, involving construction value of Rs. 8,341 crore.
  - (vi) Hon'ble Minister inaugurated and laid foundations stone for 27 highway projects in Assam on 25.12.2020. These projects involve construction of a road length of nearly 439 kilometers, with an expenditure of Rs. 2,366 crore.
3. **MoU with Austria on Technology Cooperation in Road Infrastructure Sector:** The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria on

Technology Cooperation in the Road Infrastructure Sector in New Delhi on 09.12.2020. The MoU aims to create an effective framework for bilateral cooperation in the field of Road Transportation, Road/Highways infrastructure development, management and administration, Road safety and Intelligent Transport Systems between both countries.

4. **Extension of validity of documents:** The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued advisory to States / UTs regarding extension of validity of documents related to Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicle Rules (CMVR), 1989. The States / UTs have been advised that the Fitness, Permit (all types), License, Registration or any other concerned document(s) may be treated to be valid till 31.03.2021. This covers all documents whose validity has expired on 01.02.2020 or would expire by 31.03.2021.

5. **Mass emission standards for E20 fuel:** The Ministry has issued a draft notification, dated 11.12.2020 to include E20 (i.e, blend of 20% ethanol with 80% gasoline) as automotive fuel, and adopt mass emission standards for it. Comments and suggestions received from public in this regard in next 30 days will be considered appropriately and final notification issued.

6. **Provision of Airbag:** The Ministry has issued a draft notification dated 28.12.2020, regarding mandatory provision of an airbag for the passenger seated on the front seat of a vehicle, next to the driver. This has been proposed as an important safety feature, and is also based on suggestions of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety.

7. **Atamnirbhar Bharat: Relief for Contractors / Developers of Road Sector:** In view of prevailing situation due to COVID-19, the Ministry has decided to further extend the relaxation of Schedule H upto June, 2021 vide letter dated 31.12.2020. to provide monthly payments to the contractors.

8. **Standing Finance Committee (SFC) meetings:** In the month of December, 2020, a total 25 nos. of projects were considered by the Standing Finance Committee. The 25 projects of length 521.30 Km and total capital cost of Rs. 23,497.60 Cr. were appraised by SFC and recommended for approval.

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