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To,

- (i) PS to the Transport Ministers of all States/UTs.
- (ii) The Principal Secretary/Secretary (Transport)/Transport Commissioners of all States/UTs.

Sub.: Minutes of the 38th Transport Development Committee(TDC) Meeting held on 19-09-017 at Vadodara, Gujarat.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose a copy of Minutes of the 38th Transport Development Committee(TDC) and conference of State Transport Ministers held on 19th September 2017 at Vadodara, Gujarat, for kind information and necessary action.

Encl.: As above.

Yours faithfully,



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5. Chairman, NHAI, Dwarka, New Delhi.
6. Director General, NIC, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
7. Additional DG, Ministry of Tourism, Transport Bhavan, New Delhi.
8. Advisor (Transport), NITI Aayog.
9. Advisor (Transport Research), TR Wing, MoRTH.
10. Shri Shashi Verma, Director (TFL) via video conferencing.
11. M/s AT Kearney.
12. M/s DIMTS.
13. The Managing Director, BMTCL., Bangalore.
14. Rajkot Municipal Transport corporation.
15. Delhi Police.
16. NIC - with a request to upload on the Website of the Ministry.

Minutes of the 38th Transport Development Council (TDC) Meeting held on 19-9-2017 at Vadodara.

List of participants is annexed.

2. Before commencing the meeting of TDC, all the dignitaries who attended the TDC meeting were taken on a guided tour to Vadodara Automated Driving Testing Track and the Bus Terminal at Vadodara to get first hand appreciation of these modern facilities.

3. Sh. Abhay Damle, Joint Secretary (Transport) welcomed all the participants and made a presentation of ATR on the decisions taken in the 37th TDC meeting held on 5th Feb., 2016, including All India Tourist Permit for Tourist Buses, status regarding Vahan and Sarathi Sites under Transport National Register and identification/ rectification of black spots. He also made a brief account on seamless transport across State Borders due to introduction of GST, digitalisation of payments, Inter-State transfer of private vehicles and the notification dated 13th May, 2015 issued by the Ministry to protect good Samaritans, who come forward to help the road accident victims.

4. Sh. Y.S. Malik, Secretary (RT&H) made introductory remarks. He spoke at length about the need to carry out public transport reforms, technological upgradation in public transport, electric mobility, promotion and adoption of digital payments in STUs and Transport Departments and seamless transport. He also spoke about the provisions envisaged in the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill, 2017 which, interalia, envisage deterrent penalties for violation of rules to reduce road accident fatalities.

5. Sh. Shashi Verma, Director (TFL) participated through video conferencing and briefly shared the manner in which TFL had undertaken major initiatives, as mentioned below:

5.1 He discussed about public transport reforms that have been undertaken in London. Public Transportation in London has been built on a Franchisee Model in which buses are owned, operated and maintained by private operators under the strict regulation regime set by Transport for London(TFL). The Bus Terminals/ Bus stands are operated by TFL. In addition, Quality standards, safety regulations, bus design, fuel type, fare etc. are also regulated by TFL.

5.2 The entire Transport System is technologically enabled with GPS, contactless bank cards for ticketing and passenger information system. GPS technology is used to provide audio-visual notifications in every 30 seconds, enforcing checks on the wrong doing of private operators, and accident/ emergency information. For collecting fare, contactless closed loop card has been made mandatory due to which there has been no cash ticketing since the last 3 years.

5.3 To reduce congestion in Central London area, heavy parking fee is levied. This has helped reduce traffic congestion. Signal is prioritized for buses and a separate bus lane has been dedicated to ensure reliability of public transport since one double

decker bus has the capacity to carry up to 80 persons, which is 20 times higher than that of a car.

5.4 Sh. Shashi Verma emphasised that buses were more important than Metro train or any other mode of transportation because the buses provide last mile connectivity to the end users. In London, bus provides the cheapest and most convenient mode of transport to the lower segment as well as upper class segment of the society. The quality of buses has been ensured to motivate shift from personal cars to buses.

6. Sh. Balabhai Kakadiya, Transport Minister of Gujarat, spoke about automated vehicle check-posts and online payment systems initiated in the State of Gujarat. System Integration Project has been implemented through WIPRO which has helped reduced human interface and enabled capturing of vehicle data. He stated that 18 check posts would be automated in the next one year for which land had already been acquired.

7. Shri R.M. Jadhav, Commissioner of Transport, Gujarat discussed about implementation of different projects at RTOs across the State of Gujarat. The Gujarat State Road Safety Authority would be established within one month. He shared that the road accident fatalities had reduced by 20% due to the Road Safety measures adopted by Gujarat Government. Transport Department, Government of Gujarat made a presentation on the best practices highlighting that under the System Integration Project, manual interventions had become limited after introduction of automatic vehicle measuring system and implementation of Automated Driving Test Track in 22 Districts of Gujarat. While Vahan 4.0 had been implemented in the entire State of Gujarat, Sarathi 4 had been implemented in 25 offices so far.

8. A number of presentations were made by various representatives from States/Consultants, which are briefly mentioned as under:

- (i) Representative from M/s AT Kearney made a presentation on Intercity Public Transport Reforms and the various options to increase bus fleet. It also gave an overview for transforming STAs into Planning and Regulatory Authority and setting up Indian Bus Port Authority. It recommended deployment of AC buses on intercity roads.
- (ii) M/s DIMTS, the Consultancy Firm, made a presentation with regard to providing consultancy framework to the states for building modern bus ports across the country.
- (iii) Delhi Traffic Police made a presentation on E-challan System. The difficulties faced presently were with regard to Internet Activity System, non-integration with Vahan 4 and non-integration with insurance data.
- (iv) Shri Y.K. Goswami, General Manager, Rajkot Municipal Corporation discussed about Digital transaction initiative taken at BRTS Bus Service, namely, Virtual Ticketing Digital Transaction, steps for Paytm Smart ticketing with bifurcation

of passenger using digital transaction and chart, Facility for Wifi at BRTS Stations.

- (v) MD, BMTC gave a presentation on Digital Payment Initiatives adopted in BMTC namely Electronic Ticketing Machine, BMTC mobile App etc.
- (vi) Additional Transport Commissioner, Chhattisgarh made a presentation about check posts and the issues arising out of closure of check posts as well as special drive taken to control overloading.

9. Hon'ble Ministers of Transport from the States expressed their views on the topics covering overloading, bus ports, reducing accident fatalities, permit conditions, revenue collection related matters etc.

10. Sh. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport & Highways, expressed his serious concerns over increasing traffic congestion on the roads and the high rate of accidents and fatalities in his address. He observed that there has been 22% increase in automobiles every year which not only leads to pollution, but also leads to increase in demand for building extra road length in terms of highways and expressways. This adds to huge financial burden on the exchequer as well as diversion of scarce resources. He stated that steps were being taken to reduce congestion in Delhi for which work on Eastern Peripheral Expressway and the Delhi-Meerut Expressway was going on at a fast pace. Similarly, an access controlled Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway is planned to developed, where the work of the first leg would be awarded soon. A number of other Expressway and Highway corridor projects had been planned to help decongest existing roads. He urged the States to address the traffic congestion and pollution by strengthening Public Transport System. He also urged the States to find a way out for strengthening public transport system which are pollution free, import substitute, indigenous and cost effective. He spoke at length for development of modern large bus terminals on BOT basis for which Central Government was working to devise consultancy frame work. The Hon. Minister stated that the Government would consider supporting all the States who take steps to promote electric mobility. He also emphasised the need to link public transport system with e-governance. The Hon'ble Minister urged the states for adoption of Digital Payment methods for transactions taking place in transport department and also for passenger ticketing services.

11. Continuing with his message to the house, the Hon'ble Union Minister, RT&H observed that:

- (i) He was extremely concerned about the increase in number of road accident fatalities over the last several years. He urged the States to prepare action plan with targets to reduce road accident fatalities as part of road safety and emphasised on other remedial steps to correct black spots quickly to reduce road accident fatalities.
- (ii) He informed that the District Safety Council, headed by the senior most

Member of Parliament, were being notified.

- (iii) The number of Driver training centres should be increased to meet the requirement of training of drivers.
- (iv) He also urged the States to use alternative fuels in buses in order to reduce pollution and dependence on import.
- (v) The Hon. Minister informed about action taken by the Ministry such as identification of black spots, seamless transport due to introduction of GST. He requested the Govt. of Gujarat to review the setting up of new check posts in Gujarat. He also urged the representatives of the States to take action on the notification issued by this Ministry to protect the good Samaritans who come forward to help road accident victims, from legal and procedural hassels.

12. The Hon'ble Minister lauded the efforts made by Sh. Yunus Khan, Hon'ble Minister of Transport and Public Works Department, Rajasthan in providing valuable comments/ inputs for the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill, 2017. He announced setting up of a Group of Ministers (GOM) under the Chairmanship of Shri Yunus Khan, Minister of Transport and Public Works Department, Government of Rajasthan and comprising Transport Ministers of all States to look into the issues related to Road Safety, improving public transport by reducing barriers and bringing uniformity in rates of various services for overall improvement in the Transport Sector. Finally, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister, RT&H concluded the proceedings by thanking the State Government of Gujarat for successfully hosting the meeting. He also stated that any State Government having specific transport related issues may place the same before the Committee headed by Shri Yunus Khan, Minister of Transport and Public Works Department, Govt. of Rajasthan, for deliberations so as to come out with well considered solutions with a definite roadmap.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.