

**MOST IMMEDIATE
REMINDER**

No. RW/NH-33023/19/99-DO III-S&R(R)

Dated, the 19th February, 2007

To

The Chief Secretaries of States and UTs

Subject: Norms for the Access for Fuel Stations, Service Stations and Rest Areas along National Highways

Please refer to D.O. Letter No. RW/NH/33023/19/99/DO. III-S&R(R)(Pt.) dated 24.11.2006 from Secretary (RT&H) (copy enclosed for ready reference) requesting therewith to instruct the District Magistrates not to allow functioning of retail outlets located along National Highways until permission for their connectivity with National Highways is granted by this Ministry.

In this regard, it is again requested that kindly look into the matter. An action taken report in respect of your state of may be sent to the Ministry for necessary action.

*Enclosure of Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways (Deptt. of Road Transport & Highways)
Circular No. D.O./RW/NH-330236/19/99-DO-III-S&R (R) dated the 24th November, 2006*

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D.O. No. RW/NH-33023/19/99-DO III-S&R(R)

Dated, the 24th November, 2006

Please refer to my predecessor's D.O. letter No. RW/NH-35072/1/05-S&R(R) dated 1st March 2005, wherein it was requested that appropriate instructions may be issued to District Magistrates to allow functioning of fuel stations along National Highways only after this Ministry grants NOC for construction of their access roads connecting fuel stations with National Highways. Ministry's norms for access to fuel stations had been circulated in consultation with Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas vide letter No. RW/NH-33023/19/99-DO III dated 17/10/2003.

It has come to our notice that large number of fuel stations have been set up and energized along National Highways in various States and Union Territories without obtaining this Ministry's approval for construction of access roads. So far 2525 such outlets have been identified in different states. Also, 508 retail outlets have been identified where the access roads have not been constructed as per Ministry's approved layout plans. List indicating the number of such retail outlets in different states in enclosed. The process of identifying such retail outlets on the entire National Highways network is going on. We are taking up the matter separately with Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas for de-energizing such retail outlets which are not as per norms.

Meanwhile, you are once again requested to instruct the District Magistrates not to allow functioning of retail outlets located along National Highways until permission for their connectivity with National Highways is granted by this Ministry.
