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To

The Secretaries, PWDs of States/UTs; Engineer-in-Chief/Chief Engineers of all States Govt/U.Ts (dealing with National Highways); Chairman, National Highways Authority of India; Director General Border Roads

Subject : Facilities for persons with disabilities

Section 45 of "The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act 1995" reads as follows:

"The appropriate Governments and the local authorities shall, within the limits of their economic capacity and development, provide for :

- (a) installation of auditory signals at red lights in the public roads for the benefit of persons with visually handicap;
- (b) causing curb cuts and slopes to be made in pavements for the easy access of wheel chair users;
- (c) engraving on the surface of the zebra crossing for the blind or for persons with low vision;
- (d) engraving on the edges of railway platforms for the blind or for persons with low vision;
- (e) devising appropriate symbols of disability;
- (f) Warning signals at appropriate places.

It is requested that provisions for the facilities mentioned at sub-paras (a), (b), (c) and (f) above may be made at all the vulnerable points falling on National Highways under your jurisdiction. These facilities should be included in the design of National Highways where justified.

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