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Dated the 7th April, 2003

To

Secretary, PWDs of all State/U.Ts (dealing with National Highways), Engineer-in-Chief/Chief Engineers of all State Govts./U.Ts (dealing with National Highways), Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, Director General (Border Roads).

Subject: Facilities for Persons with Disabilities

As per Section 45 of "The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act 1995", 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 for disability;
- (f) warning signals at appropriate places.

2. Ministry vide letter of even no. dated 31.01.2001 had requested that provisions for the facilities mentioned at Para 1(a), (b) (c) and (f) may be made at all the vulnerable points falling on National Highways under your jurisdiction by incorporating these facilities in the design of National Highways wherever justified.

3. "Action Taken Report" on the implementation of the aforesaid provisions is still awaited from your end. Ministry has to appraise the factual position to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. You are, therefore, requested that "Action Taken Report" may please be forwarded to the Ministry by name to the undersigned, Room No. 328, Transport Bhavan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110 001 latest by 28th April, 2003.

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