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To

All the State Governments and
Administration of Union Territories
(Department dealing with roads)

Sub : Traffic Census on National Highways

As the State Government/Local Administration are aware, the Planning Commission has initiated preliminary action regarding the preparation of the new 4th Plan commencing from April, 1969.

3. A matter which needs to be given urgent attention in connection with the formulation of proposals for the development of National Highways during the 4th Five Year Plan is the collection of upto date traffic data with regard to the National Highways in the State/Union Territory.

3. Information available with this Ministry shows that some States are already carrying out traffic counts on different sections of the National Highways. The procedure adopted in carrying out these traffic counts, however, differs from State to State with particular reference to the frequency and the periodicity of such counts. This matter was considered some time back by the Specifications & Standards Committee of the Indian Roads Congress who have evolved a standard procedure and proforma in this connection. A note indicating the broad points to be kept in view while carrying out the surveys is enclosed along with a set of standard proforma. I am to request that immediate action may kindly be taken to have a traffic survey carried out on National Highways and to supply the data, in duplicate, to this Ministry urgently.

4. It is requested that census stations should be fixed with great care after dividing the road into convenient sections, each carrying approximately constant traffic between points of substantial traffic change. In doing so, the regional offices of this Ministry should be consulted, where necessary. In order to secure effective results the State Government will doubtless ensure that these surveys are supervised by qualified and responsible officers.

5. I am to add that the expenditure involved in carrying out the proposed surveys on National Highways may be met from the M&R Grants for National Highways.

6. It is requested that the matter may kindly be treated as "MOST IMMEDIATE".

Enclosures : Not printed since amended

1-Amended vide circular dated 25.08.1972, 31.12.1999