

No. PL-4(11)/68

Dated the 29th June, 1983

To

All Chief Engineers
dealing with National Highways in
States & U.T. P.W.Ds.

Sub : Traffic Census on National Highways—Fixation & Enumeration of Count Stations

Kindly refer to this Ministry's letters No. PL-4(11)/68, dated 10th June 1968, PL-4(11)/68 dated 25th August 1972 and D.O. PL-19(1)/79, dated 10th August 1979, wherein it has been requested that Traffic Census may be carried out on all National Highways twice a year for seven days at a time and details forwarded to this Ministry in the proformae prescribed for the purpose.

2. It may be recalled that regarding fixation of Count Stations, it was mentioned in letter No. PL-4(11)/58, dated 25th August 1972, as follows :

"It is requested that the Census Stations should be fixed with great care after dividing the road into convenient sections, each carrying approximately uniform traffic between points of substantial traffic change. In doing so, the Regional Officers of this Ministry should be consulted where necessary".

This was also reiterated as Point 4 in "Note Enumerating the Points to be kept in view when carrying out Traffic Census" accompanying that letter, which is reproduced below :

"A road should be divided into convenient sections, each carrying approximately similar traffic between points of substantial traffic change. Count stations should be set up for each such section. The limits of the sections could generally be the important towns along the road or major roads intersecting or taking off from the highway in question."

3. It is presumed that Count Stations on all National Highways in your State have been fixed accordingly for carrying out the required Traffic Census. In case there are still some Count Stations remaining to be fixed, it is requested that immediate action may be taken in consultation with the Regional Officers for fixing the same, wherever required. Thereafter, a complete numbered list of Count Stations as finally fixed along with the map of your State showing the locations of the Count Stations, may please be furnished to this Ministry immediately.

4. This Ministry has decided to go in for computerisation for analysis of traffic data. As a first step, it is essential that Count Stations on all National Highways in your State should be permanently fixed and identified. In view of this, it is requested that immediate action, as mentioned above, may please be taken, and the required information about the Count Stations furnished to this Ministry without delay.