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To

The Chief Engineers of State PWDs/UTs dealing with National Highways & Centrally Aided Road Projects and State Roads; Director General Border Roads; Director General (Works), CPWD.

Subject: Massive drive for provision of road signs at potentially dangerous locations.

The need for provision of cautionary road signs at potentially dangerous locations is already well recognised and is in fact a proven road safety measure. This Ministry has also been advocating provision of adequate road signs from time to time for traffic guidance and in the interest of road safety. After the promulgation of notification on 3rd June 1981, regarding introduction of new road signs in conformity with the Vienna convention as amended in the Ninth Schedule of the Motor Vehicle Act, this Ministry had in July 1981 mooted a programme for conversion of all existing signs into revised signs. This work was to be completed in all the States by 1st June 1987. It is expected that all the needed signs have since been installed in position.

2. Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board in Cabinet Secretariat, has in a recent communication to this Ministry emphasised the need for putting up road signs on dangerous locations particularly on sharp curves on hilly roads near deep gorges. Other potential locations for such signs could be along stretches having deficient geometrics (in terms of sight distance, curve radii etc.) or with proven accident proneness. It has accordingly been decided to remove any existing deficiencies of such signs latest by 30th June, 1990.

3. It is, therefore, requested that any deficiencies of such signs may be identified and proper signs installed immediately. If required, suitable proposals in this regard may be prepared and got approved from this Ministry expeditiously.

4. As regards state roads, the State PWDs are requested to take similar action from their own resources.