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To

The Chief Engineers of all States/U.Ts., P.W.D. (dealing with National Highways and other centrally sponsored schemes), Director General (Border Roads), Director General (Works), Central Public Works Department

Subject: Policy regarding installation of road signs using retro-reflective sheetings on National Highways

The policy and guidelines regarding installation of retro-reflective road signs on National Highways have been circulated by this Ministry from time to time. Accordingly, retro-reflective materials of requisite grade, quality and warranty only are to be used for installation through authorised agencies.

2. As against the above requirements, it has been brought to the notice of this Ministry that sheetings of inadequate and inferior quality are made use of resulting in reduced efficacy and life of the signs installed. In order to obviate such instances, it is essential that materials of the requisite quality and warranty only are used and their performance tested at the required time intervals.

3. Identification of sign boards installed under various contracts are to be ensured through proper documentation and markings on the sign boards. In this connection, Para 801.3.11 of this Ministry's Circular of even number dated 4.12.95 may also be referred to. It is requested that all signs boards using retro-reflective sheetings be marked at the back of the sign boards, to indicate (a) names of manufacturers of sign boards and sheetings (b) type and grade of retro-reflective sheetings used and (c) the date of start of warranty, to facilitate timely performance evaluations to ensure proper quality of signs.