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To

1. All State Govts. and Union Administrations (Departments dealing with Roads)
2. All State Chief Engineers/Addl. Chief Engineers of State P.W.Ds. dealing with Roads

Sub : Indication of names of places and kilometerage at crossings on National Highways in Hindi

I am directed to say that the Hindi Salahakar Samiti of the Ministry has at its recent meeting brought to the Ministry's notice the fact that at many places informatory signs did not give information in Hindi, English and local language and often did not indicate the distance to important places. The Ministry has time and again emphasised this requirement to the State PWDs in writing and at various Chief Engineers meetings. The type design of the informatory signs was initially circulated by the Ministry vide letter No. SP-77 (7)/59, dated 7th January, 1960.

2. In view of the deficiencies now pointed out, I am to request that it must be ensured that adequate signs are provided at all intersections and the names of places on road signs at crossings on National Highways are invariably inscribed in Roman characters, Hindi (Devnagari Script) and the local language(s). The distance to places must, henceforth, also be shown and indicated in International numerals on these sign-boards.
3. It is requested that deficiencies in this respect should be made good on priority basis and small cost involved met out of the 'Maintenance Grant'.
4. It is hoped that similar action will be taken by the State Govts. in regard to other roads in the State.
5. These instructions may please be circulated to all field formations, under intimation to this Ministry.