

*No. RW/NH-33044/10/2002-S&R (R)*

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To

The Secretaries of all States/Union Territories; Public Works Department dealing with National Highways; Director General (Border Roads), Chairman, National Highways Authority of India.

**Subject: Road markings on National Highway sections treated with Periodical Renewal (PR) Works**

Please refer to Ministry's letter no.RW/NH-33044/10/2000-S&R dt. 25.10.2000 forwarding thereby the guidelines for selection of IRQP (Improvement of Riding Quality Programme) and PR reaches on National Highways. Para 7 of the guidelines envisages that the proposal of IRQP and PR should be comprehensive to include road marking, traffic signs, shoulders, drainage etc.

2. Further, Ministry's letter no.RW/NH-11038/2/97-DO I dt. 4th May, 2001 may be referred to, vide which "Updated Norms for Maintenance of Roads" have been circulated. The norms are effective from 1st April, 2001. Chapter 6 deals with Recommended Norms for Maintenance. Para 6.2.1(b) is quite specific towards "the Provision for Centreline and Shoulder Markings with Thermoplastic Paints", the provision of which has been included in the cost analysis of periodical renewals (Ref. Annex XXV - A to H).
  3. Road marking increases safety by making it easier for the drivers to discern the run of the road and to position themselves correctly thereon. Markings are particularly valuable during the hours of darkness when the possibility of accidents to occur is the most. For achieving better reflectivity during night, the road marking with thermoplastic paints has been recommended in reaches treated with PR works.
  4. It is, therefore, reiterated that the road markings on PR works may invariably be done with thermoplastic paints only on completion of PR works immediately so as to enhance the road safety.
  5. It is requested that the contents of this circular may be brought to the notice of all field officers handing NH works for strict compliance.
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