

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

Dated the 4th February, 2003

To

All ROs/ELOs of the Ministry (By name)

Subject: Inclusion of Important Issues like Display Boards, Check Barriers, Speed Breakers and Advertisement Hoardings in ROs Monthly Progress Report

The following important issues related to National Highways are being regularly monitored by the Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport & Highways.

(i) **Display Boards:**

Ministry has decided to provide Display Boards on all on-going National Highway (NH) and Central Road Fund (CRF) projects in accordance with modified guidelines issued vide Ministry's letter of even number dated 12th August, 2002. All the State Chief Engineers have also been requested vide D.O. letter of even No. dated 10.12.2002 from DG(RD)&SS to confirm by 31.12.2002 that display boards have been provided.

(ii) **Removal of Check Barriers, Speed Breakers and Advertisement Hoardings:**

National Highways are designed as a high speed facility. It is, therefore, essential that there is no hindrance to the through traffic on National Highways. Erection of Check Barriers hinders free flow of traffic on National Highways. Also, Speed Breakers cause obstruction to traffic apart from being a traffic hazard. Similarly, Advertisement Hoardings along National Highways cause distraction to drivers and have been one of the causes of accidents on National Highways. Since safety of traffic is Ministry's prime concern, a number of circulars, letters and D.O. letters at various levels have been issued by the Ministry to the concerned State authorities for removal of Check Barriers, Speed Breakers and Advertisement Hoardings from National Highways by 31.12.2002. But, it is noted that the confirmation/progress have not been received from many States.

2. In view of the above circumstances and the fact that Ministry receives a number of Parliament Questions on the above issues, the Secretary (RT&H) has directed that the issues of Provisions of Display Boards, Removal of Check Barriers, Speed Breakers and Advertisement Hoardings be included by all the Regional Officers in their Monthly Progress Reports being sent to the Ministry.

3. Accordingly it is requested that the progress on the above issues may please be included in your Monthly Progress Report as per Proforma given below and send one copy of the same to the undersigned directly so that Hon'ble Minister can be appraised accordingly:

(A) Proforma for reporting the removal of advertisement hoardings/check-barriers/speed breakers (Statewise separately for each item)

Sl. No.	Total No. of existing hoardings check-barriers/speed breakers from NHs in State	No. of hoardings/check-barriers/speed breakers already removed from NHs in State	No. of balance hoardings/check-barriers/speed breakers to be removed from NHs in State	Firm Target for complete removal in consultation with CE (NH)	Remarks, if any

(B) Proforma for reporting the status of Display Boards on all on-going National Highway and Central Road Fund (CRF) projects (Statewise separate details for NH and CRF works)

Total No. of sanctioned NH & CRF works in progress in State	No. of works on which boards already displayed in State	No. of balance works on which boards are yet to be displayed in State	Firm Target to complete erection of display boards in consultation with State PWD	Remarks, if any

4. It is requested that the above important issues may please be included in the monthly progress reports for the month of February, 2003 onwards, positively.