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To

Secretaries of States/Union Territories (Incharge of PWD) dealing with National Highways, All Chief Engineers of States/Union Territories PWDs dealing with National Highways and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Director General (Border Roads), Chairman, National Highways Authority of India.

**Subject: Procedure for Numbering of Kilometre Stones and provision of Distance Information Boards on National Highways**

It has been observed that some National Highways have been divided into various sections for the purpose of providing kilometre stones. Thus these National Highways have more than one starting/termination station. This causes inconvenience for the road users. Earlier, the Ministry has issued guidelines on the above subject, but they are not being observed. It has, therefore, been decided to streamline the procedure for numbering of Kilometer Stones and provision of Distance Information Boards on the National Highways. Accordingly, in supersession of all earlier circulars on this subject, the following instructions are issued:

- (i) The location of kilometer 0 (zero) should be from where a National Highway starts and last kilometer should be where it terminates. The starting and terminating points of National Highways shall be as per the schedule annexed to NH Act, 1956 and subsequent notifications.
- (ii) The kilometer stones shall be numbered in a continuous manner and there will only be one starting point (km 0) and only one terminating point (last km) for each National Highway. The change in the road length consequent upon the construction of by-pass/realignment/geometric improvement etc. (including such construction in advanced stage of progress) shall be incorporated in numbering of kilometer stones in a continuous manner to assimilate with the relocated kilometer stones.
- (iii) Every 5<sup>th</sup> kilometer stone shall show the name and distance of the starting/terminal station in addition to the next important town/station.
- (iv) The Distance Information Boards shall also show distance to the starting/terminal stations of National Highway in addition to other relevant information for users guidance.

2. Some of the National Highways pass through more than one State. It will therefore, be necessary to co-ordinate continuous numbering of National Highways passing through these States. The following procedure shall be followed for this purpose:

- (i) In case of National Highways entrusted to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the continuous numbering of National Highway shall be ensured by NHAI subject to para 1(i) above.
- (ii) For other National Highways, Project Chief Engineers at Headquarters of the Ministry shall decide the location of km 0 (zero) stone as per para 1(i) above and advice the concerned State Government to start installing km stones from km 0 (zero) onwards. A limit of three months shall be given to the State for numbering of all km stones in the State. The number of last km stone falling in the State will be informed to the next State Government/Project Chief Engineer so that the next State can start numbering of km stones in their State. This exercise will be done by all the States upto the termination point of the National Highway.

3. The expenditure on the above work may be met out from the M&R grants released to the States from time to time.

4. The contents of the letter may be brought to the notice of all concerned officers in your Department for strict compliance within the time frame.