

No. RW/NH-33044/27/2004-S&R (R)

Dated, the 12th April, 2006

To,

The Secretaries of States/Union Territories/Public Works Departments (dealing with National Highways and other centrally sponsored schemes); The Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of State PWDs and U.T.s (dealing with National Highways); The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India; The Director General (Border Roads)

Subject : Use of Language on Kilometer Stones and Sign Boards on National Highways

Please refer to the Ministry's guidelines on the above mentioned subject issued vide letter of even no. dated 24.12.2004. inter-alia requesting that all the existing kilometer stones and road signs were to be re-inscribed in conformity with the stipulated guidelines contained therein latest by 31.3.2005 and compliance report sent to the Ministry latest by 21.04.2005. A copy of this is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

2. It is requested that the status of implementation and the progress achieved as on 31.03.2006 pursuant to these instructions may be urgently furnished so as to reach the Ministry latest by 24.04.2006.

3. The matter may please be accorded top priority.

(Enclosure to Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways, Department of Road Transport & Highways, letter No. RW/NH-33044/10/2002-S&R(R) dated 12.8.2002)

Government of India
Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways
Deptt. of Road Transport & Highways

No. RW/NH-33044/27/2004-S&R(R)

Dated, the 24th December, 2004

To,

Chief Secretaries/Secretaries (PWD/Roads) of all State Governments/UTs dealing with National Highways and Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Engineer in Chief/Chief Engineers of States/UTs dealing with National Highways and Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Director General (Border Roads); Chairman, National Highways Authority of India.

Subject : Use of language on kilometer stones and sign boards on National Highways

In supersession of the Ministry's circular No. NH-III/P/24/76 dated 16.06.1981, following are the consolidated instructions on the language to be used inscribing the kilometer stones and sign boards on National Highways for strict compliance.

(I) Kilometre stones

(i) According to the revised standard on the subject, the place names should be inscribed on these stones in different scripts in the following sequence.

Km No.	Script/Language for place name	Place to be shown
0	Local and Roman (English)	Terminal/starting station on top in Local language followed by kilometerage and then the name of terminal/starting station will be followed in Roman (English) and below this, the next important town in local language followed by kilometerage in symmetrical manner.
1.	Hindi (Devnagri Script) and Local	Next important town in Hindi on top and in local language on bottom and in between kilometerage in symmetrical manner.
2.	Local language	Next important town followed by kilometerage.
3.	Hindi (Devnagri Script) and Local	Terminal Station in Hindi on top and in local language on bottom and in between kilometerage in symmetrical manner.
4.	Local language	Terminal Station followed by kilometerage
5.	Local and Roman (English)	Terminal Station on top in Local language followed by kilometerage and then the name of terminal station will be followed in Roman (English) and below this, the next important town in local language followed by kilometerage in symmetrical manner.
6.	Hindi (Devnagri Script) and Local	Next important town in Hindi on top and in local language on bottom and in between kilometerage in symmetrical manner and so on, repeated in the same order

2. It is requested that concerned Filed Officers may be instructed to draw the action plan and all the existing kilometer stones and road signs are to be re-inscribed latest by 31.03.2005 and compliance report sent to the Ministry latest by 21.04.2005.

3. The expenditure on rewriting the km stones and sign boards may be met out from the M&R grants released from time to time.

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