

LETTER NO. SP-77(27)/60 DATED THE 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1961 FROM THE MINISTRY SHIPPING & TRANSPORT ADDRESSED TO ALL STATE GOVTS. AND ADMINISTRATIONS OF UNION TERRITORIES OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, MANIPUR, DELHI AND NAGALAND. (DEPARTMENTS DEALING WITH ROADS).

Sub : Installation of kilometre stones on National Highways

I am directed to say that as the State Govt/Administration are aware, the Government of India have decided that new National Highway will be marked in kilometres and on the existing National Highways mile-stones will be replaced by kilometre stones. The procedure to be followed with regard to the installation of kilometre stones on the National Highways was laid down in the Consulting Engineer (Road Development)'s letter No. SP-77 (23)/58, dated the 6th December, 1958 addressed to all State Chief Engineers etc. A copy of that letter was also endorsed to the State Governments.

2. It has also been decided that the figures on the kilometre stones should be marked in the international numerals. The Indian Roads Congress have prepared type designs for highway kilometre stones. These type designs provide, *inter alia*, that the numerals will be inscribed in the international form of Indian numerals and that the place names will be inscribed in different scripts in the following order, only one script being used on any one kilometre stones :

Kilometre No.	Script for place names
0	Roman
1	Hindi (Devnagari Script)
2	Local language
3	Hindi (Devnagari Script)
4	Local language
5	Roman.

And so on repeated in the same order. These type designs have been accepted by the Govt. of India for kilometre stones on National Highways. Copies of the type design were supplied to the State Governments and State Chief Engineers etc. by the Consulting Engineer (Road Development) *vide* his letter No. SP-77 (23)/58, dated the 10th February 1961.

3. As indicated in the Consulting Engineer (Road Development)'s letter No. SP-77 (23)/58, dated the 6th December 1958, all expenditure in connection with the installation of kilometre stones on National Highways is to be charged to the grants for Maintenance and Repairs of National Highways. The Government of India attach great importance to the marking of distances on National Highways in kilometres. I am accordingly to request that steps may kindly be taken to ensure that the work relating to the installation of kilometre stones on National Highways in your State/Union Territory is taken up immediately, if not already done, and completed within three years.