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To

1. All State Governments & Union Territories
(Departments dealing with Roads)
2. Director General (Works) CPWD
3. Director General Border Roads

Sub : Kilometre stones and informatory signs on National Highways-Script of information and form of numerals policy regarding

In supersession of this Ministry's circular letters indicated below, I am directed to forward herewith consolidated instructions on the subject mentioned above for your information and compliance.

1. No. SP-77 (27)/60 Pt. dt. 6.3.70
2. PL-30 (53)/74 dt. 15.7.76

I. Kilometre stones

(i) According to the revised standard on the subject which is currently under print, the place names should be inscribed on these stones in different scripts in the following sequence, only one script being used on any one kilometre stone. The sequence given below is different from the one being followed in the country up till now.

| Km. No. | Script for place names | Place to be shown |
|---------|-------------------------|---|
| 0 | Roman | Terminal/starting station and next important town |
| 1. | Hindi (Devnagri script) | Next important town |
| 2. | Local Language | -do- |
| 3. | Hindi (Devnagri script) | Terminal Station |
| 4. | Local Language | -do- |
| 5. | Roman | Terminal/starting station and next important town |
| 6. | Hindi (Devnagri script) | Next important town and so on, repeated in the same order |

Where local script happens to be same as Devnagri, kilometre to the next important town and the terminal station on ordinary kilometre stones could be shown alternately instead of the order given above. The numerals on kilometre stones shall in all cases to be written in international form of Indian numerals i.e. 1,2,3 etc.

(ii) In the interest of travellers' convenience, States are requested to follow the same policy in respect of kilometre stones on State Highways.

II. Advance information signs at approaches to junctions.

(i) As regards advance information signs at approaches junctions, the following procedure and guidelines may be followed:

- (a) All boards should invariably be inscribed in Roman and Devnagri scripts.
 - (b) In States where the script of the State language is not Devnagri, the inscription should be made in the script of the State language also.
 - (c) In a bilingual area on the border of two States, the inscription should also be in the scripts of both the States languages if these are not Devnagri.
- (ii) The State Govt. are requested to adopt the above policy for general information signs on State Highways also to avoid inconvenience to road users and tourists.

2. The State Govts. are requested to check up the position on all National Highways and ensure that Km stones and informatory signs are installed in accordance with the above procedure. Deficiencies, if any, should be removed immediately as desired by the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language for promotion of Use of Hindi.

3. Expenditure on removal of the above deficiencies may be met from the maintenance and repairs grants released to the States from time to time.