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Subject : Removal of Speed Breakers from National Highways

As you know, Govt. of India is making sizeable investments on the National Highways to ensure unhindered movement of vehicles at reasonably good speed for satisfying the objectives or reduced vehicle operation costs and savings in fuel consumption as well as ensuring safety to traffic. However, due to unregulated development along National Highways, there is an increase in the number of accidents leading to construction of several unauthorized speed breakers by the local people on the National Highways. These speed breakers hinder the

smooth flow of traffic on National Highways and cause inconvenience. They are also a serious safety hazard for the motor vehicles. As per the Ministry's policy, speed breakers are not permitted on National Highways. The Ministry has issued a number of instructions to the State Govts. for immediate removal of speed breakers from the National Highways. However, speed breakers still continue to be constructed on the National Highways. This aspect was also discussed during the second State PWD Ministers' Conference held on 12th June, 2000 at New Delhi wherein States supported replacement of speed breakers by rumble strips with proper signages and markings.

In view of the above, please look into the matter and issue appropriate instructions to the concerned field officers including District Magistrates for accomplishing the task of removal of all speed breakers from the National Highways by 30th Nov., 2000. I would request you to keep me informed about the action taken in the matter.

With kind regards,

To

Chief Secretaries of all States