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Dated the 28th February, 1980

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of (Department dealing with the National Highways) Maharashtra/Uttar Pradesh, Meghalaya, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Orissa, Bihar, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala

Sub : Erection of Highway Barriers on National Highways

I am directed to say that your Govt. have executed an agreement with the President of India for maintenance and development of urban links of National Highways in the State. The agreement *inter alia* include a condition (Clause 7 (3) that the State Government shall ensure that octroi or any other terminal taxes on through traffic and tolls are not levied by the Local Body concerned on the link roads maintained and/or developed at Central Govts. expenses. In spite of these legal constraints it has been observed that a large number of barriers have been put up on the National Highway urban links by the State Governments or their agencies like Civil Supplies Department, Police Department, Excise Department, Commercial Taxation Department, Forest Department and Local Bodies etc. for collection of taxes or checking of evasion of taxes etc. It will be appreciated that setting up of these barriers on the National Highways urban links cause serious impediments to free movement of traffic. I am accordingly, to request that the State Government may look into this matter and take immediate step to eliminate/rationalise to minimise the barriers on National Highways urban links. In this connection attention is also invited to this Ministry's circular letter of even number dated the 19th October 1979. The action taken may kindly be intimated to this Ministry.