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To

Secretaries of all States/Union Territories, Public Works Department (dealing with National Highways);
Director General Border Roads; Director General (Works), Central Public Works Departments; Chairman,
National Highways Authority of India

Subject : Provision of parking laybys along National Highways

It has been observed that large number of trucks continue to be parked in front of dhabas and petrol pumps as also on the road itself. This interferes with the through movement of traffic. At inter-state borders at many places, check-posts have been installed by various Departments for checking of vehicles, collection of taxes etc. but no provision for proper parking of vehicles has been made.

2. In this connection it may be pointed out that Ministry had vide letter No. RW/34032/5/88-DOH dated 22nd August, 1988 forwarded a Scheme for provision of parking laybyes along National Highways. These laybyes are intended as need based facilities and are meant to be provided at locations which have already significant parking demand e.g. where a cluster of wayside eating places/dhabas and other establishments already exist. Basically the Scheme will involve construction of parallel lay byes with proper entry/exit from the National Highway together with basic public convenience such as drinking water, toilet and bathroom besides general landscaping. The Ministry will finance construction/maintenance of required infrastructural facilities including acquisition of additional land; parking laybyes, footpath, railing etc. Provision/extension of other facilities such as dhabas/eating places/vehicle repair shop etc. will be left to private parties.

3. It is requested that the problem of parking of trucks on National Highways in your State may please be looked into and action initiated for provision of proper parking lay byes wherever these are felt necessary so as to avoid congestion at check barriers and illegitimate parking etc. on the NH. Priority in this regard may be given to problem of parking of trucks at inter-state borders. Proposal in this regard may be included in the Annual Plan 1998-99 and subsequent plans and got sanctioned from the Ministry.