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To

All State Governments
(Departments dealing with Roads)

Subject : Provision of wayside amenities along highways

As you are aware, provision of roadside amenities along Highways contribute greatly to the safety, convenience and enjoyment of road travellers. The choice of location, the type of facility and its frequency will depend upon the classification of the Highway, the traffic volume, topography and other related factors. The main consideration should be that the amenities provided should fit in smoothly with the natural surroundings.

2. Roadside rest area is one of the important roadside amenities. It is intended for rest and relaxation by long distance travellers and may be in the form of inspection or rest houses. In the selection of individual sites, due consideration should be given to the topography, existing vegetation, scenic value of their location, availability of facilities like water supply, sewerage, etc. By proper selection and planning, such areas can be developed with minimum cost.

3. The second type of amenity will be the laybye facilities which are intended mainly for the convenience of long distance operators. These provide the same facilities as roadside rest areas, but parking area will be bigger to accommodate large number of trucks etc.

4. In this connection, it is to be brought out that the Government of Haryana have made large strides in respect of such amenities specially along National Highway routes. Recently, the Minister of Shipping and Transport had an occasion to inspect these amenities in Haryana and he has commended adoption of the same by all States. All State Governments are requested to look into the matter and arrange to initiate suitable action in this regard for providing necessary facilities at least along National Highways.