

No. TW/TDC/19/84

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To

1. The Secretaries of Transport Deptts. of all States/UT Admns.
2. The Transport Commissioners/Controllers of all States/UT Admns.

Subject : 18th Meeting of the Transport Development Council-implementation of scheme of establishment of truck parking complex along highways

I am directed to refer to para 19.1 of the minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Transport Development Council forwarded under this Ministry's letter No. TW/TDC/7/84 dated 9th August, 1984 on the subject noted above. Relevant extracts of the minutes are reproduced here under :—

“The Council has recommended that the State Govts. should urgently take up the work of construction of truck parking complexes, after identifying the suitable sites, within their jurisdiction and formulating appropriate schemes”

2. A brief write-up on the scheme relating to Truck Parking Complex is enclosed, for ready reference.
3. You are requested to let this Ministry know the action being taken to implement the above recommendation of the Council. The first progress of implementation report may kindly be sent so as to reach this Ministry latest by 30th Dec., 1984, to be followed by subsequent monthly report.

**Note :** See enclosures to letter No. N-I/PB/17/76 dated 10.7.79

#### **NOTE ON THE SCHEME OF ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUCK PARKING COMPLEX ALONGWITH NATIONAL HIGHWAYS**

Over the years, long distance road haulage has been showing a rising trend. The incidence of road accidents also has been going high. One of the reasons ascribed to the growth in road accidents has been the non-availability of adequate resting places along the highways for truck drivers and the crew to take rest and to relieve themselves of the fatigue arising out of long and tedious journeys. Truck parking complexes had been the subject matter in discussions at various forums including Transport Development Council. In order to encourage setting up of truck parking complexes along national highways, the Government of India had formulated a Scheme. Under this the basic objective was that truck parking complexes should be set up at convenient locations at a distance of about 300 kms on selected major arterial routes and that such complex should provide wayside amenities for the truck operators. The amenities envisaged are the facilities of parking, refueling, carrying out of repairs, supply of spare-parts, canteen, board & lodge etc.

#### **2. Salient features of the Scheme are :**

- (i) That there should be an apex society called Truck Operators Highway Amenities Society (TOHAS) which shall have state units. The apex Society shall concern itself with policy formulation and coordination of the working of State units. The actual work of implementation, namely, setting up of truck parking complexes and running them would be the function of State units. While the apex society shall be headed by Joint Secretary (Transport), Ministry of Shipping & Transport, the State unit shall be headed by respective Transport Commissioner. The Governing body of the State unit is to include representatives of Union Ministry, State PWD, State Traffic Police, All India Motor Transport Congress, State level Truck Union/Associations etc.
- (ii) The State unit of the TOHAS shall, after identifying suitable locations, formulate the project proposals and submit the proposal to the Director General (R.D) Roads Wing of Ministry of Shipping & Transport for financial assistance, which will be to meet the expenditure on cost of land i.e. land acquisition, boundary wall, paving of internal roads, approach roads and parking area for trucks etc.

- (iii) The State unit of the Society is to create a revolving fund to take care of aspects like construction and maintenance of buildings, structures required for canteens, dormitories, vehicle repair facilities, shops, etc. The running and management of truck parking complexes is to be on 'No profit no losses' basis and the money for meeting recurring expenditure is to come through the method of fees to be fixed by the Society and charged from the trucks for availing of the facilities.
  - (iv) Initially the proposed revolving fund will be started by raising contributions from truck operators through their unions or otherwise Rs 100/- per truck.
  - (v) The revolving fund will be operated by a Society with its branch unit in the State.
3. Ministry's share of cost for one complex could be in the region of Rs 20 lakhs or so.
  4. A copy each of the Memorandum of Association of Truck Operators Highway Amenities Society and a copy of the Model Agreement to be entered into by a Society with the Government is enclosed for ready information.
  5. The apex level society has already been established on 1st April, 1980. Two specific projects one at Murthal in Haryana and another in Jullundhur in Punjab have been initially taken up. Proposals from other State Units are awaited.
  6. As can be seen, Transport Commissioners/Transport Controllers/Directors of Transport of the state Govts/UT Administrations are the pivotal officers have to ensure implementation. Despite a number of letters from both the Ministry of Shipping and Transport as also Secretary General of the TOHAS, response is to the action being taken proposed to be taken, the time frame for such an action, etc. has not been forthcoming. A good scheme, therefore, is still not getting off the ground. Special attention is required to be paid by the Transport Secretaries and Transport Commissioners, particularly the latter (a) Setting up a State unit of TOHAS (b) Identifying locations for Truck-Park Complexes (c) Initiating steps for acquiring the land (d) Formulation of project proposal with financial implications of all aspects (e) Securing financial assistance from the Govt. of India to the extent of entitlement (f) to collect contributions from truck operators for initial revolving fund (g) setting in motion to State Unit for activities of development of land and construction activities etc.
  7. Member-Secretary, TOHAS is Shri Chattarajan Dass. Secy. Gen. All India Motor Transport Congress, 16, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi. He may be contacted for any other information required.