

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS**  
**S&R (P&B) Section**

Transport Bhavan, No. 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.

Dated: 06<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

To

1. The Chief Secretaries of all State Government/UTs.
2. The Chairperson, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), G-5&6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075.
3. The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of all States/UTs PWD dealing with National Highways, other centrally sponsored schemes and state schemes.
4. The Managing Director, National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, PTI Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
5. Director General (Border Roads), Seema Sadak Bhawan, Ring Road, New Delhi-110010.
6. All Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of all States/UTs PWD dealing with the National Highways, other centrally sponsored schemes and state schemes.
7. All CE-ROs, ROs and ELOs of MoRTH.

**Subject: Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture-Action taken Notes on Recommendations/Observations contained (Para 19.8 of the 301<sup>st</sup> Report) - Necessary Direction/advisory for ensuring regular trimming of the shrubs and trees on NHs.**

Refe:- Rajya Sabha Sec. OM-LAFEAS-TT22/4/2020-Comm Sec (T and T)-RSS, dated 17.08.2022

Madam/Sir,

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture has taken note of the various measures taken by the Ministry for rectification of black spots and recommends that a mechanism may be put in place to ensure the periodical monitoring and maintenance measures such as regular trimming of the shrubs and trees on the Highways so that the signages installed on the Highways remain clearly visible to the drivers at all seasons.

2. Ministry has issued standard EPC document on 05.03.2019 which specifies the maintenance obligation of the contractor. The Schedule - E of this EPC document obligates the contractor to ensure at all times during the maintenance period, the project highways conforms to the maintenance requirement set forth in this Schedule.




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Further as per Table 3, maintenance criteria for safety related items and other furniture items, obstruction due to trees and plants including median plantation shall be removed immediately conforming to IRC SP: 84-2014.

3. Therefore, it is requested to issue necessary direction to all concerned for strict compliance of the same. This direction is also applicable to all other mode of projects.

4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

  
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For DG (RD) & SS

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