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Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(Coordination Section)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of November, 2020.

A copy of the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary (Both English & Hindi) for the Cabinet pertaining to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for the month of November, 2020 is enclosed herewith for information.



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Under Secretary to the Government of India

Encl. As above

To,

1. All members of the Council of the Ministers
2. Deputy Chairman, NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi
3. All Members of NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi. (10 spare copies)
4. Cabinet Secretary, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
5. All Secretaries to Government of India
6. Information Officer, PIB, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

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- 1. Award and construction of National Highways:** The Ministry has constructed 6207 km of National Highways upto November 2020 as compared to 5958 km in November, 2019. The award figure is 6764 km during this period as compared to 3211 km in the previous year.
- 2. Inauguration and laying of foundation stones in Uttar Pradesh:** Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSMEs inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of 16 National Highways projects with a total length of over 500 kms worth Rs. 7477 crores in Uttar Pradesh on 26.11.2020. The project includes widening to 4-lanes from Meerut to Bulandshahar of NH-235. Rehabilitation & Up-gradation of NH-76 from Mau to Jasra in districts of Chitrakoot & Prayagraj, Rehabilitation & Up-gradation of NH-730 from Bahraich to Shrawasti in districts of Bahraich & Shrawasti, Strengthening of NH-75E in the district of Sonbhadra from MP/UP border to UP/Jharkhand border and Construction of 6-lane bridge parallel to the existing bridge on Ganga river on NH-96 in Phaphamau in district of Prayagraj.
- 3. Collaboration with Academic Institutions:** MoRT&H has established MoRT&H Chair Professor in IIT Roorkee and has approved MoRT&H Chair Professor at IIT BHU, Varanasi to promote application based research for use of new material/technology in highway projects, advise Indian Roads Congress in R&D activities and formulation of standards & guidelines. NHAI under the Ministry has encouraged reputed Technical Institutes and Engineering colleges to adopt nearby stretches of National Highways. The expertise of these institutions will be utilized by NHAI in better planning and execution of the development projects on these NH stretches. 18 IITs, 26 NITs and 190 other Engineering colleges have agreed to collaborate.
- 4. Promotion of Digital and IT based payment of fees through FASTag:** MoRTH has notified that FASTag will be made mandatory for old vehicles with effect from 01.01.2021 while it was required for all new 4 wheelers since 2017. It is also new mandated that from 1st April, 2021, a valid FASTag is required for getting 3rd Party Insurance cover.

- 5. Registration process of the Vintage Motor Vehicles:** At present there are no rules for regulating the registration of vintage motor vehicles value. The Ministry has published draft notification on 25.11.2020 seeking comments and suggestion on the guidelines for registration of Vintage Motor Vehicles.
- 6. Nominee in Registration Certificate:** The Ministry has published draft notification on 26.11.2020 seeking comments and suggestions for amendment in the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 to facilitate the owner of a vehicle to nominate a person (Nominee) in the Registration Certificate (RC) of vehicles.
- 7. Common format of PUC Certificate:** To give effect to the suggestion received from MHA on linking Mobile Numbers with Pollution under Control Certificate (PUCC). Ministry has published notification on 27.11.2020 seeking comments and suggestion of all stakeholders on common format of PUC Certificate across the country under CMVR 1989.
- 8. Motor Vehicle Aggregators Guidelines-2020:** In pursuance of the provision under Section 93 of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, the Ministry has issued the Motor vehicle Aggregator Guidelines, 2020 on 27.11.2020. These will act as guiding framework for State Governments for issuance of licences to transport aggregators and regulating the business conducted by such aggregators in a fair and transparent manner. These guidelines intend to protect the interests of commuters mainly, by regulating the surge charges, ensure safety of the customers especially the women and the girl child by prescribing GPS based vehicle location tracking & panic button, 24x7 call centre by the aggregator and procedures for proper verification of drivers.
- 9. Revision in Model Concession Agreement:** Several improvements to the Model Concession Agreement of Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) have been notified on 10.11.2020. The changes are related to Early Exit Option for developers, Shifting of Utilities, Maintenance during Construction Period, Financial Close, Payment and Dispute Resolution etc. These changes will remove the anomalies, mitigate risk for developers and help reduce litigation.
- 10. Standing Finance Committee (SFC) meetings:** In the month of November, 2020, 6 projects of length 258.79 Km and total capital cost of Rs. 5305.13 Cr. were appraised by SFC and recommended for approval.
