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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of March, 2019.

A copy of the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary for the Cabinet pertaining to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for the month of March, 2019 is enclosed herewith for information.



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Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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To

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1. The Ministry achieved a milestone by constructing 10,824 kms length of NHs in 2018-19. The total construction for the corresponding period last year was 9,829 km.
2. The Ministry has been increasingly concerned about the ongoing projects under execution through NHAI/ NHIDCL/ State PWDs, which are stuck due to various reasons, leading to depreciation of assets on the one hand and significant public inconvenience on the other. With a view to resolving the issues of such stuck projects, Guiding Principles dated 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 have been issued by the Ministry for resolution of stuck projects currently under execution through various modes such as BOT (Toll/ Annuity / HAM) EPC / Item Rate.
3. From the perspective of citizen -centric delivery of services, the Ministry assessed the existing formats of Driving Licence and the Certificate of Registration. It was seen that though both of these are key documents for all vehicle owners and drivers, the format colour scheme and placement of information was different in different states and there were significant variations in the quality of the cards. Therefore, a decision was taken to prescribe a standard format and common design for the whole country. The notification for all the above was issued on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.
4. Further, the option of providing a paper or booklet based driving licence or the registration certificate has been done away with. Now, such certificates can only be provided in two types of cards viz. a PVC based or a Poly carbonate one. Detailed specifications have been prescribed by the Government in the notification issued. The State Government have been provided with an option to decided on the type of material of the card to be provided. The optional features of providing a chip-based smart card or contact less features (NFC) have also been prescribed, which the States can themselves prescribe. A QR code has been prescribed on the cards. This would enable easy linking and access and validation of the information on the cards with SARATHI or VAHAN database a. As the Ministry had recently issued amendments of Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989 enabling transport related documents in an Electronic Form, the QR code would facilitate the enforcement authorities.

5. Keeping in view Road Safety, the Ministry has issued a notification regarding Braking system. Through this notification, the Ministry has revised the standards for braking system other than Anti-Lock Braking system which would have a beneficial impact both on road safety and driver comfort.
6. The Ministry's focus is to strengthen public transportation and for this purpose, revised guidelines were issued for development of standardized bus ports, complete with requisite infrastructure and facilities. An allied objective of the scheme is to bring private operators into the mainstream by allowing them entry into the bus-ports, so that all bus passengers can have access to safe boarding and de-boarding locations and can avail the amenities created in the bus ports. The states were incentivized to submit proposals and in- principle approval has been accorded to the proposals received in respect of Salem in Tamil Nadu, Sonapat in Haryana and Ramnagar in Uttarakhand. The DPRs for development of integrated bus ports at these locations are under preparation.
7. The Ministry's focus on Road Safety has encompassed advocacy and maximizing stakeholder involvement. Accordingly, in the month March, 68 NGOs were issued work orders under the scheme "Grant of financial assistance for administering Road Safety Advocacy ". Further , an expedition was organized in the North East from 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 to 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 to propagate the importance of abiding by traffic rules and wearing proper safety gear.
8. The Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE) conducted a training programme on "Feasibility Study / Preparation of Detailed Projects Reports for Highway Projects" of four weeks' duration which completed on 08<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. 23 participants from 10 countries (Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia and Uganda) participated in the programme which included classroom lectures, hands-on training and field visits.

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