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Ministry of Road Transport & Highways  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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

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



(Anil Sharma)

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
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## Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

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- 1 The Ministry has constructed 10,237 km of National Highways during 2019-20 upto 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 as compared to 10,885 km during 2018-19. The award figure was 8,912 km during this period as compared to 5493 km during 2018-19.
- 2 Sanitization of public transport: All states were advised on 09.03.2020 to sanitize seats, handles, bars, Bus Terminals and also to display the relevant public health messages in the Public Transport Vehicles.
- 3 An Advisory was issued on 17.03.2020 to States for taking necessary steps regarding 'Social Distancing' and also, to extend the facility of refunds where tickets have been booked by the passengers but they now need to cancel the same.
- 4 A video conference was held on 18.03.2020 with Principal Secretary (Transport) of all States/ UTs for stepping up efforts and fully mobilizing all resources for preparedness, control and containment measures.
- 5 As Financial Assistance to States/ UTs, Rs. 11.42 crore were sanctioned on 19.03.2020 for undertaking activities for sanitization and awareness campaigns to control outbreak of Novel coronavirus. Further, Rs. 45.51 crore were sanctioned on 24.03.2020 to States/ UTs for publicity and awareness on Road safety and for preventive measures on VOVID-19 including disinfection activities in Public Transport.
- 6 The user fee collection at all fee plazas on national highways across the country have been suspended w.e.f. 25.03.2020 for a period of 21 days.
- 7 The states have been advised on 30.03.2020 that the validity of Fitness, Permit (all types), Driving License or any other document(s) under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989, whose extension of validity may not be granted due to lock-down and which have expired since 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb, 2020 or would expire till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020, may be treated as deemed to be valid. Accordingly, the enforcement authorities have been advised not to treat them as invalid till 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2020.

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- 8 Since way-side eating places on National highways have been closed, truck drivers ferrying goods and services are facing hardships. NHAI Field officers/ Concessionaires/ Contractors are providing food packets and water bottles near fee plazas and other places on highways and those in shelter homes.
- 9 Several fee plaza Concessionaires have organized health check-ups including thermal scanning, providing face masks and sanitizing them.
- 10 Traffic count across the toll plazas is being monitored through IT equipment for ensuring smooth flow of traffic on National Highways for managing movement of essential services & goods.
- 11 A Control Room has been set up in the Ministry to attend to related problems and grievances vide OM dated 23.03.2020. Roster of staff has also been drawn to render essential services within the Ministry.
- 12 It has also been ensured that payments are not delayed due to closure of office and the payments are released to contractors/ consultants/ vendors in a time-bound manner using digital payment platforms. About Rs. 13,180 cr has been released to various contractors/ consultants/ vendors, thus clearing their pending bills during lockdown period.
- 13 The grievances being received on various forms especially CPGRAMS on COVID19 are continuously being monitored for effective redressal.
- 14 All targets of expenditure and borrowing have been met despite the lockdown.
- 15 The Ministry is regularly monitoring and reviewing the situation of the movement of transport of essential goods/ cargo with top officials of transport department of the States/ UTs on a real time basis and facilitating the various agencies, associations and citizens.

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