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Subject - Removal of speed breakers on National Highway

National Highways are the main arteries of the National Road Network. These carry a very heavy volume of traffic. Un-interrupted and speed traffic flow on these roads is essential. There are 14 National Highways traversing through Rajasthan.

These National Highways pass quite often through populated area. These zones are accident prone due to unregulated development along these NHs. Under pressure from public, speed breakers have been constructed at many places. The villagers also themselves construct such speed breakers on their own by using bitumen and materials lying along road sides.

The National Highways in India are owned by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways [MoRTH] Govt. of India and the construction and maintenance of these NHs is entrusted to the State Government and is funded by Govt. of India. The MoRTH, Govt. of India has seriously objected to speed breakers on NHs, as these defeat the basic objective of providing an obstruction free high speed facility, apart from being a safety hazard. Efforts made by PWD to get the speed breakers removed often have not been successful, mainly because of resistance from villagers.

However at places where there is need to regulate the speed of traffic, like approaches to sharp curves, on level crossing, congested or accident prone sections, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Govt. of India recommends provision of properly designed rumble strips as per IRC standards.

The Executive Engineer [NH] concerned will prepare a list of existing unauthorized speed breakers. Such speed breakers as acceptable on the basis of norms of the MoRTH will be replaced by rumble strips of approved design as per the IRC standards. The unacceptable speed breakers should be removed in consultation with district administration. For future, a committee consisting of District Magistrate, Superintendent of Police and Superintending Engineer/Executive Engineer [NH] PWD is constituted which will decide the new location of rumble strips as per the guidelines of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways [MoRTH], Government of India.

It is therefore, enjoined upon all officials that PWD should be given all assistance and support including police protection wherever necessary for removal of unauthorized speed breakers. Steps also be taken ab initio to prevent coming up of new speed breakers on NHs.

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