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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

Dated the 11th March, 2013

Please refer to the Ministry's letter of even number dated 1st December 2011 (copy enclosed) regarding strict enforcement of section 185 of MV Act 1988 and removal of liquor shops along National Highways.

2. As you are aware, India accounts for the highest number of fatalities in road accidents in the world. More than 1.42 lakh people were killed in around 4.9 lakh road accidents in the year 2011. 24,655 road accidents were caused due to drunken driving resulting in 10,553 deaths and injuries to 21,148 persons.

3. To prevent drunken driving, the Ministry has taken various steps including proposed amendments in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 which seeks to provide stringent penalties for various offences under the Act including that of drunken driving. A significant feature of the Bill is that there will be higher penalties for repeat offences. Rajya Sabha has already passed the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2012 and it is to come up for consideration in the Lok Sabha during the ensuing Budget Session.

4. I seek your cooperation and request you to kindly direct all enforcement agencies to strictly enforce Section 185 of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 which provides for punishment of imprisonment or fine or both for the offence of drunken driving. However, since prevention is always better than cure; it is requested to issue instructions to remove liquor shops along National Highways and ensure that no license is issued to liquor vendors along National Highways. Corrective actions may be taken on the cases where licence has already been given for liquor vendors along National Highways.

5. I shall be grateful if you could kindly send a report on the action taken in the matter.

With regards,

Yours sincerely


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Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs