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**Draft Minutes of the meeting of the State Level Stakeholders
Advisory Committee of Highways Department held on 27th
February, 2008 at Humpi Hall, Savera Hotels, Chennai**

The Stakeholders Advisory Committee meeting of Highways Department was convened on 27th February 2008 under the Chairmanship of Thiru K. Allaudin, I.A.S, Secretary to Government, Highways Department. The list of members and other invitees who attended the meeting, is given in the Annexure.

1.1 The Convener and Member Thiru. A. Kabeer Ahamed, B.E., Chief Engineer [General], Highways, at the outset welcomed the members and the other invitees.

1.2 Thiru. K. Allaudin, Secretary to Govt., Highways, and Chairman of the Advisory Committee initiated the discussion.

The stakeholders were then asked to offer their suggestions and the suggestions made by the various stakeholders are detailed below.

2.1 Thiru. M. K. Subramanian, Secretary Automobile Association of Southern India, Chennai.

- Wanted to know the action taken on the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Space for parking of the break-down vehicles may be provided away from the carriageway, along the Highway at an interval of 10 Km to avoid traffic congestion and the resultant accidents.
- Suggested for checking of overloading of vehicles on the Highways.

- Suggested to provide centre median in two lane roads to avoid accident.

2.2 Thiru. A. Afzal, President, Tamil Nadu Omini Bus Owners Association, Chennai

- Suggested that motel with rest room and other facilities may be provided at regular intervals under the PPP model.
- Suggested that bus lay byes / bus shelters can be located away from the carriageway of the road to avoid traffic congestions.
- To provide advance cautionary boards and signages for diversion when works are carried out on Highways, to avoid accidents.

3. Thiru. K. Allaudin, Secretary to Govt., Highways, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, responded to the suggestions as follows:

- Informed that necessary action is being taken to give suitable instructions to the Highways Department, Service Departments / Organizations to take action on the suggestions made by the members during the previous committee meeting. It is also informed that the action taken report on the previous minutes of the meeting will be placed before the committee in its subsequent meeting.
- Informed that it is not practicably possible to provide exclusive space for parking of break – down vehicles at intervals of 10 Km. Providing such space all along the road is also not practically possible. The required space can be made at an interval of 50 Km. In future, the concessioners of BOT schemes will be requested to provide such spaces in the Highways whenever improvement works are taken up on that road. Further, he added that action will be taken to display Police control room contact numbers, at regular intervals so that the control room personnel

can convey the message to the nearest auto workshop to take care of sick vehicles.

- The possibility of engaging qualified automobile supervisors by service Departments / organizations to have periodical inspection of a stretch of road for taking care of break – down / sick vehicles will be discussed with the district administration.
 - The checking of overloading of vehicles will be enforced strictly through Transport and Police personnel. The Government have already ordered the formation of a team comprising Police, Transport and Highways Officials to visit the accidents spots for comprehensive study of the reasons for the accidents and to suggest remedial measures.
 - Providing centre median on two lane roads will lead to congestion of traffic due to the fact that vehicles could not overtake slow moving vehicles and break-down vehicles and will completely choke movement of vehicles on one side.
 - The Chairman informed instructions will be issued to the Highways Engineers to paint the pedestrian crossings and speed breakers and action will be taken to issue necessary instructions to the local bodies to adequately illuminate road junctions.
 - Informed the members that the suggestions need not necessarily be made only in the Advisory Committee Meeting but also the members concerned can send in their suggestions in writing prior to the meeting which can be taken up for discussions during the meeting.
4. With Thiru. A. Kabeer Ahamed, Chief Engineer (General), Highways thanking the members for taking part in the Advisory Committee, the meeting was concluded.

List of participants

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Thiru K. Allaudin, IAS	Secretary to Government, Highways Department, Chennai.
2.	Thiru. R. Thiagarajan, IAS,	Additional Project Director, Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project, Chennai.
3.	Thiru A. Kabeer Ahamed, B. E.,	Chief Engineer [General], Highways
4.	Thiru. B. K. Vaigunda Vasan,	Managing Director, Tamil Nadu State Express Transport Corporation, Chennai.
	Thiru A. Afzal	President, Tamilnadu Omni Bus Owners Association, Chennai.
	Thiru M.K.Subramanian	Secretary, Automobile Association of South India, Chennai
Special Invitees.		
7..	Thiru C. Balu, B. E.,	Chief Engineer [Highways], Tamilnadu Road Sector Project
8.	Thiru G. Ramalingam, B. E.,	Chief Engineer (H), Projects, Chennai.
9.	Thiru M. Karunamoorthy, B. E.,	Chief Engineer [Highways]NABARD and Rural Roads, Chennai.
10.	Thiru. P. Hariraj, M. E.,	Director, Highways Research Station, Chennai.
11.	Thiru. M. Thiagarajan, B. E.,	Chief Engineer (H), Metro, Chennai
12.	Thiru. N. Rajendran, B. E.,	Superintending Engineer (H) IDS Cell, Chennai.