A meeting was held in the office chamber of Shri Y.D. Thongchi, IAS Secretary (Transport) and State Nodal Officer to discuss about Total Transport System Study by the Planning Commission, Govt. of India.

The following officers from different departments were present during the meeting:

1. Shri Tape Bagra, IAS Commissioner, Tax & Excise
2. Shri Bidol Tayeng, DC, Papumpare District
3. Shri Bora Ete, Chief Engineer PWD (EZ), Itanagar
4. Shri T. Ringu, SP (Telecom)
5. Shri D. Pussang, Director, Economic & Statistics, Itanagar
6. Shri B. Bhattacharjee, Addl. General Manager, (Transport), Naharlagun

Explaining about the purpose of the meeting Shri Y.D. Thongchi, Secretary (Transport) apprized the officers that the Planning Commission of India have decided to carry out a comprehensive study of Transport System all over India with the support and facilitation to be extended by the State Govt. for ascertaining the goods and passenger traffic flows representing Rabi and Kharif season. To conduct the study the Planning Commission of India has engaged RITES Limited, Govt. of India enterprises. The road survey in the State of Arunachal Pradesh was scheduled in the 3rd week of April/2007 but it could not be carried out due to delay in response from our State. The representatives of the RITES are pressing hard for the held from the State. The related support in terms of infrastructure, logistics and man power required are as below.

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The State Govt. has also appointed Shri Y.D. Thongchi, IAS Secretary (Transport) as a State Nodal Officer to assist in a survey and study. Shri Bora Ete, Chief Engineer PWD (EZ) who is also In-charge of Road and Bridges of the PWD Department apprised that he will provide all the required information in regard of the Road Network of the State and also provide the manpower required for conducting the study. He further state that such a survey in comprehensive way will ultimately benefit to the state as the classification of the road will be drawn by the Ministry of Shipping Road Transport and Highways of by the Planning Commission of India and fund will be made available to the State Govt. for construction of maintenance of roads. It is
therefore, decided that the manpower required for carrying out this study will be provided by PWD as Economic & Statistics does not have such manpower spread over in the nook and corner of the State.

Commissioner (Tax & Excise) is ready to provide assistance required for study and In-charge of gates erected all over Arunachal Pradesh at the entry points from Assam will be instructed to provide any information required by the study team. Shri T. Ringu, SP (Telecom) state that all the required help will be provided to the study team from Police Department.

Shir Bidol Tayeng, DC Papumpare, Yupia, said that any kind of Administration help as required from District Administration of Papumpare is concerned, will be extended. However, all the Deputy Commission of other districts should be directed to extend help in their respective districts to the survey team.

(Y.D. Thongchi
Secretary (Transport)
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

Memo No. TPT(B)29/2007/159-61  Dated Itanagar the 12th Sept’2007

1. Shri Jatin Sarkar, IRTS, National Co-ordinator, RITES BHAWAN, NO.1, Sector 29, Gurgao-122001 for information. The Regional Co-ordinator may be directed to contact undersigned to start the study.

2. The Director General of Police/Commissioner, Tax & Excise/Chief Engineer, PWD (EZ)/Deputy Commissioner, Papumpare, Yupia/Director (Transport)/ General Manager, Arunachal Pradesh State Transport Services/ Director (Eco & Statistics for information and necessary action.

3. All the Deputy Commissioner, with direction to extend all logistic help to the study team of RITES as and when approached by them.

4. Office copy.

(Y.D. Thongchi
Secretary (Transport)
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.
To
The Chief Secretary,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh
Itanagar – 791 111

Sir,

Sub : Total Transport System Study by the Planning Commission, Govt. of India.

Ref : DO letter from Deputy Chairman & Member Secretary, Planning Commission, GOI and MD, RITES [Copies enclosed].

I wish to draw your kind attention to the letter quoted under reference regarding the support and facilitation to be extended by the State Governments in various road traffic surveys to be conducted under the ‘Total Transport System Study’ being executed by RIES for the Planning Commission. The undersigned has been assigned as its ‘National Coordinator’. As already intimated, the two rounds of road traffic survey to be conducted will specifically be aimed at ascertaining the goods and passenger traffic flows representing Rabi and Khariff season.

In context with the above, I am directed to inform you that it has been decided to take up the first round of road O-D survey representing the Rabi season for freight traffic commencing from end of March till mid of May 2007. The tentative state-wise schedule for the survey and proposed list of check posts locations are enclosed. As per the schedule, the road survey in your state has been scheduled in the 3rd week of April 2007. As already apprised by the Planning Commission, the survey will be conducted through active participation of state governments with expert guidance from RITES. The related support in terms of infrastructure, logistics and manpower required are detailed below:

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Since we have not received any information about nomination of the Nodal Officer from your state, it is therefore, requested that the same may kindly be intimated to us at the earliest so that the RITES team can finalise the check post locations and dates for the survey. It is further requested that appropriate instructions may also be issued to all the concerned departments to make necessary arrangements and provide assistance in carrying out the proposed surveys in consultation with RITES team.

Keeping in view the importance of the project, your whole hearted support is solicited.

Encl. DA as above

Yours sincerely,

(Jatin Sarkar)
National Coordinator
The Planning Commission has decided to take up a nation-wise ‘Total Transport System Study’ with the objective of generating and analyzing inter-model transport resource costs and traffic flows covering the four major mechanized modes of transport – Railways, Highways, Airways and Shipping; and determining an optimal inter-modal mix and allocation of transport investment to assist the planners in designing a transport vision for tomorrow.

RITEs has been engaged to complete this important and comprehensive study in a time period of twelve months. The study would interalia, include extensive road traffic surveys at about 1000 check posts across the country. The success of the project will, therefore, depend largely on the support and facilitation extended by the States. For intimating further details of the study and assistance required from the various State Government, Member-Secretary, Planning Commission will be writing separately to the Chief Secretaries.

Given the importance of the study, I thought is appropriate to bring thee facts to your personal notice. I look forward to your full support for smooth conduct of the transport study.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Montek Singh Ahluwalia)
Sub: Total Transport System Study by the Planning Commission, Govt. of India.

Ref: DO letters from Deputy Chairman & Member Secretary, Planning Commission's addressed to Chief Ministers and Chief Secretaries of all states respectively (Copies enclosed).

Kindly permit me to draw your attention to the letter Member Secretary, Planning Commission has written to all Chief Secretaries few months back informing about a ‘Total Transport System Study’ to be executed by RITES for the Commission. In this context, I wish to inform you that during the past few months we have completed the ground preparations for the study and firmed up the detailed parameters and methodology with the Commission and are now ready for commencing the field surveys.

As Member Secretary had mentioned in his letter, this landmark study has taken up as a comprehensive exercise to ascertain the ‘Traffic Flow’ and ‘Modal Cost’ for the four major modes of mechanized transport, viz. roadways, railways, airways and coastal shipping with the objective of developing reliable information database for formulating an integrated policy for the transport sector. The study will interalia include a nationwide road traffic survey to ascertain the Goods Traffic flow as well as the Road Passenger Traffic. As per methodology firmed up with the Planning Commission, these two activities will have to be done with the support and facilitation of the state governments as extended during the two similar studies conducted in the past. In this context, I wish to inform you that the strategy and schedules for the road traffic survey have now been firmed up as under:

1. There will be two rounds of road traffic survey (Goods) carried out over 1000 check posts across the country. The first round is scheduled during October-November 2006 followed by the second round in March-April 2007.
2. In the case of road passenger traffic, in which physical traffic survey is not feasible, the data will be generated through information collected in the specially designed formats from the passenger transport operators the state transport authorities.

In carrying out the above, active support and facilitation will be required from the following departments of the governments:

- Public Works Departments – PWD – Roads (Assistance in check post location & facilitation),
- Transport Department (Assistance in arranging the passenger traffic survey),
- Bureau of Economic & Statistics (Organisation of man power for survey),
- Police Department (Assistance in law and order),
- Excise Department (Cooperation in locating survey check posts adjoining to toll gates),
- All district Authorities (Need based general assistance).

A ream of RITES officials will soon visit your state to firm up the check post locations and modus operandi of execution. I will be grateful if you could in the meantime, kindly issue necessary directives to constitute a ‘Core Group’ of representatives from the above departments and to nominate a ‘Nodal Officer (if not done already) to coordinate with the RITES team on the specific support and facilitations required in executing the two surveys.

Yours sincerely,

(V.K. Agarwal)

Shri Ashok Kumar, IAS
Chief Secretary
Government of Arunachal Pradesh
Itanagar - 791111

Encl. DA as above
Dear

Planning Commission has organized two national studies in late seventies and eighties on the total transport system to generate contemporary database on the traffic flow and modal cost for railway, highways and coastal shipping. The results of thee studies had provided useful inputs for investment decisions in the respective Plans. Some State Governments also made use of the data for planning their road development schemes. However, the transport sector has gone through major qualitative and quantitative changes during the two decades since the last study was conducted. The Commission, therefore, felt it necessary to undertake a total transport system study which apart from updating the available data base would also project the total transport demand and share the each mode of transport in the next two decades. Detailed Terms of Reference are annexed.

2. The main objective of the study is to gain insights into the transport sector, both at the macro and micro level, to serve as feeder inputs for the forthcoming 11th Plan. An important addition in the present study will be the generation of “intra-regional” traffic flows in the road sector, necessary for micro level understanding of the transport scenario.

3. The study will be conducted by M/s RITES, a Government of India Undertaking, which had done both the earlier studies and has the necessary expertise to undertake studies of such magnitude. RITES has been given a time frame of one year to complete the study that would include inter-alia two rounds of road traffic survey at about 1000 check posts across the country. Shri Jatin Sarkar, IRTS, General Manager, Traffic in RITES has been nominated as the Nodal Coordinator for the Study.

4. The success of this comprehensive transport study would depend largely on the support and facilitation extended by the State Governments. I would therefore, like to solicit your personal attention in the matter in terms of the following:
Necessary directive to the district administrative and concerned departments of PWD, Transport, Police and Bureau of Economics and Statistics to extend the necessary support and facilitation to RITES team in conducting the two rounds of road traffic surveys, and

Nomination of Nodal Officer, preferably from the Planning Department, to assist RITES in coordinating with the concerned departments.

5. We have however, advised RITES to get in touch with the State Governments directly to firm up the check post locations and modus operandi for road traffic survey in consultation with the concerned departments.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajeeva Ratna Shah)