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Dear Chief Secretary,

Urbanization is growing at a rapid pace with lot of new townships coming up on the peripheries of existing cities. As brought out in the National Urban Transport Policy 2006, it would be desirable to incorporate urban transport as an important parameter at the urban planning stage itself, rather than being a consequential requirement and also encourage integration of land use and transport planning. It would, therefore, be desirable to provide for Mass Rapid Transit System now itself on pre-defined transport axes so that these new townships do not face the problem of transportation and congestion later on. Without proper Mass Transit System, which may be bus-based or rail-based, the over dependence on personal vehicles is already leading to congestion in some of the new townships like Gurgaon, NOIDA, etc. As such, the roads, which are being provided, should have provision for pedestrianisation, non-motorized traffic on all roads and provision for dedicated corridor for bus based transit system on major arterial roads.

2. It has also been noticed that most of the bypasses soon become arterial roads, necessitating creation of another bypass. Such sprawling growth of city is not conducive for planning and operation of Mass Transit System. In order that the bypasses remain bypasses, it might be desirable to ban any development on 500 meters on the sides of new bypass. Instead, the development should take place along the pre-defined major transport axes in a linear form rather than in radial form.

3. Instructions may please be issued to concerned authorities to take these factors into consideration at the planning stage and to submit proposals for Central financial assistance under JNNURM or UIDSSMT, as appropriate.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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