

“Fear And Anxiety In The Minds Of The Locals Of Canacona Constituency Over The Temporary Closure Of The Route From Anmod Ghat To Goa, For Over Five Months Due To Road Repairs At Anmod Ghat Resulting In Diverting The Total Traffic Through Karwar Karnataka To Goa, Thus Causing Heavy Pressure On Old Bridges At Mashem & Bhatpal And Other Smaller Accesses. The Heavy Vehicles Plying Have Taken A Heavy Toll Of These Bridges. Besides, There Is An Ill Equipped Disaster Management Authority In Canacona, Who Along With The Other Issues Also Deal With The Accidents Of Vehicles, Abrupt Stoppages At The Route, On One Reason Or The Other, Causing Disruption Of The Traffic. The Measures The Government Intends To Take To Tide Over This Situation.”

The National Highway 4a (New Nh 748 From Anmod To Belgaum Is Closed For Traffic Due To Ongoing Work Of Widening & Upgrading Undertaken By Nhai As Reported Vide No. Pwd 235 Cnh 2018 Dated 30/10/2018 By Additional Chief Secretary, Karnataka Government. The Alternative Route Of State Highway No. 4 Passing Via Chorlem Ghat Is Too Narrow & Passing Through Difficult Ghat Section & Does Not Have Capacity To Handle Heavy Truck & Tractor Traffic.

In View Of This, Heavy Truck & Tractor Traffic Is Diverted Via Nh-17 (Nh-66) Through Cuncolim, Canacona Karwar Via Yallapur To Hubli (Nh-48). It Is Agreed That There Is Rise In Heavy Traffic On The Said Stretch, Due To Above Situation. Traffic Is Mainly Comprising Of Heavy Trucks & Trailers. However The Bridges Located At Talpona Mashem & Bhatpal Are Capable Of Handling Such Traffic. It Is More Than 6 Months Since Traffic Is Diverted On This Stretch. However There Is No Structural Distress On Any Of The Bridges, Which Are Regularly Monitored For Structural Condition & There Has Not Been Any Adverse Observations.

As Regards To Road Stretch Is Concerned, It Is Agreed That The Stretch Is Being Narrow With Innumerable Curves, There Are Incidents Of Accidents As Reported, Consisting Mostly Of Heavy Trucks & Trailers.

However The Situation Is Monitored Closely And Attempts Are Made To Minimize Such Incidents & Keep The Traffic Flowing Without Any Hindrance On Such Stretch, As There Are No Other Alternative Options Or Route To Divert Heavy Goods Commercial Traffic From State Of Goa To State Of Karnataka.

In View Of Above, It Is Informed & Assured That Maximum Care Is Taken & The Situation Is Monitored So That Traffic Including Diverted Heavy Traffic Flows Smoothly With Minimum Hindrances & It Is Also Further Assured That All The Enroute Bridges & Culverts Are Safe To Handle All The Increased Traffic &

Also The Said Stretch Alongwith Enroute Bridges, Culverts Are Continuously Monitored For Any Distress Or Shortfall In The Light Of Diverted Traffic.

Therefore It Is Informed That There Is No Need For Any Fear Or Anxiety In The Minds Of Public For Having Any Doubts Or Structural Capacities & Conditions Of All The Bridges, Culverts & Cross Drainages Located Enroute From Margao To Pollem As The Said Structures Are Safe For Increased Traffic & Also They Are Regularly Monitored & Inspected.

As Regards To Increased Traffic Over The Road Is Concerned, The Geometrics, Curves & Gradients Of The Roads Cannot Be Improved At This Stage. However It Is Assured That The Road Is Safe To The Extent For Taking Up Additional Traffic. The Road Condition Is Also Being Monitored.

Therefore It Is Informed That The Traffic Is Flowing Smoothly & It Is Monitored Regularly & Therefore It Is Opined That There Is No Need Of Any Fear & Anxiety In The Minds Of Public Pertaining To Said Issues.