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**Strict Implementation on Axle Load Limit on National Highways and Motorways from June 01, 2019.**

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According to Ministry of Communications, Government of Pakistan has decided to implement the Axle Load limit on National Highways & Motorways as provided in National Highway Safety Ordinance-2000, from June 01, 2019. To this effect, a series of meetings were held between Ministry of Communications and representatives of Goods Transport Agencies and Truck Drivers Associations hailing from Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan. Proposals presented by representatives of Transport organizations were included in the implementation plan. Representatives of the Goods Transport Agencies, Owners of Industrial units, Law Enforcing Agencies and Provincial Governments have assured to extend their full cooperation to abide by the rules and regulations concerning Axle Load Management, adding that over loading would be avoided. In case of violation, legal action may be taken against the violators.

Implementation of Axle Load limit will not only pave the way to control accidents on National Highways & Motorways network but it will also help protect the precious national asset of National Highways & Motorways, as heavy amounts are spent on construction and maintenance of National Highways & Motorways throughout the country. In order to keep safe this asset, a comprehensive course of action is being adopted with cooperation of all the stakeholders. It is worth to mention that a Monitoring Committee has also been formed headed by the Chief National Transport Research Centre (NTRC) wherein representatives of the Transport Organizations have also been included. The committee will ensure implementation of Axle Load Limit in the real sense. In case of some issue, matter will be set right through mutual consultation and cooperation.

Further, to this effect, an important meeting in chair of Additional Secretary Communications Dr. Tashfeen Khan was also held in the Ministry of Communications participated by senior officers from National Highway Authority, National Highways and Motorway Police and National Transport Research Centre (NTRC) in which Ministry of Communications decided to strongly control the trucks carrying load beyond the fixed limit on national highways. In the matter, Ministry of Communications has issued special instructions to National Highway Authority, National Highways and Motorway Police for undertaking all possible steps to control overloaded trucks on National Highways from June 01, 2019.