

**Government of Punjab
Department of Public Works
(B&R-III)**

To

All the Chief Engineers, Punjab,
PWD (B&R),
Chandiagr/ Patiala

No6/33/07-5B&R (3)/ 2352
Dated, Chandigarh, the 23rd August 2007

**Subject: Policy regarding Access to State Roads. (State Highways,
Major District Roads and other District Roads).**

A policy regarding access to National Highways and violations in controlled areas along National Highways has already been issued vide letter no. 6/33/07-5B&R(3)/2722, dated 21.08.2007. With a view to regulate access to State Roads so as to improve road safety and convenience to road users as well as persons requiring access to roads, the following guidelines shall be enforced by XEN's PWD(B&R) (Including Competent Authorities under Punjab Regional & Town Planning & Development Act, 1995 in the case of Scheduled Roads):-

1. Wherever feasible, i.e. wherever the right of way is sufficient to construct service roads with defined access points, the property owners/users along the road shall be grouped and use a common access point with a parallel service road.
2. In Urban areas, the spacing of access to State Roads should, wherever possible, be restricted to 200 metre intervals.
3. In rural areas, the spacing of connections from parallel service roads and of intersections should not be closer than 500 metres, wherever feasible.
4. Where service road is not feasible, individual driveways to private properties should not be spaced closer than 100 metre from each other or from an intersection in rural areas.

5. On highways with dual carriageway (4 lane with median), median openings should generally be limited to intersection with public roads and should not be permitted for individual needs. Where intersections are far apart, median openings may be provided at intervals of 1 Km. for permitting U-turn and diversion of traffic to one of the carriageways at times of emergency or major repairs.

6. The geometrics of the driveways and service roads should conform to requisite standards conducive to smooth traffic flow as given in I.R.C. code, PWD (B&R) standards/specifications, and MoRT&H letter No.RW/NH-33023/19/99-DOIII dated 31st August, 2000.

7. In all cases where access is permitted, the XEN shall, execute a lease deed in the prescribed format with the property owner/user, after payment of required fees & charges, as per paragraph 7.59, 7.60 and 7.61 of PWD(B&R) Manual of Orders.

8. In addition to lease money (ground rent) chargeable in accordance with Punjab Govt. instructions; the property owner/user will also be liable to pay access charges notified vide Department of Housing & Urban Development, Govt. of Punjab notification no. 3/151/6HG-1/3527, dated 14th April, 2005 as amended from time to time, wherever applicable.

9. In cases where access is to be given to a residential/commercial colony the instructions issued by the Department of Housing and Urban Development vide their memo no. 18/182/06-6HG2/5598, dated 17/07/2007(Copy enclosed) as amended from time to time, would also be adhered to.

10. These guidelines will apply with immediate effect.

Secretary Public Works