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Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(Highway Administration Cell)
Transport Bhawan, 1 Parliament Street New Delhi - 110001

Dated: 24th March, 2026

To,

1. The Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments/UTs
2. The Director General (RD) and Special Secretary , Government of India,
3. The Principal Secretaries / Secretaries of all states /UTs Public Works Department
4. All the Engineering Chief and Chief Engineer of Public Works Department of state/UTs dealing with the National Highways and other centrally sponsored schemes
5. The Director General (Border Roads), Seema Sadak Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. The Chairman, National Highway Authority of India
7. The Managing Director, NHIDCL
8. All Regional Officers of Ministry/NHAI and EDs of NHIDCL.

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Subject: Accelerated Approval Framework for City Gas Distribution (CGD) Infrastructure with reduced time lines for granting Right of Way Permissions and Access Permissions.

Reference:

- i. Ministry's guidelines no. RW/NH-33044/29/2015/S&R(R) dated 22.11.2016 and subsequent amendment for accommodation of public and industrial utilities in NH RoW.
- ii. Ministry's guidelines no RW/NH-3302/01/2017-S&R(R) dated 26.06.2020 and subsequent amendment regarding access permission to NHs.
- iii. D.O. no. L-16016/6/2026 GP.I dated 16.03.2026 from Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

Sir/Madam,

In view of the prevailing constraints in LPG availability and the need for expeditious expansion of City Gas Distribution (CGD) infrastructure, it has been decided to adopt an "Accelerated Approval Framework for CGD Infrastructure with reduced timelines" as a special measure for **3 months**, without altering the existing policy framework for granting Right of Way (RoW) permissions and access permissions to National Highways.

2. Under this framework, applications pertaining to CGD infrastructure shall be processed on priority as per the following:.

A. For RoW Permissions:

- i. Proposals for grant of RoW permission for laying of gas pipelines along National Highways shall be processed in an expedited manner with a reduced timeline of **15 days**, in line with the approach adopted for BharatNet projects.
- ii. For the limited period of operation of this framework, the requirement of placing such proposals in the public domain is dispensed with, to avoid procedural delays.
- iii. All such proposals may be processed through Rajmarg Pravesh Portal to ensure time-bound disposal.
- iv. The powers for grant of approval shall continue to vest with the Regional Officers/Competent Authorities under the provisions of the Control of National Highways (Land and Traffic) Act, 2002, and all decisions shall be taken at the field level in a time-bound manner.
- v. All technical, safety and codal provisions as stipulated in the extant Ministry's guidelines shall be strictly adhered to while granting approvals.

B. For Access Permissions (CNG/LCNG Stations):

- i. No change in existing guidelines is envisaged.
 - ii. However, all applications for access permission relating to CNG/LCNG stations shall be accorded priority and disposed of within a maximum period of **30 days** through the Rajmarg Pravesh portal, subject to fulfilment of prescribed norms.
3. It is further reiterated that any damage caused to National Highway assets during execution of works shall be recovered from the executing agency based on Schedule of Rates (SoR) plus 15% additional charges, along with supervision charges as per CPWD norms. Non-compliance in restoration shall invite appropriate action, including withholding of further permissions pertains to applicants till the recovery of the cost of restoration.
4. All Regional Officers of MORTH/NHAI and EDs of NHIDCL are hereby directed to strictly adhere to the above timelines and ensure expeditious processing of CGD-related proposals. Close monitoring of pendency and timely disposal shall be ensured at all levels.
5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(Ganesh B. Shelar)
Executive Engineer (NFSG)

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- i. Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas: for information and necessary action.
- ii. Chief Engineer (S&R) , MoRT&H.
- iii. Director (NIC): for uploading on Ministry's Website on "Whats New" and under 'Compendium' of the Circular