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### Invitation of Public Comments

**Sub:** NHAI - Madurai Region - Highway Administration - Access Permission to Retail Outlets under PIU Karaikudi - Proposal for granting NOC and Construction of approach road & culvert in front of MS/HSD Retail Outlet by M/s IOCL from Km164/615 to Km164/655 on RHS of Karaikudi - Ramanathapuram section of NH 210 in Survey No. 408/4A & 408/4B2 of Devipattinam village, Ramanathapuram Taluk & District - **Proposal for Issue of Extension of Time for In-Principle Approval/Provisional NOC - Requested upto 31.12.2021 - Reg.**

The proposal is regarding Permission for construction of culvert and approaches road for the Retail outlet of M/s. IOCL on RHS at Km164/615 to Km164/655 on RHS of Karaikudi - Ramanathapuram section of NH 210 in Survey No. 408/4A & 408/4B2 of Devipattinam village, Ramanathapuram Taluk & District in Tamil Nadu.

2) RO, MoRTH, Chennai vide letter No. RW-MD/TN/NH 210/ROL/54/ 2017-18 dated 22.08.2017 had accorded "In-principle" approval for construction of culvert and approaches road for the Retail outlet of M/s IOCL on RHS at Km164/615 to Km164/655 on RHS of Karaikudi - Ramanathapuram section of NH 210 in Survey No. 408/4A & 408/4B2 of Devipattinam village, Ramanathapuram Taluk & District in Tamil Nadu. Also it was mentioned that in case, the construction was not done in one year the provisional approval shall be deemed to be cancelled unless got renewed.

3) However, the NOC from the District Revenue officer i.e. District Magistrate was not received on time & received only on 28.11.2020 due to COVID-19. Based on the NOC received from the District Magistrate, M/s. IOCL, Madurai, the Retail Outlet agency has requested for "Extension of Time" to PIU, Karaikudi vide letter No. IOCL/MDUDO/SRMP 2014/NHAI dated: 06.01.2021, however, "In-Principle" period was already lapsed for more

than 4 years since the approved “in-principle” period was in force for the period from 22.08.2017 to 21.08.2018.

4) Subsequently, PD, PIU, Karaikudi vide letter No. NHAI/PIU/Karaikudi/11024/11/2021/95 dated 18.01.2021 has recommended the proposal for extension of the Provisional NOC for further 01 year upto 31.12.2021 to this office. Upon examining the proposal, this office vide letter No. NHAI/15018/1.3/ 2019/RO Madurai/E:7773/642 dated 12.04.2021, it is noted that the extension beyond 01 year from the expiry date of Provisional NOC is beyond the powers delegated to Regional Officer. As per Para 3(c) of the amendment issued by MoRTH dated: 28.01.2021, In case of any conflict on ground needing any relaxation in MoRTH revised Guidelines dated 26.06.2020, the relaxation may be granted with the approval of Minister (RT&H). In this connection this office had requested the PD, Karaikudi to submit a comprehensive proposal including the proposal submitted at the time of granting provisional NOC along with approved drawings, chronology of events from the dated of issuing Provisional NOC and recommendations of Project Director for further processing.

5) In this connection PD, Karaikudi had obtained from M/s.IOCL, Madurai the comprehensive proposal including the approval drawings (Triplicate) along with chronological events from the date of issuing Provisional NOC till the clearance obtained from Revenue Authorities for the said Retail Outlet and has submitted the same vide letter No. NHAI/PIU/Karaikudi/11024/11/2021/1053 dated: 09.07.2021 to this office. PD, Karaikudi has recommended that considering prevailing situation of COVID-19 pandemic, the extension of time upto 31.12.2021 may be considered.

6) As per Ministry’s letter No. RW-NH-33023/19/99-DO-III dated 01.12.2014 “the highway administration may grant one time extension upto one year for the period of construction on genuine grounds with proper justification for the delay. In this instant case, the requested EOT period is beyond 2 years. Hence, the Policy guidelines do not cover beyond the one time extension of one year period i.e. beyond 21.08.2019. However, the Retail Outlet Agency has requested to issue the extension of time upto 31.12.2021 i.e. more than 2 Years delayed beyond 21.08.2019. As such, issue of extension beyond already granted “In-

Principle” approval for construction of culvert and approaches road for the Retail outlet i.e. M/s IOCL on (RHS) at Km164/615 to Km164/655 on RHS of Karaikudi - Ramanathapuram section of NH 210 in Survey No. 408/4A & 408/4B2 of Devipattinam village, Ramanathapuram Taluk & District in Tamil Nadu, upto 31.12.2021 will tantamount to relaxation.

In view of the above, comments of the public on the above proposal is invited to the below mentioned address within a period of one month from the date of inviting comments:

The Regional Officer,  
National Highways Authority of India,  
2nd & 3rd Floor, Vijay Krishna Plaza,  
No.1, Lake Area, Melur Main Road, Mattuthavani,  
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Yours Faithfully,

Encl: As Above.

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