

Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi, dated 20 July, 2016.

To

1. The Chairman,
National Highways Authority of India,
G-5&6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110 075.
2. The Managing Director,
National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited,
PTI Building, Sansad Marg, New Delhi – 110 001.

SUBJECT : Guidelines for monitoring of Land Acquisition for NH Projects - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to say that for the purpose of rigorous monitoring and follow up of various sub-steps for each process of acquisition of land for National Highways(NH) projects so as to achieve target time, the guidelines for monitoring of land acquisition have since been issued vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 19th April, 2016. In sub-paragraphs 2.(iii) and (iv) of these guidelines, the provision for appointment of additional Competent Authority for Land Acquisition(CALA) in order to ensure that the nominated CALAs are not over-burdened, time-limits for various steps for land acquisition and maintenance of a record of performance of the CALAs have since been prescribed.

2. However, keeping in view the pre-occupation of the CALAs in their own assigned work, the point of the capacity of the CALAs to handle the work related to determination of the amount of compensation for acquisition of land for NH projects was under consideration in this Ministry and it has now been held that besides the monetary criteria prescribed in sub-paragraph 2.(ii) of the aforesaid guidelines dated 19.4.2016, the quantum of the land acquisition related work to be handled by the CALAs is also required to be kept into consideration while appointment of CALAs are made. Accordingly, it has been decided that besides the above-said monetary criteria, it may also be ensured that a particular CALA is assigned land acquisition cases involving a maximum of approximately 500($\pm 10\%$) land owners. If land acquisition cases involving more land owners than this limit, then appointment of additional CALA may be resorted to rationally divide the work.

3. Further, it has also been observed that a number of awards determined by the CALAs are referred for arbitration. The Arbitrators appointed are again so pre-occupied in their own assigned work, that they become overburdened with such arbitration cases. Slow disposal of the arbitration cases are also contributing towards delay in completion of the land acquisition process resulting into delay in implementation of the NH projects. In order to make the land acquisition process smooth and hassle-free, it has been further decided that it may be ensured to assign a maximum of approximately 150($\pm 10\%$) land acquisition arbitration cases to a particular Arbitrator. If land acquisition arbitration cases is more than this limit, then appointment of additional Arbitrator may be resorted to rationally divide the work.

4. You are, therefore, requested to take appropriate action on the above lines so as to ensure timely completion of land acquisition for awarding the projects without any delay.

Yours faithfully,

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