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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS  
S&R(P&B) Section  
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To

1. The Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments/ UTs
2. The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of all States/ UTs Public Works Department dealing with National Highways, other centrally sponsored schemes.
3. All Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of Public Works Department of States/ UTs dealing with National Highways, other centrally sponsored schemes.
4. The Director General (Border Roads), Seema Sadak Bhawan, Ring Road, New Delhi- 110 010.
5. The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, G-5 & 6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110 075.
6. The Managing Director, NHIDCL, PTI Building, New Delhi-110001
7. All CE-ROs, ROs and ELOs of the Ministry

**Sub. : Project Preparation for 'in principle' declared National Highways**

Several Consultancy assignments for preparation of feasibility report/DPR has been awarded for the state Highways/Roads proposed to be converted to National Highways (in principle NH). However, some of these consultancy assignments are on hold due to pending policy decision on declaration of these stretches as National Highways. There have been several representations by various Consultants and other stakeholders to either take up these projects or close them and to release the payments due to the Consultants. Besides this, key personnel deployed on such DPRs are unable to be deployed on other projects. It has therefore been decided to proceed with these consultancy assignments in the following manner:-

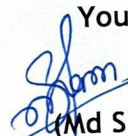
- a. The stretches already decided not to be declared as National Highways, may be closed at inception level and payment to the consultant up to that stage may be released.
- b. The other stretches, the final feasibility report may be got prepared from the consultant and approved it by the concerned officer as per the delegation. These consultancy assignment is to be closed at the final feasibility stage and payment up to that stage is to be made to the consultant. The Regional Office shall ensure that all final feasibility stage has been completed by consultant.

  
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- c. In case consultant has completed the task beyond the final feasibility stage also, the regional officers shall ensure that all the activities upto final feasibility stage has been completed by consultant and got it approved by concerned officer. In such cases the consultancy assignments is to be close to the nearest stage of the project preparation and payment up to that stage may be released.
- d. The completed inception report or the final feasibility report or other stage report may be shared with state government for their reference/utilization if state government intend to develop those stretches through their own resources and also utilize the services of the consultant for further stage based on mutual agreement between the state government and consultant.
- e. The key personnel engaged for these consultancy assignments may be fielded by the consultant for other consultancy assignments if intended so by them.

Yours faithfully,

 28.7.2020  
(Md Shadab Imam)

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For Director General (Road Development) & SS

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