

No. RW/NH-34066/11/2004-S&R(B)

Dated the 12th April, 2004

To

The Secretaries of States/Union Territories, Public Works Departments (dealing with National Highways and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes), All Chief Engineers of States/Union Territories (dealing with National Highways and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes), The Director General (Border Roads).

Subject: Four-Laning & Strengthening of the existing Two Lane stretches on NH-6 from KM 17.600 to Km 136.00 in the State of West Bengal (Contract Packages WB-I, WB-II & WB-III)-Regarding collapse of one span of ROB at Km 23.851 in the Dankuni - Kolaghat Section of NH-6 (WB-I).

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the warning letter No. NHAI/12014/GQ/2003/SC/Tech/CPD/151 dated 24/25.02.2004 issued to the supervision consultants M/s ICT & SNC Lavalin (JV) by NHAI on the subject above. The content of said letter is self explanatory.

(Enclosure of Ministry's letter No. RW/NH-34066/11/2004-S&R(B) dated the 12th April, 2004)

Issued by NHAI to M/s I.C.T. Pvt. Ltd. and M/s SNC Lavalin International Inc. M/s ICT SNC Lavalin (JV) were appointed as Supervision Consultant for the above project on Donkuni-Kharagpur Section of NH-6 which inter alia included the construction of a ROB at km 23.851 in WB-I package.

During execution of work of ROB at km 23.851 on Dankuni-Kharagpur Section, one span of super structure (A-1 to P-1) the first span from the Kolkata side which was cast on 20.1.2003 collapsed on 29.1.2003 at 3.30 PM. This also resulted in the death of one person. After detailed scrutiny of the matter it was found that there had been laxity on your part in supervision of the work.

This incident has resulted in loss of reputation and public trust of the National Highways Authority of India and has been viewed very seriously by the Competent Authority. In view thereof, vide letter dt. 7.11.2003, you were called upon to Show-Cause explaining the reasons and giving justification if any, as to why you should not be debarred from participating in any Bidding Process or award of works/contracts of the National Highways Authority of India for a period of one year.

You were also heard in person through your representative by the Committee and after personal hearing and examining the matter and considering the material on record, the competent Authority has found that there has been laxity on your part in supervision of the work which caused the collapse of the span of ROB.

You are, therefore, warned to be careful so that such an occurrence is not repeated in future. Failure to do so will entail severe action. Intimation about this warning will also be circulated to all the State Governments/Government Departments.

The Competent Authority has also decided that your firm will be liable to the National Highways Authority of India for additional cost incurred due to delay and for rehabilitation of span of ROB, to the extent provided in the contract including invocation of the professional liability Insurance to claim the maximum compensation.

This is without prejudice to the right/s of the National Highways Authority of India to recover damages for additional cost incurred due to delay and for rehabilitation of span of ROB and any other right/s under the subject contract or any law for the time being in force.