



**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS
(P&M Section)**

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Ministry has been receiving complaints about poor quality of construction of roads from various quarters. We are also receiving complaints from road users about poor quality of services provided by the Concessionaires on stretches developed through private sector participation. Besides, road safety is another area of concern for the Ministry, as NHs being the important roads, contribute major share in fatalities too. Presently, mechanism available for check on any/all of these issues by the Regional Officer of the Ministry is not adequate. Accordingly it is decided to engage independent expert (National Project Monitors (NPM)) to assist Regional Officers in project preparation, quality check during implementation, check on services rendered by the Concessionaire, advise measures for timely completion of the project and road safety related issues which will inter-alia include safety audit of the stretch at the time of preparation of developmental proposals and during its implementation, identification of the black spots and advise on rectification method including efficacy of the treatment.

2. Selection of NPM/ Procedure for empanelling an Individual on panel:

NPM shall be empanelled by a committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (RTH). Initially empanelment shall be valid for 3 years and can be reviewed thereafter. To be eligible for being empanelled as NPM, one must have at least ten years of experience in highway sector and should have retired from the post of SE and above. Reputed technical and Research institutes can also be empanelled as NPM.

Services of the NPM shall be availed by Regional Officers. Besides, services of NPM can be availed by Ministry. RO/ Ministry is free to select any one depending upon availability /suitability from the list subject to condition that generally the same work/stretch will not be inspected by the same NPM more than twice.

In order to ensure the quality of the NPM, there will be system of review of their performance periodically based on the feedback from Regional Officer/Ministry about his services. In case of adverse remark about services the person's name can be deleted from the list.

3. Fee and Charges

NPM will be paid @Rs.3500/day as honorarium in addition to DA @ 500 per day. Besides, they will be entitled for travel expenses and up to Rs.3500/day towards lodging charges. All costs including the cost of testing etc shall be charged to provision of quality control charges available in each work.

4. Assistance to NPM:

NPM will be doing sampling and in no way dilute the responsibility of ensuring the quality of work and services, safety and timely completion from the implementing agency. They will take assistance of PWD/RO/NHAI or even NABL accredited labs / Government Engineering Colleges for the purpose of testing. While deciding the testing centre NPM will take approval from the RO/Ministry.

5. This may be brought to the notice of all concern.

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