

F. No. RW/NH-29011/11/2015-P&M (SCE)
Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(Road Safety)
Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi

By Email

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Subject: Road Safety Audit at the stage of Engineering Designs of New Roads.

Sir/ Madam,

The Ministry has undertaken various schemes for development of National Highway networks in the Country. While planning for development/ upgradation of National Highways, there is a need to address inherent deficiencies in terms of alignment/ geometry, land width and other road safety hazards and hence greater emphasis needs to be given to various road engineering related Road Safety aspects.

2. These issues are best addressed at the DPR/ Road Engineering Design stages. While the DPR consultants are required to engage Road Safety Experts as part of their teams, the IE/AE/SC is tasked with the approval of drawings. It is critically important that the DPR Consultants fulfill their professional obligations to address the issues relating to road geometry and other associated safety aspects in the DPR in itself, the IE/AE/SC is expected to take care of the same while approving the engineering designs. As such, it has been directed by Competent Authority in the Ministry that the concerned officers of the Project Implementation Agencies (NHAI/ NHIDCL/ State PWDs/ BRO) shall ensure that the DPR consultant gives a certificate in the DPR that they have addressed the safety related concerns with inputs from the road safety expert (to be named) and the IE/AE/SC issues an identical certificate for having taken care of the safety aspects while approving the engineering designs. These Road Safety Audit measures have to be carried out for all the new roads projects having length of 5 Km or more at the stage of Detail Project Report (DPR)/ Engineering Designs.

Yours faithfully


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