

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS**

Transport Bhawan
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi- 110 001

No. NH-11065/4/2012-P&M(Pt-II)

Dated the 12th April, 2012

To

1. The Principal Secretaries / Secretaries of States/Union Territories, Public Works Departments (Dealing with National Highways, other Centrally sponsored schemes and State Schemes)
2. The Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of Public Works Departments of State/Union Territories (Dealing with National Highway Works)
3. The Chairman, NHAI, G-5&6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi- 110 045
4. The DGBR (BRO), Seema Sadak Bhawan, Naraina, New Delhi

Sub: Correction of Defects and Defect Liability Period under Standard Bidding Document—certain amendments—reg.

Sir,

This has reference to the Ministry's letter No. RW/NH-12014/5/2010/SP(MP)/P-9, dated 4.11.2010 on the above mentioned subject, inter-alia, amending Section 4, Contract Data, Sl. No. (iv) Page-62 of the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) of this Ministry to stipulate the Defect Liability Period as 3 years from the date of completion.

2. The above stipulations have been reviewed and it emerged that it would be appropriate to distinguish between works where structural layers have been provided and work where only surfacing has been done. Further, the defect liability period of 3 years is reasonable in cases where scope of the work involved provision of structural layer, i.e. strengthening, but is not reasonable for work involving surfacing only as being done in periodical renewal.

3. Accordingly, in partial modification of the above mentioned stipulations circulated vide Ministry's letter No. RW/NH-12014/5/2010/SP(MP)/P-9, dated 4.11.2010, the following amendments may be read in the SBD:-

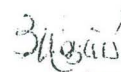
Section 4, Contract Data, Sl. No. 4, Page-62	The Defects Liability Period is 365 days from the date of completion.	The Defects Liability Period is 3 years from the date of completion in case where the bituminous thickness is equal to or more than 40 mm. However, in case of works where bituminous thickness is less than 40 mm, the Defects Liability Period is 365 days from the date of completion.
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4. The above instruction may be brought to the notice of all concerned for immediate compliance and necessary amendments must be carried out in the SBD. This would be effective from the date of its issue.

5. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Wing vide U.O. No. 2652/TF-II/11, dated 28.3.2012 and approval of the Competent Authority

Yours faithfully,



(R.K. Pandey)

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For Director General (Road Development) & Special Secretary

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