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Government of India

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways

(Highway Section)

Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Date: December, 2025

To

1. The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, G-5 7 6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075
2. The Managing Director, NHIDCL, PTI Building, New Delhi-110001
3. Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of all States/UTs Public Works Department/ Road Construction Department/ Highways Department (dealing with National Highways and other centrally sponsored schemes)
4. All Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of Public Works Department/ Road Construction Department/ Highways Department (dealing with National Highways and other centrally sponsored schemes)
5. The DirectorGeneral, Border Roads, Seema Sadak Bhawan, Ring Road, New Delhi-110010
6. All CE-ROs, ROs and ELOs of the ministry of Road Transport & Highways

Subject: Modification in qualification criteria for EPC projects- reg.

Ref: Standard RFP for EPC Projects issued by Ministry's Letter No.RW/NH-37010/4/2010/EAP (Printing) Vol.-IV dated 05.03.2019 and its subsequent amendments.

Sir,

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has issued standard RFP for EPC contracts on 05.03.2019 and its subsequent amendments specifying the qualification criteria for selection of bidders for EPC projects.

2. In recent times, the Ministry has come across a number of catastrophic failures due to construction defects. Accordingly, the Ministry has approved certain modifications in eligibility conditions to act as a deterrent. These modifications are attached at the Annexure.

3. The relevant provisions of the standard RFP of EPC Projects stand modified accordingly. All the executing agencies of MoRTH are directed to implement the aforesaid changes with immediate effect.

4. The implementing agencies are also requested to identify major failures found out during last 02 years for notification as 'Catastrophic Failure' by the Ministry. The proposal in this regard shall be submitted to the Deputy Secretary (Highway) with approval of the concerned Agency Head by 15th January, 2026. In case of new incidents, the proposal shall be submitted within 30 days of such an incident.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
Harleen Kaur
Date: 22-12-2025
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Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India

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- ✓ 6. Director (NIC), MoRTH for uploading on the Ministry's website and e-office

Annexure

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA FOR EPC PROJECTS

S. No.	Clause No	Current Criteria	Draft Proposal	Remarks
1	2.2.2.10	Deleted	The Bidder including any Joint Venture member shall be deemed to be a non-eligible party, if, in any of the project (on-going/Completed) in last 2 years from the bid due date, catastrophic failure of Structure/Highway due to construction defect(s) has occurred. (Such event shall be notified by the Ministry).	Evaluation Committee shall record its finding in respect of the above in Technical evaluation.

			The Bidder is required to submit the undertaking in the proforma prescribed in Appendix-XII	
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Appendix XII

Undertaking

Proforma to declare the event of Failure of catastrophic nature (Ref Clause 2.2.2.10)

I _____ undertake that neither the lead partner nor any member of Joint Venture, in any of the project(on-going/Completed) undertaken in last 2 years, has catastrophic failure of Structure/Highway due to construction defect(s).

2. I further undertake that the information is correct to the best of my knowledge and Authority is free to take punitive action including disqualification from the tender process and/or debarment for the period upto 2 years or as specified in RFP, in case, the information is found to be false.

(Signature)

(Name)