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Government of India  
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways  
(Highways Section)  
Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi – 110001

Dated the 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

**Office Memorandum**

**Subject: One Time Settlement of contractual disputes on similar lines as Vivad se Vishwas II (Contractual Disputes) under Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.**

Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, vide O.M. No. F.1/7/2022-PPD dated 29.05.2023, has formulated a one-time settlement scheme, Vivad Se Vishwas-II (Contractual Disputes), with the following criteria for eligibility of settlement: -

Status of dispute	The award shall have been issued upto the following date
Arbitral Award Passed	31.01.2023
Court Order Passed	30.04.2023

The last date for submission of claims under the above scheme has been extended upto 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024.

2. As the number of contractual disputes in the Ministry and its subordinate organizations pertaining to arbitral awards/court orders passed after the above eligibility dates is large, the matter was taken up with Ministry of Finance to extend the cut-off dates of arbitral awards and court orders under Vivad-se-Vishwas-II.

However, while extending the date of submission of schemes, the Ministry of Finance advised that MoRTH is free to take a decision to apply the same/similar norms as in the Vivad-se-Vishwas-II Scheme, if deemed fit, using conciliation mechanism under Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

3. Accordingly, after a careful consideration, the Ministry has decided to implement a one-time settlement scheme on the same principles and provisions as Vivad se Vishwas-II to resolve maximum number of contractual disputes with the

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following criteria of eligibility for settlement:

- i. Arbitral Awards passed upto 30.9.2023
  - ii. Court orders passed upto 31.12.2023.
4. The claims under the Scheme can be submitted till 31.03.2024, through Government e-Marketplace (GeM) for which GeM will provide a dedicated link for implementation of this Scheme of MoRTH.
5. The scheme shall also be applicable to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL).

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To

1. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure
2. Chairman, NHAI
3. DG(RD) & SS, MoRTH
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5. NHBF
6. CEO/GeM with the request to provide a dedicated link for filing of claim under above scheme of MoRTH, separate from Vivad-se-Vishwas-II Scheme notified by Ministry of Finance.

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