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 Government of India
 Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
 Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

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CIRCULAR

To,

1. The Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments/ UTs.
2. The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of all States/ UTs Public Works Department/ Road Construction Department/ Highways Department (dealing with National Highways and other centrally sponsored schemes).
3. The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, G-5 & 6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075.
4. The Managing Director, NHIDCL, 1 st & 2 nd floor, Tower-A, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029.
5. The Director General (Border Roads), Seema Sadak Bhawan, Ring Road, New Delhi-110010.
6. All Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of Public Works Department of States/ UTs/ Road Construction Department/ Highways Departments (dealing with National Highways and other centrally sponsored schemes).
7. The Secretary General, Indian Roads Congress
8. The Director, IAHE, Noida, UP
9. All CE-ROs, ROs and ELOs of the Ministry.

Subject: Rating of DPR Consultant on National Highways Project-Amendment in evaluation criteria reg.

Reference: Ministry's circular no. RW/NH-33044/29/2021-5&R(P&B) Part (Comp No 248404) dated 29.09.2025

Madam/Sir,

Please refer to above mentioned circular vide which methodology and evaluation criteria for assessment of rating of DPR consultants have been issued.

2. With a view to further refining the assessment process, certain amendments to the existing rating criteria have been approved. These amendments are detailed in **Annexure-A**, attached herewith
3. All concerned executing agencies are hereby directed that the evaluation and rating of DPR Consultants shall henceforth be carried out in accordance with these **revised criteria** with immediate effect
4. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours Faithfully,

(Akil Ahmad)

Superintending Engineer

For DG(RD)&SS

Encl: Annexure-A

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Modifications proposed in MoRT&H Circular No. RW/NH-33044/29/2021-S&R(P&B) (C. No. 248404) regarding Rating of DPR Consultants on National Highways Projects:

I) At Annexure-I, Assessment Criteria and marking scheme for Normal Highway Projects-

Sr. No.	Reference	Existing Provision				Modified Provision			
1	Sr. No. 3, Delay in Declaration of Appointed Date due to Non-receipt of forest /wildlife /ESZ clearance	Difference in Deadline for declaration of Appointed date as per CA and actual date of achieving Stage-I Forest Clearance. The role of DPR Consultant to be evaluated based on the following parameters: • Timely submission on Parivesh Portal • Timely Compliance to EDS Observations on Parivesh Portal • Non identification of forest area/wildlife/Eco Sensitive/Buffer Zone in DPR	5	• Submission on Parivesh Portal from alignment approval Delay in days <30 days – 1.5 >30<45 days – 1.0 >45 days – 0.0	1.5	Difference in Deadline for declaration of Appointed date as per CA and actual date of achieving Stage-I Forest Clearance. The role of DPR Consultant to be evaluated based on the following parameters: • Timely submission on Parivesh Portal • Timely Compliance to EDS Observations on Parivesh Portal • Non identification of forest area/wildlife/Eco Sensitive/Buffer Zone in DPR	10	• Submission on Parivesh Portal from alignment approval Delay in days <30 days – 3.0 >30<45 days – 2.0 >45 days – 0.0	3
			1.5	• Timely Compliance to EDS Observations on Parivesh Portal Delay in days <7 days – 1.5 >7-14 days – 1.0 >14 days – 0.0	1.5		• Timely Compliance to EDS Observations on Parivesh Portal Delay in days <7 days – 3.0 >7-14 days – 2.0 >14 days – 0.0	3	
			1.5	• Non identification of forest area/wildlife/Eco Sensitive/Buffer Zone in DPR Identified completely – 2 Not Identified – 0 (In case of non-identification of forest area of more than 1 hectare, then complete 5 marks will become 0)	2.0		• Non identification of forest area/wildlife/Eco Sensitive/Buffer Zone in DPR Identified completely – 4 Not Identified – 0 (In case of non-identification of forest area of more than 1 hectare, then complete 10 marks will become 0)	4	
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Sr. No.	Reference	Existing Provision		Modified Provision	
2	Sr. No. 6, COS/variation order in Project due to incorrect utility shifting estimation	COS on account of utility shifting as % of total estimated project cost by the DPR consultant	Marks	COS on account of utility shifting as % of total estimated project cost by the DPR consultant	Marks
		Upto 0.5%	5	Upto 0.5%	6
		0.5-1%	3	0.5-1%	4
		2-3%	1.5	1-2%	3
		More than 3%	0	2-3%	2.5
				More than 3%	0

II) At Para 2 of Instant Circular-

Sr. No.	Reference	Existing Provision	Modified Provision
1	Para 2	<p>In order to assess the rating respectively. The eligible projects meeting the following criteria shall be selected for rating:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Projects where 180 days have elapsed after Appointed Date (AD). Projects wherein Provisional Completion/Completion has been issued. 4/6 laning projects longer than 10 km and 2 laning project longer than 25 km to be considered for rating. Above identified projects in last 3 Financial Years shall be considered for preparation of rating i.e. for instance FY 2024-25, 2023-24 and 2022-23 be assessed in FY 2025-26. 	<p>In order to assess the rating respectively. The eligible projects meeting the following criteria shall be selected for rating:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Projects where 180 days have elapsed after Appointed Date (AD). Projects wherein Provisional Completion/Completion has been issued. 4/6 laning projects longer than 10 km and 2 laning project longer than 25 km to be considered for rating. Above identified projects in last 3 Financial Years shall be considered for preparation of rating i.e. for instance FY 2024-25, 2023-24 and 2022-23 be assessed in FY 2025-26. In case of Normal Highway Projects where only single project of a DPR Consultant qualifies for rating as per above principles, then rating shall be done for said single project provided Civil Works for the said project is at least ₹500 crore.