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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, Naujosi 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-SBR(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	<p>Sr. No. 3,</p> <p>Delay in Declaration of Appointed Date due to Non-receipt of forest /wildlife /ESZ clearance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>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:</p> <p>• Submission on Parivesh Portal from alignment approval</p> <p>Delay in days <30 days – 1.5 >30<45 days – 1.0 >45 days – 0.0</p> <p>• Timely Compliance to EDS Observations on Parivesh Portal</p> <p>Delay in days <7 days – 1.5 >7-14 days – 1.0 >14 days – 0.0</p> <p>• Non identification of forest area/wildlife/Eco Sensitive/Buffer Zone in DPR</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1.5</p> <p>1.5</p> <p>2</p>	<p>1.5</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>• Submission on Parivesh Portal from alignment approval</p> <p>Delay in days <30 days – 3.0 >30<45 days – 2.0 >45 days – 0.0</p> <p>• Timely Compliance to EDS Observations on Parivesh Portal</p> <p>Delay in days <7 days – 3.0 >7-14 days – 2.0 >14 days – 0.0</p> <p>• Non identification of forest area/wildlife/Eco Sensitive/Buffer Zone in DPR</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p>

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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
	1-2%	1.5		1-2%	3
	2-3%	0		2-3%	2.5
	More than 3%			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.