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**No.NH-11011/30(1)/2016-LA**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Road Transport & Highways**  
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Transport Bhawan,  
Parliament Street,  
New Delhi dated 03<sup>rd</sup> August, 2016

To,

1. The Chairman,  
National Highways Authority of India  
G-5&6, Sector- 10, Dwarka, New Delhi-75
2. Principal Secretary/Secretary,  
Public Works Department/Revenue,  
State Government of Punjab

**Subject: Bulk acquisition/purchase of land through consent of land owners - reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of No.NH-11011/30/2016-LA dated 27.05.2016 and Government of Punjab's letter no.24/81/16 LRI/16052 dated 29.07.2016 on the subject cited above.

2. The competent authority in this Ministry has decided that while land for NH projects can continue to be acquired under the relevant provisions/sections of the National Highways Act, 1956, in consonance with the applicable provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RFCTLARR) Act, 2013, wherever feasible, land for NH projects can also be procured in the State of Punjab in accordance with the Government of Punjab's Notification No. 24/109/2015-LR-1/9877 dated 18.05.2016 (copy enclosed).

3. This may be brought into the notice of all concerned authorities dealing with the acquisition of land in the state of Punjab and it may be ensured that all determination of compensation for acquisition of land/bulk purchase of the land on consent basis is in consonance with the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RFCTLARR) Act, 2013 and respective State Government's land laws/policies.

Yours faithfully,

Encl. As Above

  
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