

NH-12021/01/DG(RD)&SS/2023
Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(Planning Zone)

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

Dated: 01st July, 2025

To,

1. The Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments/ UTs.
2. Chairman, NHAI
3. 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).
4. The Director General (Border Roads), Seema Sadak Bhawan, Ring Road, New Delhi- 110 010.
5. MD, NHIDCL
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. All CE-ROs, ROs and ELOs of the Ministry.

Subject: Project Preparation for Ongoing DPRs delayed for more than 3 years- Reg.

Ref:

- i. Ministry's Letter no. H-39011/30/2015-P&P (Pt.-I), dated 12.03.2019.
- ii. Ministry Letter no. RW/NH-33044/24/2020-S&R(P&B) dated 04.05.2022.
- iii. Ministry's Letter no NH-15017/17/2016-P&M, dated 27.03.2025.

Madam / Sir,

Kind attention is drawn to the Ministry's letter under ref. no. (i) wherein Ministry has issued detailed guidelines for Procurement, Preparation, Review and Approval of DPRs.

2. Para 4.5(e) of the circular at ref (i) above states that the timeline for preparation of DPR shall be 10 months and the timeline for scrutiny of DPR shall be 2 months.

3. Further vide circular dated 27.03.2025, Ministry has issued the delegation of powers for EOT of DPRs of National Highway projects under State PWDs/RCDs/BRO/PIUs considering the issues being faced in the field based considering references received from the executing agencies /ROs of the Ministry.

4. Taking into consideration the timelines mentioned in the ibid circulars and Ministry standard RFP, It has been decided accordingly to follow the revised procedure given below for the ongoing DPRs awarded by all executing agencies viz, NHAI, NHIDCL and State PWDs/ BRO/ PIUs wherein the projects arising from the DPR consultancy services have not been taken up for appraisal or approval 3 years from the date of commencement of services of

DPR consultants shall be foreclosed, including the following:-

- In case the Alignment Plan/Alignment options/Draft DPR has not been submitted by the DPR Consultant for the DPRs initiated prior to and including FY 2022-23 ,
 - For the DPRs where alignment was approved prior to the constitution of Alignment Approval Committee vide Ministry OM dated 20.09.2024, which are still awaiting Wildlife/Forest Clearance/any other clearance and there exist no chances of fructifying DPRs into project implementation in FY 2025-26.
5. Any other DPR not covered under para (4) of this letter shall be reviewed by concerned Zonal head (MoRTH), Member (NHAI) and Director (NHIDCL) for foreclosure due to various reasons like Wildlife Clearance, Forest Clearance, Wildlife mitigation measures, ASI clearances, Defense restrictions, any ongoing Court Cases etc.
6. A separate direction has been issued to foreclose the DPR of in principle NHs vide Ministry's letter dated 04.05.2022. Compliance of this direction shall be reviewed by the Zonal heads.
7. The projects included in Annual Plan 2025-26 shall be exempted from the direction for foreclosure of DPRs
8. The ongoing DPRs identified for foreclosure, shall be closed on "as in where is basis" and as a one time measure the consolidated proposal for foreclosure including final payment and financial revalidation may be sent to Ministry for approval of the Competent Authority.
9. For all the foreclosed DPRs, final feasibility report or Detailed Project Report (if prepared) must be preserved in soft form. If the need arises to take-up a project in the future, the bids to be invited for DPRs shall invariably include the previous work done by earlier DPR Consultant to save cost. The procedure for the same shall be governed by Ministry's circular dated 27.03.2025.
10. In future too, DPR consultancy services which have not been taken up as projects for appraisal or approval within 3 years from the date of award of the DPR consultancy services shall be foreclosed and payments released.
11. Compliance of these directions in respect of all ongoing DPRs may be submitted by all the executing agencies viz, NHAI, NHIDCL and State PWDs/BRO/PIUs to the Planning Zone, MoRTH.
12. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Date: 01-07-2025

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