

Dated, the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## Office Memorandum

**Subject: Location of Toll Plazas on National Highways - reg.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject above and convey that toll plaza locations recommended by the consultants engaged for preparation of DPRs for NH projects sometimes pose problems at site during project implementation. Ensuring accountability on the part of DPR consultants and adequate participation and commitment of the concerned State Government authorities while finalizing toll plaza locations for NH projects is likely to address this issue.

2. Accordingly, the following guidelines shall be followed in this behalf for NH Projects to be awarded in future:

- (i) Toll Plaza locations recommended by the DPR consultants should be in conformity with the provisions of the **National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008** including applicable amendments in this behalf. In case of any deviations from the above Rules vis-a-vis the recommended locations for the Toll Plazas, a reasoned justification shall have to be provided by the DPR consultants. This requirement shall be suitably made a part of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the DPR consultants;
- (ii) The Project execution authorities shall obtain the concurrence of the concerned State Government(s) regarding the locations of Toll Plazas upfront before inviting bids for the projects or declaring the 'Appointed Dates' in respect of road projects, especially in cases where a NH project is being implemented near a state capital or any urban area eg. Ring roads/ bypasses around capital cities. The concerned State Government should be required to furnish a written consent in this behalf to the project authority.
- (iii) The concerned State Government must provide an undertaking to the project execution authority to continuously support the toll fees collection and compensate such authority for any loss / foregone toll revenues on account of any disruption in collection of toll fees for any reasons attributable to the state Government.

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