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NHAI/ Policy Guidelines/ Land Acquisition/ Consultants/2019
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Sub: Optimization of Planning and Execution of NH Projects.

As per the old guidelines regarding appraisal/approval of the projects, the first step used to be the land acquisition and the process of land acquisition used to be started after finalization of alignment by RO and pending the formal approval of the Project. As per these guidelines, the following milestones were to be achieved before the project is submitted for appraisal/PPPAC approval:

- (i) Notification under Section 3(A) of NH Act should have been issued for atleast 90% of the land area required for the project; and
- (ii) The total area of land in possession together with the area notified under Section 3(D) of NH Act should be atleast 60% of the area required for the project.
- (iii) As per timelines for NHAI Projects requiring approval by PPPAC/CCEA, the land acquisition has to be completed and possession of substantial land should be taken before the Project Appraisal & sanction.
- (iv) While considering the projects, SFC directed that proposal be placed before SFC only after publication of 3D notification for at atleast 80% of the balance land to be acquired.

2. Recently, Policy Guidelines [NHAI/Policy Guidelines No. 7.1.56/2019] dated 11th June, 2019 have been issued to proceed with the publication of 3A notification only after first stage appraisal of the project is complete.


3. It has now been decided that henceforth, a Committee headed by Chairman, NHAI, Member(A) (who is dealing with land acquisition) and the concerned Member would examine all new proposals for construction and development of National Highways as per viability of the project and also approve the alignment. This Committee would prepare the land acquisition plan and grant approval for proceeding with land acquisition (land acquisition plan can be upto 2 years in advance). Further action would be taken for land acquisition as per approved land acquisition plan. The expenditure on land acquisition would be incurred only after the project is approved by Competent Authority.

4. The above guidelines would be applicable for all 'New LA Cases'. For the purpose of Para-3 above, all LA cases where land acquisition has not reached 3D stage, i.e., either no land acquisition has started or land acquisition has reached

only 3A stage would be treated as "New LA Cases". This would include balance acquisition activities for the viable projects, where 3D stage has been reached only for some of the required land.

5. All Technical Divisions, ROs & PDs are hereby directed to follow the above methodology for processing the project proposals.

6. This issues with the approval of Chairman.


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