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NHAI/Policy Guidelines/COS/2019

No. 9.2.24/2019 dated the 29th April, 2019

[Decision taken by the Executive Committee in its 373rd held on 16.01.2019 at
Agenda Item No. 373.01]

Sub: Guidelines for discouraging Change of Scope (COS)/Reduction in Scope (RIS).

During its 373rd meeting held on 16.1.2019, Executive Committee has raised serious concern on frequent Change of Scope (COS) in projects leading to delays in completion of works as per original scope of works, unaccounted cost implications etc. Executive Committee has also observed that due to these changes of scope to indecisions on Reduction in Scope (RIS) of work, the scope of work remains open till scheduled date of project completion. The delays in project completion due to such COS/RIS attracts various claims from Contractors/Concessionaires related to idling, loss of overheads, toll loss, price escalation etc.

2 In view of the above, the Executive Committee has directed to discourage Change of Scope in awarded works. Change of Scope/Reduction in Scope in case of awarded project shall be finalized during the project design/development stage and incorporated in the project with the approval of the Competent Authority of NHAI within six months of Appointed Date. In exceptional cases, Change in Scope may be taken up after six months of Appointed Date duly recording the reasons/justifications for delays in identifying COS. **For under implementation projects, where Appointed Dates have occurred prior to six months from the date of these guidelines, pending COS/RIS proposals shall be decided and approved within 30 days of these guidelines.** Reduction in scope, if any, due to non-availability of land or any other valid reasons shall be decided as soon as noticed and shall not be left open. Any delays in this regard shall be viewed seriously and action will be taken against errant officers.

3 Executive Committee has also directed that while proposing Change of Scope/Reduction in Scope, the reasons for deficiency in scope of awarded work shall also be examined for necessary administrative action on the consultants/officers of NHAI, if required.

4. This issues with the approval of Chairman.



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