

## भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण

(सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय)

## National Highways Authority of India

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NHAI/AJ/EC/Ludhiana - Bathinda Greenfield/ 2020

Dated 14.12.2021

To
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Member Secretary (EAC)-Infra I,
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Project Name: Development of Access controlled Ludhiana - Bathinda Greenfield Highway Starting from Delhi-Katra Expressway near (Chainage 251+800 of NE-5) near Ludhiana (village Ballowal) and terminating at (Proposed Chainage 94+500) Amritsar - Bathinda Greenfield Highway at Bathinda near Rampura Phul as a part of Ludhiana - Ajmer Economic Corridor in the State of Punjab under Bharatmala Pariyojana (Total Length 78 Km) - Proposal Number: IA/PB/NCP/226213/2020

Sir,

The proposal for appraisal and grant of EC for the above-mentioned project was uploaded for inclusion in the EAC meeting to be held on 15.11.2021. However, as per the Proposal Status Section it was mentioned that the *Proposal has been returned due to shortcoming*. Further in the Essential Details Sought section, it has been stated that "The public hearing notice period of 1 month has not been followed. Justification may kindly be provided". Since Proposal was returned, PP tried uploading the necessary documents as EDS but the link was not active and matter was discussed with IA - III division and NIC cell MoEF&CC for advice.

- 2. As suggested/advised by MoEF&CC, the fresh proposal for the same project having Proposal Number: IA/PB/NCP/224881/2021 was uploaded for inclusion in the next EAC meeting held on 15.11.2021. This proposal was also returned. Later in the Proposal number IA/PB/NCP/236213/2020, the EDS link became active. Accordingly, the requisite details uploaded in the proposal number IA/PB/NCP/236213/2020 and requested for inclusion in the agenda of 281st meeting of Expert Appraisal Committee held on 24th - 25th November, 2021. However, the project was included in the EAC meeting dated 24th November 2021 as Agenda and proposal No. IA/PB/NCP/224881/2021 instead proposal IA/PB/NCP/236213/2020. Since both Proposal Numbers are of the same Project, the Project was discussed in the 281st meeting. However, it is learned that Minutes of Meeting of 281st EAC meeting does not include Agenda 3.4.due to confusion in the Proposal Number.
- 3. It is clarified that Proposal number IA/PB/NCP/224881/2021 and IA/PB/NCP/276213/2020 is for the same project which was appraised during 281<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

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4. Therefore, it is requested to issue MoM for the said project (i.e Agenda item No. 3.4 of 281<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021) and grant of Environment Clearance at the earliest.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully

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