

Reply of ESD dated 16 July 2020

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(i)	Copy of documents in support of the competence/authority is out dated that was submitted in response of EDS dated 11.08.2018. Submit the latest document.	Latest authorization letter is enclosed herewith.
(ii)	Please clarify that why the TOR is not mandatory for submission of this application as mentioned in column 6 of Form-2 of this application.	The User Agency is unable to modify the same. However, ToR letter & extension letter has been submitted as additional file.
(iii)	Baseline data was collected between March 2017 and May 2017, i.e., more than 3 years old. EIA/EMP report to be revised for incorporating fresh baseline data	<p>NHAI has completed all the formalities including the Public Hearing and prepared the Final EIA / EMP within valid period of baseline data.</p> <p>The Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority couldn't convene their meeting due to COVID 19 and their office specifically in Red Zone declared by concerned district administrations. MCZMA convene their meeting on 11th June 2020 and uploaded their minutes on 8th July, 2020. However, forwarding letter yet to be issued.</p> <p>The Director CZMA informed that their office further declared as a sensitive zone due to COVID 19 and closed including in and around area. They also informed the said letter can be issued as soon as relaxation of COVID 19</p>
(iv)	Traffic baseline data is more than 4 years old (data collection between 24 Feb - 7 March 2016) and Traffic survey locations map was prepared in year 2016. EIA/EMP report to be revised for incorporating fresh baseline data and maps related to traffic studies.	It is submitted the Traffic survey and all other baseline study was started after grant of approval of ToR by MoEF&CC. It may be mention that afresh traffic survey may not be required except there is any connection of new alignment or any traffic diversion from the proposed alignment because the projected traffic for the next 25 years has already been incorporated in EIA / EMP by using standard models and methodology as per IRC and MoRTH guidelines
(v)	It is mentioned that period of marine study was done on 3-4 April, 2017, however, no report has been uploaded. Instead in the relevant column, it is mentioned as Not Applicable. Please furnish clarification for contradictory	Marine study is neither applicable for the project nor mentioned in the ToR. However, the online Form was not accepting "Not Required". Therefore, we have to give some arbitrary date for the same.

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(vi)	Copy of recommendation letter from MCZMA is not submitted. Please upload the same	<p>The Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority couldn't convene their meeting due to COVID 19 and their office specifically in Red Zone declared by concerned district administrations. MCZMA convene their meeting on 11th June 2020 and uploaded their minutes on 8th July, 2020. However, forwarding letter yet to be issued.</p> <p>The Director CZMA informed that their office further declared as a sensitive zone due to COVID 19 and closed including in and around area. They also informed the said letter can be issued as soon as relaxation of COVID 19</p>
(vii)	As per minutes of MCZMA meeting, the length of the proposed alignment is 78.118, however, as per this EC+CRZ application length is 78.380. Please clarify in this regard.	<p>At the time of Form-1 submission in the year 2016, the start point of proposed expressway was km 26+320 and ends was km 104+700 (Total length 78.380 km). The ToR was issued accordingly.</p> <p>After detail design and processing the proposal for Forest Clearance and CRZ Clearance, minor amendment was made on their advice during joint inspection. It is submitted that minor change in length compare to the length proposed during ToR stage not any change in alignment or project features. This type of changes is very common for road project.</p>
(viii)	CRZ Maps as desired in Column 35.3 of Form-2 application are not uploaded.	CRZ map has already uploaded in the specified column of 34.2 of Form-2
(ix)	Copy of court order is not uploaded properly	Litigation is under regarding acquisition of land only no environmental concern. Therefore, the final order can only be submitted after disposal of matter from honourable Bombay High Court

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No.10-80/2016-IA-III
Government of India
Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Impact Assessment Division

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09 Dec 2016

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Sir/Madam,

This has reference to the proposal submitted in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to prescribe the Terms of Reference (TOR) for undertaking detailed EIA study for the purpose of obtaining Environmental Clearance in accordance with the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006. For this purpose, the proponent had submitted online information in the prescribed format (Form-1) along with a Pre-feasibility Report. The details of the proposal are given below:

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| 1. Proposal No.: | IA/MH/MIS/59976/2016 |
| 2. Name of the Proposal: | Development of Vadodara Mumbai Expressway
(Phase-II) from km.26.320 to km.104.700
(km.390.864 of NH-8) of Main Expressway in
the State of Maharashtra |
| 3. Category of the Proposal: | Infrastructure and Miscellaneous Projects +
CRZ |
| 4. Project/Activity applied for: | 7(f) Highways |
| 5. Date of submission for TOR: | 26 Oct 2016 |

In this regard, under the provisions of the EIA Notification 2006 as amended, the Standard TOR for the purpose of preparing environment impact assessment report and environment management plan for obtaining prior environment clearance is prescribed with public consultation as follows:

STANDARD TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR EIA/EMP REPORT FOR PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES REQUIRING ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCE

7(f): STANDARD TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONDUCTING ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY FOR HIGHWAYS INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN EIA/EMP REPORT

- 1) Examine and submit a brief description of the project, project name, nature, size, its importance to the region/state and the country.
- 2) In case the project involves diversion of forests land, guidelines under OM dated 20.03.2013 may be followed and necessary action taken accordingly.
- 3) Details of any litigation(s) pending against the project and/or any directions or orders passed by any court of law/any statutory authority against the project to be detailed out.
- 4) Submit detailed alignment plan, with details such as nature of terrain (plain, rolling, hilly), land use pattern, habitation, cropping pattern, forest area, environmentally sensitive places, mangroves, notified industrial areas, sand dunes, sea, river, lake, details of villages, teshils, districts and states, latitude and longitude for important locations falling on the alignment by employing remote sensing techniques followed by ground truthing and also through secondary data sources.
- 5) Describe various alternatives considered, procedures and criteria adopted for selection of the final alternative with reasons.
- 6) Submit Land use map of the study area to a scale of 1: 25,000 based on recent satellite imagery delineating the crop lands (both single and double crop), agricultural plantations, fallow lands, waste lands, water bodies, built-up areas, forest area and other surface features such as railway tracks, ports, airports, roads, and major industries etc. and submit a detailed ground surveyed map on 1:2000 scale showing the existing features falling within the right of way namely trees, structures including archeological & religious, monuments etc. if any.
- 7) If the proposed route is passing through any hilly area, examine and submit the stability of slopes, if the proposed road is to pass through cutting or embankment / control of soil erosion from embankment. Landslide, rock fall protection measures to be indicated.
- 8) If the proposed route involves tunneling, the details of the tunnel and locations of tunneling with geological structural fraction should be provided. In case the road passes through a flood plain of the river, the details of micro drainage, flood passages and information on high levels flood periodicity at least of last 50 years in the area should be examined.
- 9) The projects is located within 10km. of the sanctuary a map duly authenticated by Chief Wildlife Warden showing these features vis-à-vis the project location and the recommendations or comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden thereon should be furnished at the stage of EC.
- 10) Study regarding the Animal bypasses / underpasses etc. across the habitation areas shall be carried out. Adequate cattle passes for the movement of agriculture material shall be provided at the stretches passing through habitation areas.
- 11) The information should be provided about the details of the trees to be cut including their species and whether it also involves any protected or endangered species. Measures taken to reduce the

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number of the trees to be removed should be explained in detail. Submit the details of compensatory plantation. Explore the possibilities of relocating the existing trees. Animal and wild life crossings to be provided in areas inhabited by wild life.

- 12) Necessary green belt shall be provided on both sides of the highway with proper central verge and cost provision should be made for regular maintenance.
- 13) If the proposed route is passing through a city or town, with houses and human habitation on the either side of the road, the necessity for provision of bypasses/diversions/under passes shall be examined and submitted. The proposal should also indicate the location of wayside amenities, which should include petrol station/service centre, rest areas including public conveyance, etc. Noise reduction measures should also be indicated.
- 14) Submit details about measures taken for the pedestrian safety and construction of underpasses and foot-over bridges along with flyovers and interchanges. If any.
- 15) Assess whether there is a possibility that the proposed project will adversely affect road traffic in the surrounding areas (e.g. by causing increases in traffic congestion and traffic accidents). Specific care be also taken to ensure that by passes have a sufficient buffer to prevent unwanted obstructions defying the purpose of the by pass
- 16) Examine and submit the details of use of fly ash in the road construction, if the project road is located within the 100 km from the Thermal Power Plant.
- 17) Examine and submit the details of sand quarry, borrow area and rehabilitation.
- 18) Explore the possibilities of utilizing the debris/ waste materials available in and around the project area.
- 19) Submit the details on compliance with respect to Research Track Notification of MoRTH
- 20) Examine and submit the details of sand quarry and borrow area as per OM no.2-30/2012-IA-III dated 18.12.2012 on 'Rationalization of procedure for Environmental Clearance for Highway Projects involving borrow areas for soil and earth' as modified vide OM of even no. dated March 19, 2013.
- 21) Climate and meteorology (max and min temperature, relative humidity, rainfall, frequency of tropical cyclone and snow fall); the nearest IMD meteorological station from which climatological data have been obtained to be indicated.
- 22) The air quality monitoring should be carried out as per the new notification issued on 16th November, 2009.
- 23) Identify project activities during construction and operation phases, which will affect the noise levels and the potential for increased noise resulting from this project. Discuss the effect of noise levels on near by habitation during the construction and operational phases of the proposed highway. Identify noise reduction measures and traffic management strategies to be deployed for reducing the negative impact if any. Prediction of noise levels should be done by using mathematical modeling at different representative locations.

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- 24) Examine the impact during construction activities due to generation of fugitive dust from crusher units, air emissions from hot mix plants and vehicles used for transportation of materials and prediction of impact on ambient air quality using appropriate mathematical model, description of model, input requirement and reference of derivation, distribution of major pollutants and presentation in tabular form for easy interpretation shall be carried out.
- 25) Also examine and submit the details about the protection to existing habitations from dust, noise, odour etc. during construction stage. IRC guidelines to be followed for traffic safety while passing through the habitat.
- 26) If the proposed route involves cutting of earth, the details of area to be cut, depth of cut, locations, soil type, volume and quantity of earth and other materials to be removed with location of disposal/dump site along with necessary permission.
- 27) If the proposed route is passing through low lying areas, details of fill materials and initial and final levels after filling above MSL, should be examined and submit.
- 28) Examine and submit the water bodies including the seasonal ones within the corridor of impacts along with their status, volumetric capacity, quality likely impacts on them due to the project.
- 29) Examine and submit details of water quantity required and source of water including water requirement during the construction stage with supporting data and also categorization of ground water based on the CGWB classification.
- 30) Examine and submit the details of measures taken during constructions of bridges across river/canal/major or minor drains keeping in view the flooding of the rivers and the life span of the existing bridges. Provision of speed breakers, safety signals, service lanes and foot paths should be examined at appropriate locations through out the proposed road to avoid the accidents.
- 31) If there will be any change in the drainage pattern after the proposed activity, details of changes shall be examined and submitted.
- 32) Rain water harvesting pit should be at least 3 - 5 m. above the highest ground water table. Provision shall be made for oil and grease removal from surface runoff.
- 33) If there is a possibility that the construction/widening of road will cause impact such as destruction of forest, poaching, reductions in wetland areas, if so, examine the impact and submit details.
- 34) Submit the details of road safety, signage, service roads, vehicular under passes, accident prone zone and the mitigation measures.
- 35) IRC guidelines shall be followed for widening & upgradation of road.
- 36) Submit details of social impact assessment due to the proposed construction of road.
- 37) Examine road design standards, safety equipment specifications and Management System training to ensure that design details take account of safety concerns and submit the traffic management plan.

- 38) Accident data and geographic distribution should be reviewed and analyzed to predict and identify trends - incase of expansion of the existing highway and provide Post accident emergency assistance and medical care to accident victims.
- 39) If the proposed project involves any land reclamation, details to be provided for which activity land to reclaim and the area of land to be reclaimed.
- 40) Details of the properties, houses, businesses religious and social places etc. activities likely to be effected by land acquisition and their financial losses annually.
- 41) Detailed R&R plan with data on the existing socio-economic status of the population in the study area and broad plan for resettlement of the displaced population, site for the resettlement colony, alternative livelihood concerns/employment and rehabilitation of the displaced people, civil and housing amenities being offered, etc and the schedule of the implementation of the project specific
- 42) Submit details of Corporate Social Responsibility. Necessary provisions should be made in the budget.
- 43) Estimated cost of the project including environmental monitoring cost and funding agencies, whether governmental or on the basis of BOT etc and provide details of budget provisions (capital & recurring) for the project specific R&R Plan.
- 44) Submit environmental management and monitoring plan for all phases of the project viz. construction and operation.
- 45) Details of blasting if any, methodology/technique adopted, applicable regulations/permissions, timing of blasting, mitigation measures proposed.keeping in view mating season of wild life.
- 46) In case of river/ creek crossing, details of the proposed bridges connecting on either banks, the design and traffic circulation at this junction with simulation studies.
- 47) Details to ensure free flow of water in case the alignment passes through water bodies/river/ streams etc.
- 48) In case of bye passes, the details of access control from the nearby habitation/habitation which may come up after the establishment of road.
- 49) Bridge design in eco sensitive area / mountains be examined keeping in view the rock classification hydrology etc.
- 50) In case of alignment passing through coastal zones
 - a) HTL/LTL map prepared by authorized agencies superimposed with alignment and recommendation of Coastal Zone Management Authority
 - b) Details of CRZ-I (I) areas, mangroves required to be removed for the project along with the compensatory afforestation, area and location with budget
 - c) Details of road on stilt in CRZ-I areas, design details to ensure free tidal flow
 - d) Details of Labour camps, machinery location,

F.No.10-80/2016-IA.III
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(IA-III Section)

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Dated: 1st January, 2020

To

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Sub: Development of Vadodara Mumbai Expressway (Phase-II) from km 26.320 to km 104.700 (km 390.864 of NH-8) of main Expressway in the State of Maharashtra by M/s National Highways Authority of India - Extension of validity of Terms of Reference reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your letter no. 1013/1/2k/ENV./699 dated 15th November, 2019, submitting above mentioned proposal online on 26th November, 2019, for extension of validity of Terms of Reference (ToR) granted by this Ministry on 9th December, 2016, in terms of the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

2. The said proposal was examined in the light of the provisions specified in this Ministry's OM No J-11013/41/2006-IA-II(I) (part) dated 29th August, 2017 related to validity of ToR. It is submitted that the project has been delayed due to delay in completing the join enumeration, revision of CRZ maps and submission of EIA/EMP report to State Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing.

3. In view of above mentioned justification and provisions contained in the above said OM dated 29th August, 2017, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby extends the validity of ToR from 9th December, 2019 to 8th December, 2020 on same terms and conditions specified in ToR letter no. 10-80/2016-IA.III dated 9th December, 2016.

4. It is, therefore, requested to arrange for submission of the EIA/EMP reports after public consultation as per the prescribed time frame, and within the validity period of the ToR.

5. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.


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पाद टिप्पण : राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग अधिनियम, 1956 (1956 का 48) की अनुसूची भारत के राजपत्र में प्रकाशित अधिसूचना संख्या का.आ. 689 (अ), दिनांकित 4 अप्रैल, 2011 द्वारा प्रतिस्थापित की गई थी और बाद में अधिसूचना सं. का.आ. 4142 (अ), दिनांकित 19 नवंबर, 2019 द्वारा इसमें संशोधन किया गया था।

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 10th January, 2020

S.O. 175(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 2 of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956), the Central Government hereby declares each of the highways specified in columns (2) and (3) of the Table below to be a national highway.

The said highways, now declared to be national highways, shall be deemed to be specified in the Schedule to the said Act with the new serial numbers, the new national highways numbers and the description of the national highways thereof, as indicated in columns (1), (2) and (3) respectively, of the said Table.

TABLE

Sl. No.	New National Highway No.	Description of National Highways
(1)	(2)	(3)
562	NE 4	The Expressway (under construction) starting from its junction with new NH No. 148N and NE-1 near Vadodara connecting Bharuch, Surat, Navasari, Valsad, Vapi in the State of Gujarat, Silvassa in the Union Territory of Dadar and Nagar Haveli, Virar, Bhiwandi, Kalyan, Badlapur and terminating at its junction with new NH No. 348 near Panvel at JNPT in the State of Maharashtra.

[F. No NH-14012/2/2013-P&M]

RAJESH GUPTA, Dy. Secy.

Footnote : The Schedule to the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) was substituted *vide* notification number S.O. 689(E), dated 4th April, 2011 published in the Gazette of India, dated the 4th April, 2011 and subsequently amended *vide* notifications number S.O. 4142(E) dated 19th November, 2019.