

No. NH-11011/45/2015-LA
Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways

Transport Bhawan,
Parliament Street,
New Delhi dated 14th September, 2016

To,

1. The Chairman,
National Highways Authority of India
G-5&6, Sector- 10, Dwarka, New Delhi-75
2. The Managing Director,
National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd,
PTI Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi- 110001
3. The Director General Border Roads,
Seema Sadak Bhawan, Ring Road, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi- 110010

Subject- Check points for smooth processing of LA notifications- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to say that land required for National Highways (NH) projects are acquired under the provisions contained in Section 3 of the National Highways Act 1956. For the purpose of such acquisition of land notifications are required to be published in the Official Gazette under Section 3(a), Section 3A and Section 3D of the aforesaid Act. Since these notifications are required to be published by the Central Government, draft of such notifications are processed for according approval of the Minister of State for Road Transport, Highways, Shipping, Chemicals and Fertilisers. On according approval, these notifications are authenticated by the designated Officer being the Deputy Secretary (Land Acquisition) in the Ministry over his signature before sending to the Government of India Press for its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. While authenticating the above said notifications it has been observed that the draft notifications contain several discrepancies. Since these notifications are published under the provisions of the NH Act, these form legal documents. Hence, it is never desirable that such legal documents carry any kind of discrepancy so as to ensure proper implementation of the Act towards speedy acquisition of land with a view to complete the NH projects well within the target time. Rectification of these discrepancies through the concerned authorities takes considerable time resulting into delay in publication of the notifications.

3. In order to ensure smooth processing of the notifications to be published in the Official Gazette under Sections 3(a), 3A and 3D of the NH Act 1956, it is requested that the following check points may be strictly adhered to:-

(i) The notification under 3(a) forms the basis for the entire exercise of Land Acquisition. It may, therefore, be ensured that the following particulars/contents are spelt out correctly in both English & Hindi Versions. These particulars/contents may be duly checked and verified by a responsible authority;

- a) Name of the Project with National Highway No. and the stretch
- b) Name of the District & State
- c) Designation of CALA
- d) Jurisdiction of CALA i.e. the District, Taluk, P.S. and the Village(s)

(ii) In the notification under 3 A, the stretch of National Highway could either be exactly the same as in 3(a) or could be a part of it. However, in no case, it should go beyond the stretch prescribed in the notification under Section 3(a).

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