

भारत सरकार  
Government of India  
सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय  
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways  
(Planning Zone)  
(योजना भाग)

Transport Bhawan,  
1, Parliament Street,  
New Delhi-110001

No. H-15017/110/2014-P&M

Dated, the 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2014

To,

1. The Chairman, NHAI, G-5&6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi- 110045.
2. The Director General (Border Roads), Seema Sadak Bhavan, Naraina, Ring Road, New Delhi- 110010.
3. The Principle Secretaries / Secretaries of States / Union Territories, Public Works Department (dealing with National Highways, other Centrally Sponsored Schemes).
4. The Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of Public Works Department of State / Union Territories (dealing with National Highways, other Centrally Sponsored Schemes).

**Sub: Sourcing of bitumen, modified bitumen, etc. - reg.**

Madam / Sir,

Instances have come to the notice of the Ministry that some of the Executing agencies are including specific conditions in the tender for sourcing of bitumen, modified bitumen, etc.

2. This issue has been examined in the Ministry and to intimate that Clause 501.2.1 of the Ministry's specification for Road and Bridge Works (6<sup>th</sup> Revision) is relevant in this regard. According to Clause 501.2.1, the viscosity grade bitumen shall be designated confirming to IS:73. Similarly, the modified bitumen shall confirm to the requirement of IRC:SP:53 and IS:15462. Further, modified bitumen from refinery source or blended at approved central plant or at site using appropriate industrial process and plant with high shear mill and testing facilities to achieve stable and homogeneous mix shall be used. However, no restriction about sourcing of viscosity grade bitumen has been specified.

3. In view of the above position explained above, no condition other than those specified in para-2 above shall form part of the tender documents with regards to sourcing of bitumen or modified bitumen for National Highway (NH) works and other centrally sponsored works.

4. It is requested that the contents of this letter may be brought to the notice of all concerned for needful compliance.

5. This issues with the approval of Director General (Road Development) & Special Secretary.

Yours faithfully,



(Samiran Saha)

Executive Engineer (Planning)

for Director General (Road Development) & Special Secretary

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Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Director, Indian Academy of Highway Engineers, A-5, Institutional Area, Sector-62, NH-24 Bypass, NOIDA-201301, Uttar Pradesh.
2. The Secretary General, Indian Road Congress, Sector 6, (Near RBI Quarters), R. K. Puram, New Delhi-110022.
3. Joint Secretary (Toll) & CVO
4. All Chief Engineers of the Ministry
5. All ROs / ELOs of the Ministry
6. All Technical Officers of the Ministry
7. PS to Minister (RT&H)
8. PS to MOS (RT&H)
9. Sr. PPS to Secretary (RT&H)
10. PPS to DG(RD)&SS
11. PPS to ADG
12. All Sections of the Ministry
13. NIC – with the request to hoist the circular on the Ministry's website under the link Roads & Highways → Circulars/Notices on National Highways and also under 'What's New' for one month.

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