



HOAI
COMMITTED TO SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

ROADWISE

HOA(I) NEWSLETTER
April 2023



**COMMITTED TO SAFE
AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY**



From the desk of **Secretary General, HOAI**

There has been a major change in the development of road infrastructure in India in last decade and the recent statement of Union Minister of Road, Transport and Highways, stands testimony to it i.e. “India’s Highways infrastructure will match that of United States by 2024 for which work in time bound ‘mission mode’ is on including construction of green expressways and rail over bridges”. Further the anticipated approval of ‘Bharatmala-2’ will meet the requirements of accelerating construction of highways in the country.

Asset monetization is a primary focus of the Government of India to not only generate the necessary funds for infrastructure development but also to ensure that this enormous network is well operated, maintained, and sustained for the road user, through best practices. NHAI has issued a list of assets which will be monetized in 2023- 24. Besides NHAI has planned to take out Two bundles of TOT every quarter i.e. One big & one small.

A good interactive discussion regarding Streamlining of NETC was held at HQ NHAI with all stake holders in month of April 2023 & issues discussed have been formalised are circulars by IHMCL.

Activities of **HOAI**

9 March 2023

Discussion on PCU values given in IRC:64-1990 for Trucks and Truck Trailers was held at NHAI HQ, Dwarka on 09 March 2023. Meeting was chaired by Mr Rajeev Lochan CGM NHAI – Legal and Arbitration and attended by representatives of NHAI and HOAI.

15 March 2023

Stake Holder Inter Action by Infrastructure Finance Secretariat (IFS) at Department of Economics Affairs at Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan, Janpath, Delhi was held on 15 March 2023 in Hybrid Mode (Physical & VC). Meeting was chaired by Sh. Solomon Arokiaraj, IAS, JS (IPP), Sh. MK Gupta, Director (PPV), members of HOAI & representatives of world bank participated in the meeting. Various issues that were discussed included

- a) How to reduce burden over budget for financing infra projects
- b) How to increase/encourage/Ease monetization.
- c) Policy suggestions for increasing (Toll) pool.
- d) Transparent bidding process.
- e) Ease in change of control.
- f) Faster investment policy changes for InvIT.





Activities of **HOAI**

29 March 2023

A meeting with Member Finance NHAI, CGM (Finance) NHAI & Secretary General HOAI was held on 29.03.2023 regarding long outstanding Covid claims.

- Pendency / no action was appreciated by both Member Finance NHAI and CGM (Finance) NHAI however amidst discussion it was conveyed that matter needs to be taken up as administratively by giving target date to all RO's as it falls within the purview of contract agreement. It was also advised the Covid claims issue needs to be taken up with Chairman NHAI and Secretary MoRTH for faster resolution.
- Besides above it was conveyed that NHAI plans to take out two bundles of TOT (One large + One small) every quarter.
- Member Finance also desired that HOAI should make bundles of TOT for their consideration.
- It was also conveyed that NHAI is planning a Road show & Technical discussion on TOT by video conference shortly.

05 April 2023

Based on request to address issues for "Streamlining of NETC ecosystem" meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Ajmer Singh CMD IHMCL on 05 April 2023, Sh. Abhijeet kumar COO IHMCL, Sh. Amrit Singha Vice President IHMCL along with representatives from NPCI, ICICI Bank, PayTM & HOAI attended the meeting. Detailed discussion were held on all the issues and most of the points projected were addressed and circular's to the effect have been issued by IHMCL.

10 April 2023

Meeting with Member Finance, CGM (Finance) was held at HQ NHAI with representatives of HOAI member companies to resolve issues of TOT - 11 & TOT - 12. A proactive action was taken by NHAI to resolve most of the Issues.

11 April 2023

A video Conference was convened by HQ NHAI to resolve the issues of TOT-11 & TOT-12 which could not be resolved on 10 April 2023. Meeting was chaired by Sh. BM Rao CGM (Finance) along with Sh. AK Jain GM (InvIT) and NHAI gave their response to the balance issues for TOT-11&TOT-12.

19 April 2023

Meeting with Chairman NHAI was held on 19.04.2023 at NHAI HQ with the member representative of HOAI. Following issues were discussed.

- a) Delay in grant of NOC for change in control
- b) Non-disclosure of Initial Estimated Concession Value (IECV)
- c) Gap between bids and estimation of Reserve price
- d) Covid relief
- e) GST matters
- f) Change in axle load

Update from

NHAI/MoRTH

NHAI

Avenue plantation

New policy guidelines have been issued by NHAI vide policy circular No. 7.4.9 dated 15 Mar 2023 delinking avenue plantations from EPC/HAM/BOT toll projects where in it is decided that to get the avenue plantation work executed through Government agencies like forest department / Forest department corporations / Urban bodies / State rural lively hood missions / Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan etc. either by entering MOU's or through private plantation agency by inviting bids for successful plantation.

Uniformity in design of User fee plazas

A committee has been constituted vide circular dated 29.03.2023 by Chairman NHAI to deliberate on the issues pertaining to uniformity in design of user fee plaza on National Highways.

Update from **NHAI/MoRTH**

MoRTH



Reuse of reclaimed materials

Circular No RW/NH - 33044/10/2021 - S&R(P&B) (171909) dated 15 Mar 2023 has been issued for "Reuse of materials reclaimed from existing pavements". The circular aims to gainfully utilize the value/cost of scarified materials.

Safety in road construction

MoRTH has issued a circular dated 16 March 2023 giving the exhaustive details for effective and adequate measures to be taken for Safety in Road construction zones in National Highway projects.



Uniformity in all forms of contract

MoRTH vide circular dated 29 March 2023 have brought uniformity in all forms of contract i.e. EPC/BOT (Toll)/HAM/ToT projects.

Changes in Standard RFP for HAM & BOT (Toll)

Changes in Standard RFP for HAM and BOT (Toll) projects have been notified by circular no. NH-24028/14/2014-4/(Vol IV) (e-151240) dated 31 Mar 2023.

Events & Seminar

UpComing

Workshop on “Sensitization of Electronic bank guarantee (e-BG) and its adoption in Road Sector” is being planned by NHAI in 3rd/4th week of April 2024. Workshop will be inaugurated by Hon’ble Minister of Road Transport & Highways.

Old

International Seminar organised by Indian Road Congress, World Road Association (PIARC) on “Advance in design, construction and operation of tunnels” 19-20 Apr 2023 at Makkawala Dehradun India.



1. Macquarie to acquire BSCPL Aurang Tollway for Rs 1,600 crore

Read More at:

https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/roads-highways/macquarie-to-acquire-bscpl-aurang-tollway-for-rs-1600-crore/98321500?action=profile_completion&utm_source=Mailer&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=etinfracnews_2023-03-01&dt=2023-03-01&em=U2Vjc m V 0 Y X J 5 Z 2 V u Z X J h b E B o b 2 F p L m l u

2. Norms rejig on cards to draw private players to highways

Read more at:

<https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/roads-highways/norms-rejig-on-cards-to-draw-private-players-to-highways/98288964>

3. World's 1st 'bamboo crash barrier' installed on Maha highway

Read more at:

https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/roads-highways/worlds-1st-bamboo-crash-barrier-installed-on-maha-highway/98415847?action=profile_completion&utm_source=Mailer&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=etinfracnews_2023-03-06&dt=2023-03-06&em=U2Vjc m V 0 Y X J 5 Z 2 V u Z X J h b E B o b 2 F p L m l u

NEWS BRIEF

4. 'India's off-highway emission norms will be the toughest in the world'

Read more at:

https://auto.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/auto-technology/indias-off-highway-emission-norms-will-be-the-toughest-in-the-world/98389545?action=profile_completion&utm_source=Mailer&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=etauto_news_2023-03-04&dt=2023-03-04&em=c2VjcmVOYXJ5Z2VuZXJhbEBob2FpLmlu

5. Toll firm collected Rs 1,135.29 crore for project worth Rs 721.17 crore

Read more at:

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/transportation/roadways/for-fy24-national-highway-authority-eyes-1987km-monetisation/articleshow/98880902.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

6. In FY 2021-22, Rs 34,742 crore collected at NH toll plazas

Read more at:

<https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/roads-highways/in-fy-2021-22-rs-34742-crore-collected-at-nh-toll-plazas/98734163>

7. I ensure that before Dec 2024 India's road infrastructure will be like America, says Nitin Gadkari

Read more at:

<https://theprint.in/india/indias-road-infrastructure-will-be-like-that-of-us-before-dec-2024-says-nitin-gadkari/884323/>

8. India's highways infra to match US by 2024: Gadkari

Read more at:

https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/roads-highways/indias-highways-infra-to-match-us-by-2024-gadkari/99010675?action=profile_completion&utm_source=Mailer&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=etinfra_news_2023-03-27&dt=2023-03-27&em=U2VjcmVOYXJ5Z2VuZXJhbEBob2FpLmlu

9. Govt to introduce GPS-based toll system in six months to replace toll plazas

Read more at:

https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/roads-highways/govt-to-introduce-gps-based-toll-system-in-six-months-to-replace-toll-plazas/98966025?action=profile_completion&utm_source=Mailer&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=etinfra_news_2023-03-25&dt=2023-03-25&em=U2VjcmVOYXJ5Z2VuZXJhbEBob2FpLmlu

NEWS BRIEF

10. Road and Infrastructure lending- A huge opportunity for banks?

Read more at:

<https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/roads-highways/road-and-infrastructure-lending-a-huge-opportunity-for-banks/98889309>

11. NIIF to raise half-a-billion dollars for road assets via Maiden InvIT

Read more at:

<https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/roads-highways/niif-to-raise-half-a-billion-dollars-for-road-assets-via-maiden-invite/98858241>

12. NHAI: For FY24, National Highway Authority Eyes 1,987km Monetisation

Read more at:

<https://vervetimes.com/nhai-for-fy24-national-highway-authority-eyes-1987km-monetisation/>

13. Toll charges to get costlier by up to 10% in next fiscal

Read more at:

<https://www.financialexpress.com/economy/toll-charges-to-get-costlier-by-up-to-10-in-next-fiscal/3026364/>

14. Toll fees on expressways, national highways to be hiked across India from April

Read more at:

<https://auto.hindustantimes.com/auto/news/toll-fees-on-expressways-national-highways-to-be-hiked-across-india-from-april-41680235259713.html>