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### NHA/Policy Guidelines/ Delegation of Powers/2023

#### Policy Circular No.18.92/ 2023 dated 03<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023

{Decision taken on E-Office File No. NHA/CMD/Board-Agenda/DOP/2023-24 (Comp. No. 227168)}

**Sub: Revised Delegation of Power for approval of Change of Scope; Revised Pre-construction Cost & Revised Project (Capital) Cost - reg.**

As per decision taken by Board of NHA in its 159<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 18.10.2023, the Delegation of Power (DoP) for approval of Change of Scope; Revised Pre-construction Cost & Revised Project (Capital) Cost has been modified as under:

1. Revised DoP in respect of Sr. No. 9 of NHA's Policy Circular No. 18.24/2017 dated 21.08.2017 on Change of Scope (COS) in various types of projects:

1.1 COS & Revised Project Cost for BOT(Toll) [No VGF]/ EPC Projects (Bharatmala Projects only) where appraisal & approval power vests with the Authority:

Sr. No.	Level	Delegation	Subject to
1	Chairman	Upto 10% of the awarded cost	(i) Any increase in Capital Cost of Project beyond 20% of the Sanctioned Capital Cost due to time overrun, change in scope, under-estimation etc. (excluding increase in costs due to statutory levies, exchange rate variation and price escalation within the approved project time cycle) shall be considered and approved by the concerned Authority which accorded approval to the Project; and  (ii) Cumulative financial commitments of all such projects remaining within the allocation approved for this program.
2	Executive Committee	> 10% but upto 15% of the awarded cost	
3	NHA Board	> 15% of the awarded cost	

**Note:**

- In case of proposals to be submitted to NHA Board, recommendations of Executive Committee to be submitted. Executive Committee to identify specific reasons behind such increase, identify lapses, if any and suggest remedial measures for the same.
- While seeking approval of competent authority for COS [as given in Table at Para-1.1 above], invariably the revised capital cost till that time shall be mentioned.

1.2 COS & Revised Project Cost for ToT/ InvIT Projects where appraisal & approval power vests with the Authority:

Sr. No.	Level	Delegation
1	Chairman	Upto 10% of the Concession Fee
2	Executive Committee	> 10% but upto 15% of the Concession Fee
3	NHA Board	> 15% of the Concession Fee

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1.3 COS and Revised Capital Cost in the Projects appraised and approved by MoRTH like BOT (Toll) [involving VGF]/ Annuity/ HAM Projects and Projects other than Bharatmala:

Sr. No.	Level	Percentage of Amount
1	Chairman	Upto 10% of the awarded cost of the project
2	Executive Committee	Upto 15% of the awarded cost of the project
3	NHAI Board	> 15% but upto 20% of the awarded cost of the project
4	MoRTH	> 20% of the awarded cost of the project

2. DoP for revision in the pre-construction costs (Land Acquisition, Utility Shifting etc.):

2.1 Vide NHAI's Policy Circular No. 7.1.63/2019 dated 18.11.2019, the following DoP for revision in the costs of pre-construction activities (Land Acquisition, Utility Shifting etc.) was delegated for the projects awarded before 01.10.2019:

Sr. No.	Powers to approve revision of the costs of preconstruction activities	Delegation
1.	Variation of costs within the sanctioned estimates and contingencies put together	RO
2.	Variation within 10% of the Project Cost	Concerned Member
3.	Variation within the range of 10-25% of the Project Cost	Chairman
4.	Variation above 25% of the Project Cost	NHAI Board

2.2 Board has decided to extend the aforesaid delegation to the projects awarded after 01.10.2019 also subject to

- Any increase in Capital Cost of Project beyond 20% of the Sanctioned Capital Cost due to time overrun, change in scope, under-estimation, etc. (excluding increase in costs due to statutory levies, exchange rate variation and price escalation within the approved project time cycle) shall be considered and approved by the concerned Authority which accorded approval to the Project; and
- Cumulative financial commitments of all such projects remaining within the allocation approved for this program.

2.3 Further, the above delegation on pre-construction costs is to be followed in case of the projects for which appraisal & approval power vests with the Authority like BOT(Toll) [No VGF]/ EPC Projects under Bharatmala. As regards the projects appraised & approved by MoRTH like BOT (Toll) [involving VGF]/ Annuity/ HAM Projects of Bharatmala and Projects under NH(O), the proposals to approve Revised Capital Cost be sent to MoRTH, except in those cases where the Revised Capital Cost is within the Sanctioned Project Cost.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.



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