Sub: Delegation of powers for matters pertaining Highway Administration to Regional Officers of NHAI.

The matter was discussed in the Executive Committee and decision is as under:

EC directed to delegate the powers to the Regional Officers of NHAI to decide on granting prior permissions on various proposals under section-38 of land & traffic Act. While granting such permissions, ROs may convey that the charges would be payable as decided and being conveyed separately by NHAI. The delegation given may be conveyed to MoRTH along with a proposal to approve the charges to be levied in various cases keeping in view the charges being levied by State Govt. Departments/Agencies on NHAI for shifting of utilities etc."

2. As per the provisions of Section-20 of the Control of National Highways (Land & Traffic) Act, 2002, approval of the central government is needed for implementing the decision of E.C. The proposal has accordingly been referred to MoRTH for approval.

3. In order to ensure swift disposal of cases, it has been decided that till the decision of MoRTH is received on NHAI’s proposal, the powers related to Section-38 regarding Construction on highway land of the Control of National Highways (Land & Traffic) Act, 2002 shall be exercised by Regional Officers of NHAI on behalf of Chairman. An intimation of all such permissions granted may be sent for perusal of Chairman. It has also been decided that all cases relating to permission to M/s Power Grid Corporation may be sent for approval of Chairman through the concerned Technical Division at HQ.

4. In so far as the payment of charges is concerned, the matter is being examined separately and final decision would be conveyed in due course. Till the time, a decision is conveyed on this, the guidelines issued by MoRTH in this regard which are in vogue at present may be followed.

5. All ROs are requested to take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

6. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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