No. NH-11011/30/2015-LA Government of India Ministry of Road Transport & Highways

(Land Acquisition Division)
Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Dated, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, 2018

To

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1. Chief Secretaries to all State Governments/ Administrations of UTs

The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, Public Works Departments of all States Governments/Union Territories

The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, G-56, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110 075

4. The Managing Director, National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd, PTI Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110 001

Subject: Land Acquisition under the National Highways Act, 1956 - Reg.

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I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 28.12.2017 on the subject cited above, inter-alia stating that, "it is not necessary that a stretch must be notified as a National Highway under Section 2 of the NH Act, 1956 before initiating the process of land acquisition under Section 3 for building a National Highway".

2. This matter has been further examined in the Ministry and it has been decided to further clarify that in the case of "In-principle declared National Highways" and "Green Field Highways Expressways", the process of Land Acquisition under the NH Act, 1956, may be initiated without their formal declaration as National Highways through Gazette Notification, provided the alignment of the road in question has been finalized.

3. This clarification, which issues with the approval of the Competent Authority, may be brought to the notice of all concerned for further necessary action and strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajesh Gupta)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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