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FROM THE

PRESIDENT'S DESK



IN THIS

ISSUE

Dear Members,

The lights of Deepawali, the Pan India event that is celebrated by Indians across the world is just over. The lights lit at every home, dispels forces of darkness and brings in cheers for all of us, the professionals. Strengthened with the community feelings that are generated, we need to work together to help the country come out of the temporary financial issues encountered of late.

The present Governing Council, over almost an year of its existence, have been trying to achieve real time solutions to various problems faced by the Industry and also gain in strength to offer sustained benefits to its members. Report on results obtained are included in this Newsletter. Support of each and every member is sought to take CEAI forward, and make it a dynamic organization. The GC requests presence of all members in the Annual general Meeting to be held on December 7 at CEAI headquarters at Delhi, as a show of support to its efforts.

You are aware of the Strategic Plan laid out to make CEAI stronger and effective. You will be happy to know that systematic actions are afoot to make the collective dream a reality.

Warm regards,

Amitabha Ghoshal

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FIDIC TRAINING PROGRAMS

OPEN TRAINING

CEAI organised open Training Course on the module “*Practical Use of the FIDIC Conditions of Contract*” on 14 - 15 October 2019 at Royal Plaza, New Delhi. About 30 delegates from various organisations attended the training.



Mr Bogdan Oprea with the participants



View of participants of Open Training program

IN-HOUSE TRAINING PROGRAMMES

a) DFCCIL - 16-17 OCTOBER 2019

FIDIC Training Course on “Practical Use of the FIDIC Conditions of Contract” was organised for the employees of DFCCIL on 16-17 October 2019 at Royal Plaza, New Delhi. About 48 people attended the training.



Managing Director, DFCCIL, addressing the participants

b) DFCCIL - 18-19 OCTOBER 2019

FIDIC Training Course on “Management of Claims and Dispute Resolution” was organised for the employees of DFCCIL on 18-19 October 2019 at Royal Plaza, New Delhi. About 42 people were attended the training.



DFCC participants during the 2nd training session on 18-19 October.

c) Training Course at Kolkata – 21-22 October

CEAI Northern & North East Region successfully organised FIDIC Training Program on 21-22 October 2019. 60 officials from various Urban Development Authorities and Municipalities under the initiative by Department of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Government of West Bengal.



FIDIC Training at Kolkata

The training courses were conducted by **Mr. Bogdan Oprea**, FIDIC Accredited Trainer from Romania.

Mr. Bogdan is a Member of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, of the Romanian Association of Consulting Engineers and other organizations. His name is also listed on the DRBF President List of Dispute Boards Member, Romanian national list of adjudicators, and he is an accredited mediator.

The series of courses conducted during this month indicated that there is a rise in demand for training on FIDIC contracts, perhaps due to mandatory requirements of use of such contract for externally funded projects.

CEAI intends to concentrate on this area to help adoption of fair contracts in the country.

CEAI seeks active support of all members in achieving this objective.

CEAI INTERVENTION

CEAI has been consistently trying to improve the contract conditions under which Consulting Engineers operate, some of the efforts are reproduced for wider knowledge of members.

a) MoRTH - Ongoing DPRs

CEAI had written to Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, regarding ongoing DPRs "In Principle NH" having been undertaken in various States under MoRTH and for indecision on which Consultants are suffering. The extract of our letter to the Minister is reproduced below:

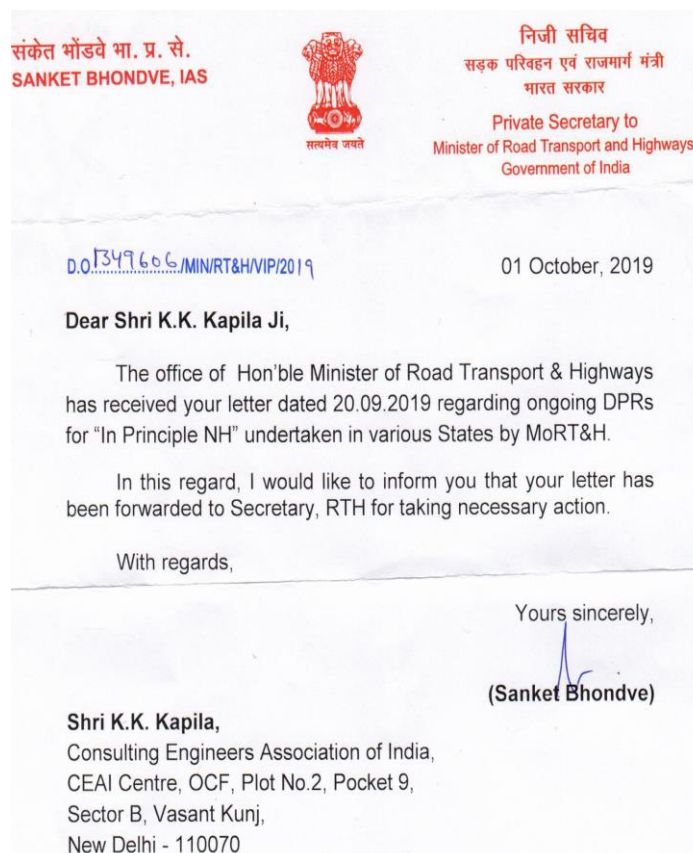
"This is to bring to your kind notice that MoRTH through IAHE and CE NH, PWD of various States, commissioned the work of DPR preparation of various 'In Principle Declared' National Highways in 2016/2017.

The alignment report for each project was to be finally approved by MoRTH. Unfortunately, since mid-2017, no approvals are being granted by MoRTH to the alignments checked and ratified by the CE NH of the respective State or by IAHE.

This has led to a situation wherein nearly Rs 400 Crores is blocked of various Consultants, most of whom are from the MSME sector. Besides, the payments to the various Consultants which are outstanding for quite some time be got resolved and their due payments released."



MoRTH's response is reproduced below for information:



b) NHAI - Instructions for clearing the pending undisputed payments and timely release of payments

CEAI had taken up with NHAI the cause in delays of payments and difficulties faced by the Profession vide our letter dated 18th October 2019, which is reproduced below for information.

Dear Mr. Pandey,

Kindly refer to our telecon held a little while ago with regard to the immense hardships being faced by the Consulting Fraternity on account of locked up payments, due to delays in sanction of EOTs by NHAI. Considering that the EOTs of Consultants are linked with the EOTs of Contractors/Concessionaires, to address the delays of EOT sanctions, the NHAI had issued Policy Guidelines vide communication No. 11041/218/2007 dated 4th February 2014, a copy is enclosed for ready reference.

Your timely support and intervention will truly help to tide over the problems being faced by the Consulting Fraternity and the people associated with it.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

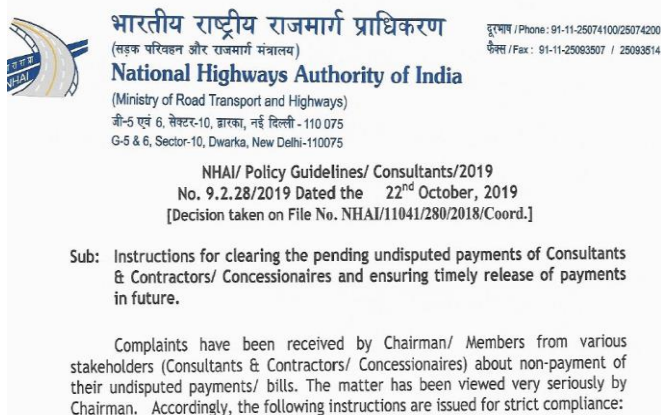
(Amitabha Ghoshal)
President

(K. K. Kapila)
Chairman - Infrastructure Committee

Encl : Copy of Circular No. 11041/218/2007-Admn. dtd 04.02.2014

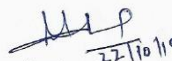
Mr. R. K. Pandey
Member (Projects)
National Highways Authority of India
G-5 & 6, Sector-10, Dwarka
New Delhi 110075

In response to our letter, NHAI issued a circular which is reproduced below:





- (i) All ROs/ PDs are directed to ensure payment of undisputed claims/bills, as per the contractual provisions, within next 5 working days from the date of issue of this circular and give a confirmation in this regard to Member concerned. In case of any hurdle, the same shall be brought to the notice of Member concerned immediately. In future, the bills received will be tracked datewise alongwith date of payment by suitably modifying the Bill Tracking System and action will be taken on the concerned for delays in making payments, without valid reasons.
 - (ii) As instances have come to the notice that the payments are getting delayed for want of revised sanction/ project expenditure/ budget, the last date for getting revised sanction/ budget has been extended upto 30.11.2019 so that the pending payments are cleared. Further, CGM(T) concerned at HQ and CGM(F), Shri. Madhup Kumar are designated as Nodal Officers for resolving all sanction/ budget related matters before 30.11.2019. It is their personal responsibility to issue the revised sanction/ budget, duly getting the orders of CA, if required, on the files by hand.
 - (iii) The guidelines for timely processing of EOT cases in Consultancy Contracts were issued vide Policy Circular (Tech/155/2014) dated 09.05.2014 and the revised Delegation of Powers were notified vide Policy Guidelines (18.24/2017) dated 21.08.2017. Despite these guidelines, delays are still occurring in approval of EOTs of Consultants resulting thereby in non payment of amounts due to them, which are billed as per actuals by them. Therefore, the following decisions have been taken.
 - (a) Pending approval of EOT to the Consultancy Contract, the amount due to the Consultant for overstay on the project which is billed as per actuals may be paid without linking the same with approval of EOT of Consultants and/or approval of EOT of Contractor/ Concessionaire.
 - (b) Member concerned will issue a warning to the concerned officer(s) for delay in granting approval of EOT. The files dealing with the extensions of Consultants shall not move back & forth between PD/RO/Tech. Divisions & Fin. Division. If observations could not be sorted out after conveying them once to the concerned, Member(s) concerned should sort out and take decisions.
 - (iv) These instructions will also be placed on website of NHA for information of Consultants and Contractors/ Concessionaires, who may approach Member concerned directly in case of any impediments/delays in payments. Chairman also instructed that if any case of pending payment comes to his notice w.e.f. 04.11.2019, stern action will be taken on the concerned officer(s) including issue of recordable warning, levy of penalty, etc.
2. This issues with the approval of Chairman.


(Sanjeev Sharma)
GM (Coord.)

CEAI intends to intensify their attempts to become an effective supporters for improvement of working conditions for the Consulting Engineering industry. Cooperation of all members are sought to identify the problems faced by them and support in solving such issues.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON “PERFORMANCE BASED DESIGN OF BUILDINGS & BRIDGES FOR ENHANCED SEISMIC RESILIENCE”

Indian Association of Structural Engineers (IAStructE) is organizing a two days **International Seminar on “Performance Based Design of Buildings & Bridges for Enhanced Seismic Resilience”** during **08-09 November 2019** at PHD House, New Delhi.

The seminar provides a unique opportunity for all delegates not only to enrich knowledge by listening to the domestic and International Experts from USA, Italy & Japan on this relatively new topic but also to get benefit by interacting with the experts in the field & to use this opportunity for addressing various issues about their current/future projects.

CEAI is a supporting Association for this event and CEAI members are eligible for the registered registration fee as applicable for IAStructE Members.

For more information, please contact, Mr Vikas Verma (Manager), IAStructE Secretariat, K-69A, Basement, Kalkaji, New Delhi 110019, Ph: 011-45794829 ; Email: iastructe@gmail.com;

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ROLE OF ENGINEERS IN ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Engineering Council of India (ECI) in partnership with AICTE, is organising its 17th National Conference on ‘Role of Engineers in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals’ on 29th November 2019 at New Delhi.

The main objective of the Conference is to focus on the ‘Role of Engineers in achieving Sustainable Development Goals’, and discuss the role of engineers to help in achieving these, as far as practicable.



Discussions will be held on the following topics:

- Role of Engineers in achieving Sustainable Development Goals in the desired manner : Industry, Physical Infrastructure & Social Infrastructure.
- Role of emerging technology in facilitating implementation of sustainable development Goals.
- How Academia and professional Association can help engineers in discharging this role.

For more information about the conference, please contact: Mr Deepak Singhal, Engineering Council of India, 1304 (13th floor), Hemkunt Chambers, 89 Nehru Place, New Delhi 110019. Ph: 011-41783281, 41783282. Email: eci@ecindia.org.

NOTICE FOR AGM

The Annual General Meeting of CEAI will be held on 7th December 2019 at 12.00 noon at CEAI Centre. Notices for the Meeting will be circulated as per Rules

The AGM will be followed by Lunch.

This is an advance information to enable outstation members to make necessary arrangements.

It is also an opportunity for all members to meet and interact with your fellow members.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO CEAI MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Tata Consulting Engineers Ltd, an Indian Design Engineering firm, received special recognition for being ranked 127 in the prestigious Annual ENR 2019 ranking list of Top 225 International Design

Firms. This award was given on 15th October 2019 at the “INDIA CONSTRUCTION FESTIVAL 2019” hosted at ITC Maurya, New Delhi.

L&T which is an EPC company has also been recognised in the Design Engineering part.

VIEW POINT

The themes for the next four issues of Viewpoint spread over a year would be:

- (a) **Pollution** (December 2019)
- (b) **Building Services** (March 2020)
- (c) **New Materials & Systems for Buildings** (June 2020)
- (d) **Stakeholder Management in Public Infrastructure Projects** (September 2020)

Considering the experience of CEAI members and various stakeholders in the subjects, CEAI would be happy to receive articles on the above themes. Authors could share their knowledge and experience by providing case studies of the works executed or in execution, first-hand accounts of the challenges faced, practical issues experienced and the solutions to those, etc. Photographs, charts, diagrams, drawings, etc. would benefit our readers for better appreciation of the issues encountered and addressed.

The articles for an issue need to reach CEAI at least 6 weeks prior to the end of the month of the View Point issue.

Articles need to be in Times New Roman 12 with single line spacing with before and after 6 pt and normal margin on A4 size. A recent clear and bright passport size photograph of the author is to be sent along with the article.



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Support from CEAI members and stakeholders are sought in increasing the number of advertisements, such that View Point gain in its stature as an unique Technical Publication.

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Item	Rate Per issue* (Rs)	Discounted rate at 20% for 4 consecutive issues (from June 2019 to March 2020) * (Rs)
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Inside Front Cover ***	15,000/-	48,000/-
Inside Back Cover ***	15,000/-	48,000/-
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***Back Cover booked till December 2019.*

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