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Ref. No. : MES BAI/E-in-C/ 18 /2026

Date : 02nd April 2026

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Subject : REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION/GRANT OF AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME FOR WORKS DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING EXECUTION OF DEFENCE CONTRACTS AND COST ESCALATION COMPENSATION MECHANISM FOR DEFENCE WORK PROJECTS DUE TO SURGE IN FUEL, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PRICES AND LOGISTICS COST

Respected Sir,

1. Kindly refer to our letter No MESBAI/E-in-C/11/2026 dated 10 March 2026 and MBAI/E-in-C/16/2026 dated 25th March 2026 on the subject cited above.
2. It is once again respectfully reiterated that the prevailing war situation in the Middle East has led to an extraordinary surge in market rates, particularly of petroleum products and their derivatives, thereby causing a steep and continuing escalation in the cost of construction materials.
3. As per the media reports and expert assessments, there appears to be no immediate likelihood of de-escalation. Even if the situation normalizes, it is apprehended that a minimum period of 3-4 months would be required for market rates to stabilize.
4. In view of the above, it is earnestly requested that the submissions made in our earlier letter may kindly be taken into cognizance and suitable relief measures be considered to safeguard the interests of the builder fraternity. The present abnormal hike in crude oil and petroleum product prices under the prevailing global scenario warrants consideration of appropriate escalation on original contract provisions/bills, as deemed necessary, to offset the unforeseen financial burden on contractors.

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5. It is further submitted that the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street New Delhi has already issued a policy in view of the prevailing situation vide letter No NH-24028/03/2026-H dated 01st April 2026, providing for escalation and other relief measures to contractors under their jurisdiction (copy enclosed). Your good self is requested that a similar approach may kindly be considered in the MES .

With highest regards and profound respect

Yours faithfully,

(G.S. Mago)
President
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We most respectfully solicit your esteemed support and necessary action please.

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No. NH-24028/03/2026-H
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Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(Highway Section)
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Dated: 01st April, 2026

To

1. The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India;
2. DG (RD & SS), Ministry of Road Transport & Highways;
3. MD, National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL).

Subject: Cost Escalation Compensation Mechanism for National Highway Projects due to surge in fuel, Construction Material Prices and Logistics Cost – reg.

Sir,

In order to mitigate the impact of the increase in prices of crude oil and petroleum products under the present global scenario and as a measure of relief to ensure uninterrupted construction and maintenance of National Highway projects, the following measures have been approved for implementation:

- i. Relaxation in Schedule-H for EPC projects and Schedule – G for HAM Projects to enable monthly payments to Contractors / Concessionaires for work executed and complying with quality specifications & standards.
 - ii. Price adjustment in EPC projects, WPI for (a) Construction Machinery, (b) Ordinary Portland Cement, (c) for all commodities, (d) Mild Steel, may be taken for one month prior to the relevant Interim Payment Certificate (IPC) month in place of three months prior to the relevant IPC month. Similarly, in case of price adjustment for bitumen, the official retail price of bitumen may be taken as the first day of the month, one month prior to the IPC month, in place of first day of the month three months prior to the relevant IPC month.
 - iii. Price Adjustment under EPC contracts may be paid along with the monthly payments and price escalation, in HAM contracts, calculated using the Price Index Multiple (PIM) may be paid along with monthly payments.
2. These measures have been put in place for a period of 3 months w.e.f. 1st April 2026 i.e upto 30.6.2026 or till the global situation improves.
 3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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1. PSO to Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.