

No. 12014/3/2015/Goa/P-6
Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(Zone-IV)
Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Dt. 24.08.
2020

To,

M/s ATY Consultant & Planner LLP, Ghaziabad. [Proof consultant for the project mentioned in Subject below]

Subject: - Collapse of scaffolding for the project of construction of approaches in km 531.934 to km 536.250 for Bridge across river Zuari of existing NH-17 (New NH-66) on Panjim-Mangalore section in the state of Goa (Package-III) on EPC mode.

Ref.: - Action Taken Report submitted by CE (NH,R&B) PWD Goa vide letter no. PWD/CE(NH,R&B)F.MORTH/2019-20/273 dated 27.02.2020.

Sir,

This is in reference to the Collapse of scaffolding which took place on 13.03.2019 at the construction site of Zuari bridge (Package-III).

2. State PWD has informed that the scaffolding system for one of span of constructed flyover had fallen down on 13.03.2019. Ministry has taken the cognizance of the sad incident and appointed immediately an Expert Committee on 28.03.2019 for submitting a report incorporating causes for collapse of scaffolding ; suggesting remedial measures; assessing responsibility of various stake holders; review of design of temporary works; and suggesting preventive steps for avoiding such incidents in future etc.

3.1 As per cl. 10.2.3 of contract agreement of civil contractor, the Proof Consultant shall (a) evolve a system approach with Design Director so as to minimize the time required for final design and construction drawings, and (b) Proof check the detailed calculation, drawing and designs which have been approved by the Design Director. As per cl. 10.1.5, the Contractor shall appoint Safety Consultant to carry out safety audit at the design stage of the project Highway in accordance with the applicable laws and good industry practices.

3.2 As per the report of committee, the Contractor appointed you (ATY consultant & Planner LLP, Ghaziabad)as Proof Consultant and you did not performed in accordance with the prescribed standards of IRC 87 and there were lapses on your part.

4. A meeting was held on 21.08.2019 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister (RT&H and MSME) which was attended by all the stakeholders including you to discuss this issue wherein it was directed to seek explanation from all stakeholders on this issue. In this regard, State PWD vide letter dated 25.09.2019 and subsequently vide letter dated 18.02.2020 instructed you to submit a written explanation addressing the issue of collapse of scaffolding for the above project. However, no response has been submitted by you which has been viewed seriously in the Ministry and it appears that you have nothing to say about the findings of Expert-cum-Inquiry Committee.

5. In the view of above, you are warned that if such incident happens in future , deterrent action will be taken against you.

Yours faithfully,

Praveen Kumar
(Praveen Kumar)

Assitt. Executive Engineer (Zone-IV)
For Director General(RD) & Spl Secretary

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