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To, Hon'ble Shri Nitin Gadkari Ji Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Government of India Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street New Delhi – 110001

Subject: Request for Intervention Regarding Delays and Lack of Clarity in Road Access Permissions by Project Director, PIU, NHAI – Meerut

Respected Sir,

On behalf of the Uttar Pradesh Architects Association, we wish to draw your kind attention to a matter that is causing significant delays and confusion in infrastructure-related activities along the highways in our region.

We have received repeated feedback from stakeholders that applications for Road Access Permission submitted to the Project Director (PD), PIU, NHAI – Meerut, are facing prolonged processing time despite multiple submissions and follow-ups. These delays are adversely affecting the execution of development projects, resulting in financial losses, inconvenience to the public, and, in some cases, compelling stakeholders to proceed without necessary approvals — all of which ultimately act as a hindrance in the development of the city and the country at large.

The absence of timely permission is causing:

- 1. Financial losses to contractors, developers, and other stakeholders.
- 2. Delays in associated infrastructure and service delivery to the public SSOCIATION

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- 3. Loss of potential revenue to the exchequer.
- 4. Risk of unauthorized constructions due to prolonged waiting periods.

Another major issue being faced by stakeholders is the lack of a clear mechanism to identify which road falls under the jurisdiction of NHAI, PWD, Development Authorities, or Nagar Nigam. Very often, a road initially shown under NHAI later gets reported as transferred to PWD or another agency, sometimes with changes in road name, number, or jurisdictional control. This ambiguity leads to:

- 1. Wastage of time and effort as applications are redirected multiple times.
- 2. Uncertainty in compliance, causing delays in project execution.
- 3. Confusion and miscommunication between departments and applicants.
- 4. Increased risk of unauthorized access or construction due to unclear authority.

While we deeply appreciate and commend your Ministry's remarkable efforts in expanding and upgrading the nation's highways, it is imperative that road access permissions are processed transparently and efficiently, and that there exists a single-window mechanism or a publicly accessible database clarifying jurisdiction (NHAI / PWD / Local Authority) of each road with updated status.

In view of the above, we respectfully request your kind intervention to:

- 1. Establish a review/monitoring mechanism to ensure that Road Access Permission applications are processed within a defined timeline.
- 2. Direct expedited clearance of all pending applications with PIU, NHAI Meerut.
- 3. Create and publish a **transparent**, **updated jurisdictional map/list of roads** (including changes in handovers between NHAI, PWD, Development Authorities, and Nagar Nigam) to eliminate confusion.
- 4. Introduce a single-window digital platform for submission, tracking, and approval of road access applications across all concerned agencies.

We firmly believe that under your visionary leadership, these bottlenecks can be swiftly addressed, ensuring transparency, efficiency, and seamless infrastructure-linked development.

Thanking you in anticipation.

With highest regards,

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Ar.Ankit Agarwal

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- 2. Chairman, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), New Delhi
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- 4. Regional Officer, NHAI, Western Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow
- 5. Project Director, NHAI, PIU, Meerut
- 6. Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO), NHAI, New Delhi

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