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To

The Executive Engineer,
National Highways,
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Subject: Road cutting permission for laying of pipeline in JJM/AMRUT/KIIFB (i) laying of water pipeline of dia 600mm from Vellimon junction (Ch:11/450) to Nanthirikkal Junction(Ch:12/648) Total Length-1.198 km) & (ii) Laying of water pipeline of Dia 1219 mm (MS pipes) from Nanthirikkal (Ch:12/648) to Elampalloor(Ch:13/700) on RHS(Total Length-1.05 km) in NH 183-Kollam Theni National Highway in state of Kerala-reg

Ref: (i)Additional Chief Secretary, Govt of Kerala D.O. letter No 264/DC1/2023/LSGD dated 25.08.2023

(ii) EE(NH) Kollam vide letter D6-1315/2023 dated 18.10.2023

Sir,

Please refer to letter cited under reference ii road cutting permission for subject work.

2. The matter was examined in Ministry HQ and following observations are made-

(i) As per MoRTH circular dt 22.11.2016, it has been mentioned, regarding 'Laying of Utility Services along the National Highways', vide para 2.3 that "*in stretches where utility ducts have not been provided, the utility services shall be located beyond the toe line of the embankment and drains, as close to extreme edge of the RoW as possible. While granting permission, requirement of up-gradation also needs to be kept in view*". In addition, it has also been mentioned in para 2.6 that "*In exceptional cases, where RoW is restricted the utility services can be allowed beneath the carriageway of service road, subject to condition that the utility services be laid in concrete ducts, which will be designed to carry traffic on top...The cost of operation and maintenance will have to be borne by the Licensee as per agreement*"

ii. Based on above provisions, it seems undesirable to allow permission of Open cutting and damaging the recently completed strengthening work. The pipe-laying department may look for alternatives like Utility duct through micro-tunneling, land acquisition to further shift RoW edge etc. to avoid cutting of carriageway.

3. The compliance for above observations raised may be submitted at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,



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For Regional officer

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