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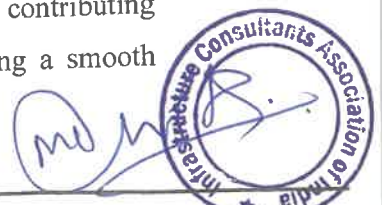
Sub.: Payment of GST along with the release of monthly bills of AE/IE/SC/PMC services. Reg.: Release of GST along with monthly invoices.

Sir,

Our Association has been receiving numerous complaints about delay in release of GST bills by the Project Directors/ Paying Authorities of NHAI. This is causing hardships to the consultants who are already facing many daunting challenges in carrying out efficient and unblemished services particularly due to several factors including various SOP provisions which may lead to ruin the future of consultants/ consultancy firm in case of tiny carelessness / unintentional mistakes made by Key Personnel.

The release of timely and proper monthly payment to the Key for success of the Consultancy Services due to meagre margins of profit but it has been brought to our notice that the most of the Project Directors/ Paying authorities are not sensitive in making timely payments to our members and the payment of GST along with the invoices. **Noticeably Contractors are getting GST payment along with payments of their invoices but in our case it is not so.** The Consultants on the other hand are directed to submit GSTR-1 & GSTR-3B to get payment of GST for which the consultant are required to deposit GST in Government account from their own pockets. Most of the consultant are not so financially capable to deposit the GST from their own sources. This ultimately led to accumulation of outstanding GST towards the consultants. There are many consultants who owe crores of rupees to GST department on account of outstanding liability of GST along with penalty and interest thereon.

Our members have been delivering exceptional services to many projects contributing significantly to its success. Timely payment of GST is crucial for maintaining a smooth financial flow and ensuring the consultants' expenses are covered appropriately.



Sir, Goods and Service Tax is an Indirect Tax and our members are intermediary for collecting indirect tax from the end consumer. Thus our members are responsible to pass on the received tax to the Government. We therefore very humbly request to your good self to kindly arrange to release GST payment along with the monthly invoices as being adopted in the case of making contractors' payment. Proof of deposit of GST amount may be taken at the time of payment of next invoice.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

For Infrastructure Consultants Association of India


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