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Sub: Road Safety Audits/Supplementary road Safety Audits on National Highways/Expressways- guidelines regarding.

Road Safety Audits (RSA) are essential for improvement of road safety and prevention of accidents. Audits are required at all stages, be it feasibility, design, construction or pre-opening. Audits are also to be carried out on existing NHs and for improvement projects.

2. The audits are to be carried out objectively and the recommendations made with sufficient reasoning based on relevant data/information. However, it is often found that Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) prepared for improvement projects are lacking in some of the data/ details required for supporting the recommendations of the road safety audit. Similarly, the road safety audits on National Highways where, improvement projects are not recently completed or DPRs for such projects are not prepared need base maps and basic details required for carrying out the audits.

3. The Manual on Road Safety Audits i.e., IRC:SP-88-2010 (or any latest revision of this document) is a basic document covering various aspects of road safety audit including audit process, principles for safe road design, check lists for guidance of auditors etc. However in view of different aspects detailed in para 2 above, which are specific to the Indian scenario, the following additional guidelines need to be followed while carrying out the road safety audits on NHs:

3.1 Road safety audit report should give safety concerns & recommendations with full reasons and explanation to enable informed decision making regarding safety.

3.2 Basic data pertaining to site /traffic /regional development is required to make recommendations to address various safety concerns. However, in case such data is not available in Detailed Project Reports (DPRs)/Feasibility Reports (FRs), such data collection shall be the responsibility of the audit team and considered part of road safety audit (Detailed data required for design of recommended facilities need not be collected as part of road safety audit).

3.3 The road safety audits shall be carried out for each Km (Km-wise) covering all aspects of road safety related to road/road environment so that, no significant safety concerns are left unnoticed.

3.4 Adequate time period may be given to the audit team for carrying out detailed audit, bringing out all the safety concerns/recommendations collecting additional data/ information through requisite survey/ investigations. The copies of the DPR/other details available with client in respect of the stretch for which the audit is proposed should be made available to the prospective audit teams at the time of

inviting the proposals for the audit to enable them assess the requirement of resources for carrying out the audit comprehensively as brought out in these guidelines.

3.5 Commencement meeting and completion meeting with road authorities / design team by the audit team are compulsory for all road safety audits so that, project context and audit concerns are well understood by both audit members & design team / road authorities repressively.

3.6 Draft audit report and its recommendations may be discussed in the completion meeting before the audit report is submitted to road authority taking due care that it does not influence the audit team too much, vitiating the independence of the audit process. Only the project context and safety concerns in general may be discussed in the commencement & completion meetings respectively.

3.7 Reasoned / well explained audit report should be submitted to the road authorities (client for the road stretch).

3.8 On the audit report submitted by the audit team, Client should furnish a "Client response" to audit team after thoroughly considering the audit observations / recommendations.

3.9 On receipt of Client response, audit team should furnish back to client a consolidated "Client response" together with "Audit observations on client response" as a supplementary to audit report which would be treated as part of the audit report. This approach ensures independence /impartiality/objectivity of the entire exercise of road safety audit.

3.10 Different aspects of traffic/socio-economic parameters specific to Indian conditions should be duly taken into account while identifying safety concerns and while making audit recommendations.

3.11 In recommending remedial measures to the identified safety concerns by the audit, scope of the project, its cost range and other improvement projects in contemplation on the stretch under consideration should be duly considered.

3.12 Pre-opening stage audit may be considered as the 'Road safety audit to be mandatorily carried out before officially declaring the commencement of commercial operations on a newly constructed / newly improved road of specified size specified by the road authority '. The Road authority concerned should formally declare commencement of commercial operations on a newly constructed/improved road after ensuring that a road safety audit is carried out and the identified safety concerns are suitably addressed.

3.13 In case of safety audit of existing roads where no major improvement/capacity augmentation is neither in progress nor is in contemplation, essential traffic data / accident data/site condition data / regional development data which are required to make recommendations on a sound basis need to be collected by the audit team to the extent those are not available in the recent reports (where the data from other recent reports is used the source is to be clearly mentioned). Base map



