

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Government of India (Ministry of Road Transport & highways) and Government of Maharashtra (Public Works Department)

For

Development of existing Pune-Ahmednagar-Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (Aurangabad) Corridor of NH-753F (ch. km 10/600 to ch. km 224/600)

And

New Greenfield 6-Lane Expressway from Pune to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar

By Government of Maharashtra

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is signed between Government of India [Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH)] and Government of Maharashtra [Public Works Department (PWD)], for Development of existing Pune-Ahmednagar-Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (Aurangabad) Corridor of NH-753F (ch. km 10/600 to ch. km 224/600) and the construction and operation of new Greenfield 6-Lane Expressway from Pune to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar on this 8th day of March, 2024 at Nagpur (Maharashtra).

2. Whereas Government of Maharashtra had requested grant of No Objection Certificate (NOC) and signing of MOU for development of existing Pune-Ahmednagar-Chhatrapati





Sambhaji Nagar (Aurangabad) Corridor of NH-753F and the construction and operation of new Greenfield 6-Lane Expressway from Pune to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.

3. Whereas Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has approved and granted its No Objection Certificate (NOC) in terms of above referred request of the Government of Maharashtra with no cost implication to the MoRTH.

4. Now, this Memorandum of Understanding witnesses the terms of agreement hereunder:

4.1. This MOU pertains to the existing Pune-Ahmednagar-Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (Aurangabad) Corridor of NH-753-F and new Greenfield 6-lane Expressway from Pune to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.

4.2. Maharashtra State Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (MSIDC), an undertaking of Public Works Department, Government of Maharashtra, is proposed as the concessionaire for the above. Government of Maharashtra will extend all necessary technical assistance and support required for the implementation of above project.

4.3. For ensuring construction, maintenance and tolling as per relevant IRC standards of National Highways/Expressways, an Executive Committee comprising of representatives of MoRTH, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Public Works Department (PWD) and MSIDC for implementation of this project shall be set up. The Executive Committee will take all necessary steps within the framework of this MOU for successful execution, maintenance and tolling of this project.

4.4. This corridor was declared as NH 753-F in 2016. Government of Maharashtra has not issued NOC for handover/entrustment of the Shirur to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (Aurangabad) section of this road due to ongoing PPP/BOT projects/concessions which are up to year 2026 and 2031 in two contract packages. These PPP/BOT





projects/concessions were implemented by Government of Maharashtra prior to upgradation of this road as National Highway.

- 4.5 MORTH will entrust the section from Pune to Shirur to the State Government. The section from Shirur to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (Aurangabad) is already with Public Works Department, Government of Maharashtra. Thus the entire length from Pune to Shirur to Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar (Aurangabad) (ch. km 10/600 to ch. km 224/600) will be entrusted to the Government of Maharashtra.

Upgradation and maintenance of existing section of Pune-Ahmednagar-Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (NH 753 F) shall be taken up by MSIDC from its own funds, as per relevant Indian Road Congress (IRC) standards of National Highways/Expressways.

All liabilities arising out of existing ongoing contract agreements in this stretch shall be borne by the MSIDC.

Prior to the commencement of tolling, the existing NH-753F shall be suitably improved to be eligible for tolling.

- 4.6. Subsequent to this MoU, MORTH/NHAI will hand over the existing DPR prepared for Pune-Shirur section and DPR for new greenfield expressway from Pune – Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar to the Public Works Department, Government of Maharashtra. Government of Maharashtra will take further action for development, construction, and maintenance after suitably examining the recommendations of the Executive Committee.
- 4.7 NHAI will discontinue present bid process for the proposed elevated section from Pune to Shirur.
- 4.8 Road alignment of the proposed Pune-Ahmednagar-Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (Aurangabad) Greenfield Expressway as already approved in-principle under the

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Chairmanship of Secretary, MORTH shall be considered as a priority alignment for implementation of this project.

- 4.9 MSIDC will bear all necessary cost for design, bidding, construction, maintenance along with all incidental and related cost of the both project corridors i.e. existing NH 753F from Pune to Shirur and new greenfield expressway from Pune to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar through its own funds.
- 4.10 In case financial assistance from Government of Maharashtra for both of above is proposed by MSIDC, the same shall be expeditiously examined on priority for necessary approvals by the State Government.
- 4.11 While developing and maintaining both existing and new Greenfield Expressway, prescribed Technical Standards of MORTH and relevant IRC standards of National Highways/Expressways will be followed.
- 4.12 An agreement in accordance with objectives outlined in this MOU, will be executed between Government of Maharashtra and MORTH within 6 months after signing of this MOU. The draft of the agreement will be finalised in consultation with the Executive Committee.
- 4.13 Government of Maharashtra may examine relaxations/waivers in GST and Royalty charges to improve the viability of this project.
- 4.14 Public Works Department, Government of Maharashtra shall initiate all necessary measures to ensure commencement of the project within 2 years, failing which MORTH may consider to take over the entire project in public interest.
- 4.15 Any amendment to this MOU may be done, if mutually agreed by both the Parties.
- 4.16 Any dispute with respect to the MOU shall be resolved through Dispute Resolution mechanism as per the provisions of Administrative Mechanism for Resolution of

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Commercial Dispute (AMRCD) issued by the Department of Public Enterprises vide Office Memorandum dated 22nd May, 2018, 20th February, 2020 and other relevant OMs issued from time to time.

In witness whereof, the parties have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

For and on behalf of
Ministry of Road Transport & Highway
Government of India

For and on behalf of
Public Works Department
Government of Maharashtra

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