To
The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Road Transport and Highways,
Transport Bhawan,
New Delhi – 110 001.


Sir,

Please find enclosed Audit Report, Audit Certificate and Management Letter in respect of World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IRBD) assisted National Highways Interconnectivity Improvement Project (NHIIP) Loan No.8301-IN) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for the year 2018-19. The audit observations which have not been included in the Audit Report/Certificate are included in the Management Letter.

This issues with the approval of the Principal Director of Audit.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

Sd/-
Director

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR OF AUDIT
ECONOMIC AND SERVICE MINISTRIES
D.G.A.C.R. BUILDING, I.P. ESTATE
NEW DELHI – 110 001

No. AMG-IV/3(9)/W.B.Project/NHIIP/2019-20/231
Dated: 06.03.2020
Copy alongwith enclosures for information to:

1. Sh. Chief Engineer (EAP), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Transport Bhawan, New Delhi -1

2. Sr. Audit Officer (EAP), Office of the Comptroller General of India, 9 Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg, New Delhi 110 024.

3. Controller of Accounts and Audit (CAAA), Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Aid Accounts & Audit Divisions, Janpath Bhawan, B wing, 5th floor, Janpath Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.

Director
No. AMG-IV/3(9)/W.B.Project/NHIIP/2019-20

Dated:

To

The Secretary to the Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport and Highways,
Transport Bhawan, New Delhi.

Subject: Report on the Project Financial Statement - World Bank Loan No. 8301-IN.

Sir,

We have audited the accompanying Financial Statement of the World Bank assisted i.e. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) Assisted National Highway Interconnectivity Improvement Project (NHIIP) Loan no. 8301-IN, which comprise the Statement of Sources and Application of Funds and the Reconciliation of Claims to total Applications of Funds for the year 2018-2019. These statements are the responsibility of the Projects Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the accompanying Financial Statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Auditing Standards promulgated by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the Financial Statements are free of material misstatement. Our audit examines, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statement. It also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the Financial Statement present fairly, in all material respects, the sources and applications of funds for World Bank International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) assisted National Highway Interconnectivity Improvement Project (NHIIP) Loan no. 8301-IN for the year 2018-19 in accordance with Government of India
accounting standards with respect to NHIIP New Delhi, Rajasthan, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal & Karnataka.

In addition, in our opinion, with respect to Interim Un-audited Financial Reports (IUFRs)/ Statement of Expenditure (SOE), adequate supporting documentation has been maintained to support claims to the World Bank for reimbursement of expenditure incurred; except for audit observations mentioned in the Management letter appended to this audit report, expenditure are eligible for financing under the Loan Agreement.

During the course of audit, Statement of Expenditure and the connected documents were examined and these can be relied upon to support reimbursement under the Loan Agreement as detailed in Annexure.

This report is issued without prejudice to C&AG's right to incorporate the audit observations in the Report of C&AG of India for being laid before Parliament.

Place: New Delhi
Date: 06.03.2020.

Pr. Director of Audit
AUDIT CERTIFICATE

The Statement of Expenditure of World Bank International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) assisted National Highways Interconnectivity Improvement Project (NHIIP) Loan no. 8301-IN for the year 2018-19 attached hereto, have been audited in accordance with the regulations and standards of audit of the Comptroller and Audit General of India and accordingly procedure necessary to conform that the expenditure statements/financial statement are correct.

During the course, Statement of Expenditure and the connected documents were examined and these can be relied upon to support reimbursement under the Loan Agreement as detailed in Annexure.

On the basis of the information and explanation that have been obtained and according to the best of our information as a result of test audit, it is certified that the Expenditure Statement/Financial Statements read with the observation set out below represent a true and fair view of the implementation (and operations) of the Project for the year 2018-19.

This certificate is issued without prejudice to CAG’s right to incorporate the audit observation in the Report of CAG of India for being laid before Parliament.

Principal Director of Audit

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