

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION ORDER

No. NHIDCL/Tripura/Mtc./ 2026-27/2149

Dated: 25.09.2026

The Authorized Signatory
M/s Sahu Construction Flat No.
103, B-Block, Vishwanath Apartment,
Devi Manadap Road Hesal Ranchi, Pin-835703

Subject: Temporary suspension of M/s Sahu Construction having registered office Flat No. 103, B-Block, Vishwanath Apartment, Devi Manadap Road Hesal Ranchi, Pin-835703, EPC Contractor of Rehabilitation and up-gradation of road from design km 19.300 to km 31.300 (Total length=12.000 km) of Agartala-Khowai section on NH-108B to two lanes with paved shoulders in the State of Tripura on EPC mode (Package-II)-Balance work, from participating in ongoing/future bidding - Reg.

Ref:

- i. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2617-Reply of cure period notice dated 31.12.2025.
- ii. PMU Teliamura letter no. NHIDCL/PMU-Tel/A-K (Pkg-II)/25(1)/2020-21/1461-63 dated: 23.12.2025.
- iii. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2591-Slow work progress dated 06.12.2025.
- iv. PMU Teliamura letter no. NHIDCL/PMU-Tel/A-K (Pkg-II)/25(1)/2020-21/1390-92 dated: 04.12.2025.
- v. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2581-Insufficient manpower and machinery dated 28.11.2025.
- vi. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2575-Insufficient manpower and machinery dated 15.11.2025.
- vii. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2573-Insufficient manpower and machinery dated 12.11.2025.
- viii. PMU Teliamura letter no. NHIDCL/PMU-Tel/A-K (Pkg-II)/25(1)/2020-21/1178 dated: 28.11.2025.
- ix. PMU Teliamura letter no. NHIDCL/PMU-Tel/A-K (Pkg-II)/25(1)/2020-21/1320-22 dated: 01.11.2025.
- x. PMU Teliamura letter no. NHIDCL/PMU-Tel/A-K/(Pkg-II)/25(1)/2020-21/1158-59 dated: 28.10.2025.
- xi. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2557-Slow work progress dated: 22.10.2025.
- xii. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2324-Slow work progress dated: 10.10.2025.
- xiii. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2527 dated: 09.09.2025
- xiv. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2524-Slow work progress dated 06.09.2025.
- xv. PMU Teliamura letter no. NHIDCL/PMU-Tel/A-K/(Pkg-II)/25(1)/2020-21/866-67 dated: 03.09.2025.
- xvi. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2499-slow work progress dated: 08.08.2025.
- xvii. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2490 dated: 31.07.2025
- xviii. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2465-slow work progress dated: 08.07.2025.
- xix. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2462 dated: 04.07.2025
- xx. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2449 dated: 18.06.2025-slow work progress & failure to achieve milestone-I.
- xxi. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2404-slow work progress dated: 05.04.2025.
- xxii. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2362-slow work progress dated: 21.02.2025.
- xxiii. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2324-slow work progress dated: 10.01.2025.



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- xxiv. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2346-slow work progress dated: 28.01.2025.
- xxv. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2297-QAP and WP dated: 25.11.2024.
- xxvi. PMU Teliamura letter no. NHIDCL/PMU-Tel/A-K/(Pkg-II)/25(1)/2020-21/2179(A) dated: 29.02.2024.
- xxvii. NHIDCL/Tripura/NH-108B/Agt-Khowai/Pkg-II/2023/1245, dated : 18.12.2023.
- xxviii. PMU Teliamura letter no. NHIDCL/PMU-Tel/A-K (Pkg-II)/25(1)/2020-21/1837-39 dated: 25.02.2026.
- xxix. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2761-Slow work progress dated: 15.05.2026.
- xxx. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2676-Slow work progress dated: 26.02.2026.
- xxxi. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2644-Slow work progress dated: 31.01.2026.
- xxxii. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2764-Rectification of WMM damaged bed dated: 19.05.2026.
- xxxiii. Authority letter no. NHIDCL/PMU-Tel/A-K (Pkg-II)/25(1)/2020-21/1543-45 dated: 10.01.2026.
- xxxiv. Authority letter no. NHIDCL/PMU-Tel/A-K (Pkg-II)/25(1)/2020-21/403-04 dated: 08.07.2026.
- xxxv. Authority letter no. NHIDCL/PMU-Tel/A-K (Pkg-II)/25(1)/2020-21/201-03 dated: 16.05.2026.
- xxxvi. EPC contractor letter no. SC/NHIDCL/TR/A-K/II/2023-24/110 dated: 11.12.2024.
- xxxvii. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2117-Quality Assurance plan dated 18.03.2024.
- xxxviii. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2297 dated: 25.11.2024.
- xxxix. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2187 dated: 25.06.2024.
- xl. Authority letter no. NHIDCL/PMU-Tel/A-K (Pkg-II)/25(1)/2020-21/2733-34 dated: 15.05.2024.
- xli. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2807 dated: 30.06.2026.
- xl.ii. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2755 dated: 12.05.2026.
- xl.iii. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2747 dated: 04.05.2026.
- xl. iv. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2501 dated: 09.08.2025.
- xl. v. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2496 dated: 05.08.2025.
- xl. vi. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2494 dated: 02.08.2025.
- xl. vii. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2466 dated: 08.07.2025.
- xl. viii. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2452 dated: 19.06.2025.
- xl. ix. Authority's Engineer letter no. AE3020-LEC-2319 dated: 06.01.2025.

Whereas, M/s Sahu Construction having registered office Flat No. 103, B-Block, Vishwanath Apartment, Devi Manadap Road Hesal Ranchi, Pin-835703 the EPC Contractor for the work Rehabilitation and up-gradation of road from design km 19.300 to km 31.300 (Total length=12.000 km) of Agartala-Khowai section on NH-108B to two lanes with paved shoulders in the State of Tripura on EPC mode (Package-II)-Balance work;

2. Whereas, the Appointed Date of the project was 01.03.2024 and the Completion Date was scheduled on 31.08.2025, however the project is yet to be completed. Authority, vide letter dated 23.07.2026 has suspended the contract.

3. Whereas, during the Maintenance/DLP period, deficiencies in the Project Highway were observed/reported, including potholes, cracks, pavement distress, damaged road furniture and other maintenance deficiencies, affecting approximately 9.00 km of the project stretch;

4. Whereas, the aforesaid deficiencies were brought to the notice of the Contractor through the Authority/Authority's Engineer by way of inspection reports, communications, directions and other correspondence, requiring the Contractor to undertake necessary rectification and maintenance works within the stipulated period;

5. Whereas, despite the aforesaid directions and opportunities, the Contractor failed to adequately undertake/complete the required rectification and maintenance works. The works undertaken by the Contractor were also reported to be inadequate/not satisfactory in terms of

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progress, quality and/or effectiveness, resulting in persistence/reappearance of deficiencies on the Project Highway;

6. Whereas, a Cure Period Notice dated 11.07.2026 was issued to the Contractor under the relevant provisions of the EPC Contract Agreement, including applicable provisions of Article 23, providing the stipulated period for rectification of the identified deficiencies. However, the reported deficiencies have not been satisfactorily rectified within the prescribed period / the required rectification has not been completed to the satisfaction of the Authority;

7. Whereas, Article 14.1 of the EPC Contract Agreement requires the Contractor, inter alia, to ensure safe, smooth and uninterrupted flow of traffic on the Project Highway and to undertake routine maintenance including prompt repairs of potholes, cracks, joints, drains, embankments, structures, pavement markings, lighting, road signs and other traffic control devices. Article 14.2 further requires the Contractor to ensure that the Project Highway conforms at all times during the Maintenance Period to the maintenance requirements specified in Schedule-E of the EPC Contract Agreement;

8. Whereas, the continued existence of the aforesaid deficiencies, despite repeated directions for rectification, has adversely affected the condition and serviceability of the Project Highway and has raised concerns regarding the safety of road users;

9. Whereas, the condition of the concerned project stretch and the resultant concerns relating to public safety have also been brought before the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura in Suo Motu W.P.(C) (PIL) No. 06 of 2026, wherein judgment was pronounced on 08.09.2026;

10. Whereas, MoRT&H Circular dated 06.10.2021 provides for action against Contractors/Concessionaires in cases of specified deficiencies. The Circular provides, inter alia, for declaring a Contractor as a Non-Performer where the Contractor fails to complete rectification within the prescribed time and also in cases of failure to start/delay in maintenance and repair/overlay works;

11. Whereas, the aforesaid Circular further provides that, in cases where public safety is endangered by the behaviour/conduct/action of the Contractor/Consultant/Concessionaire, the Authority may temporarily suspend the concerned Contractor/Consultant/Concessionaire from participating in ongoing/future bidding for a period of up to one month, during which the regular process of debarment is to be concluded, subject to the conditions and procedure prescribed in the said Circular;

12. Whereas, based on the records and reports furnished by RO Agartala, the deficiencies and continuing non-compliance in respect of the subject project fall within the categories contemplated under the aforesaid MoRT&H Circular dated 06.10.2021, particularly relating to failure to complete rectification and failure to adequately undertake/progress maintenance and repair works and endangering public safety;

13. Whereas, considering the persistent nature of the deficiencies, non-rectification despite repeated directions and the reported concerns relating to public safety, it is considered necessary to take immediate action in terms of the provisions of MoRT&H Circular dated 06.10.2021, without prejudice to the regular proceedings for declaration of the Contractor as Non-Performer/debarment;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under the applicable provisions of MoRT&H Circular dated 06.10.2021 and subject to the conditions prescribed therein, it is hereby ordered as under:

Temporary Suspension:

M/s Sahu Construction having registered office Flat No. 103, B-Block, Vishwanath Apartment, Devi Manadap Road Hesal Ranchi, Pin-835703, EPC Contractor of "Rehabilitation and up-gradation of road from design km 19.300 to km 31.300 (Total length=12.000 km) of Agartala-Khowai section on NH-108B to two lanes with paved shoulders in the State of Tripura on EPC mode (Package-II)-Balance work", is hereby temporarily suspended from participating in ongoing/future bidding of NHIDCL,

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MoRTH and its implementing agencies, as applicable under the aforesaid MoRT&H Circular dated 06.10.2021, for a period of up to one month from the date of this Order.

14. Nothing contained in this Order shall be construed as waiver of any right or remedy available to NHIDCL under the EPC Contract Agreement, applicable law, specifications, guidelines or instructions of MoRTH. All such rights and remedies are hereby expressly reserved.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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