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(सडक परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)

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Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Govt. of India)

PIU, Ahmedabad (Gujarat)

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NHAI/PIU Ahmedabad/EOI/2025-26/1454

dated: 03.07.2025

Office Order

Name of Work.: Expression of Interest (EOI) for Empanelment of Law Firms and Advocates for PIU-Ahmedabad - Reg.: Constitution of committee members for Bid evaluation.

NHAI PIU-Ahmedabad has invited Tender on etender portal for "Expression of Interest (EOI) for Empanelment of Law Firms and Advocates for PIU-Ahmedabad" on 26.05.2025 with tender id 2025_NHAI_236525_1 and the bid for the subject work will be opened on 04.07.2025 at 1700 hrs at Project Implementation Unit NHAI PIU-Ahmedabad.

Accordingly, the following committee is hereby constituted with the following members for opening, scrutinizing, processing and evaluation of Quotations/ Bids invited for above said work.

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| 1. Shri Rajeev Chandra GM(T.) & Project Director, PIU-Ahmedabad | Convener |
| 3. Shri Rahul Jalan Manager (T.), RO-Gandhinagar | Member |
| 4. Shri Praveen Khichar Manager(T), PIU-Ahmedabad | Member |
| 5. Shri Vijay Kumar Atri Asst. Manager (F&A), PIU-Ahmedabad | Member |

All the Committee members are hereby requested to remain present at Project Implementation Unit, NHAI-Ahmedabad on scheduled date and time. The Committee will open, evaluate and process the received bids as per terms and conditions of bid document.

Thanking You,

(Rajeev Chandra)
GM (Tech.) & Project Director
PIU-Ahmedabad

Copy To: -

- 1) RO-Gujarat, Gandhinagar for kind information please.
- 2) All Committee Members.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Name of Work: Expression of Interest (EOI) for Empanelment of Law Firms and Advocates [Tender ID: 2025_NHAI_236525_1] —**Empanelment of Law Firms and Advocates- reg.**

Date: 20.08.2025

1. This meeting was convened in continuation of the earlier meeting held on 04.08.2025, wherein the Evaluation Committee recommended providing one more opportunity to the following applicants to furnish the details as per Sr. No. 13 of the application format mentioned in the EOI (Details of cases defended by the Advocate on behalf of PSU/Govt. Department for Land Acquisition Disputes):

Sr. No.	Name of Law Firms	Sr. No.	Name of Advocates
1	M/s. Solomon & Co.	1	Ms. Ruchita T. Jain
2	K S Legal & Associates	2	Mr. Satish Upadhyay

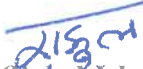
2. Accordingly, PIU-Ahmedabad vide letters dated 04.08.2025 requested the aforesaid legal firms/advocates to furnish the details as per Sr. No. 13 of the application format mentioned in the EOI (Details of cases defended by the Advocate on behalf of PSU/Govt. Department for Land Acquisition Disputes). The submissions received from the above-mentioned 2 Law Firms, and 2 Advocates have been re-evaluated by the Committee and it is observed that the legal firms, M/s. Solomon & Co., K S Legal & Associates and Ld. Advocate, Ms. Ruchita T. Jain have not handled the LA cases of Govt. Departments/PSUs and thus, failed to fulfil the essential qualification criteria. It is observed that **Advocate Mr. Satish Upadhyay** fulfilled the eligibility criteria as per Para 4 of the EOI.
3. Based on the evaluation and comparative analysis (refer comparative table and marks sheet attached), the Committee recommends the empanelment of the following 1 no of Law Firms and 5 nos. of Advocates for PIU-Ahmedabad:

Sr. No.	Name of Law Firms	Sr. No.	Name of Advocates
1	MV Kini and Company	1	Satyajeet Jadhavrao Rahate
		2	Archana Upendra Bhai Amin
		3	Kedar Jadhav
		4	Sagar Somnath Ladda
		5	Satish Upadhyay

4. In view of above, the evaluation committee recommends the empanelment of the 1 no of Law Firm and 5 nos. of Advocates for PIU-Ahmedabad subject to approval of the Competent Authority of NHAI.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Rajeev Chandra)
GM(Tech). & PD
PIU-Ahmedabad (In-chair)


(Rahul Jalan)
Manager (Tech.)
RO-Gandhinagar


(Praveen Khichar)
Manager (Tech.)
PIU-Ahmedabad


(Vijay Kumar Atri)
Asst. Manager (F&A)
PIU-Ahmedabad

i	Name of work -	Expression of Interest from qualified and experienced Law Firms and Advocates to defend NHAI primarily in matters related to Arbitration and Court cases pertaining to Land Acquisition for PIU-Ahmedabad. [Tender ID: 2025_NHAI_236525_1]					
ii	Date of NIT	26.05.2025					
iii	NIT Published in	https://etenders.gov.in/e procure/app and nhai.gov.in					
iv	Mode of tender	Online					
v	Tender opened on	04.07.2025					
vi	No. of bids downloaded	9 (3 Law firms and 6 Individual Advocates)					
vii	No. of Bidders participated	9 (3 Law firms and 6 Individual Advocates)					
Comparative Table for Bid/Technical Requirement for Law Firms							
Advocate →		Ms. Solomon and Co.		MV Kini and Company		K S LEGAL and ASSOCIATES	
Sr. No.	Proposals/ Qualifying Requirement ↓	Submission of bidder	Qualify (Yes/ No)	Submission of bidder	Qualify (Yes/ No)	Submission of bidder	Qualify (Yes/ No)
i	Cost of Bid Document Rs. 1000/- (Non - Refundable Online payment)	Submitted through NEFT from Kotak Mahindra BANK Tr No. KKBK0000958	Yes	Submitted through IB IFT No. 948825000239256010119	Yes	Submitted through UPI from AXIS Bank transaction no. PTMFE70529DE5804660A0736875B60CCA4	Yes
ii	Law Firms should be registered under the Statutes of India	Submitted, Certificate by Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa with En. No. MAH/127/2017	Yes	Submitted, Certificate by Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa with Record No. MAH-LF-33/2017	Yes	Submitted, Certificate by Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa with En. No. MAH/5096/2013	Yes
iii	Law firm/ Advocate shall have office in the state of Gujarat	Submitted, having office in Ahmedabad	Yes	Submitted, having office in Ahmedabad	Yes	Not Submitted	No
iv	Minimum qualifying criteria Law Firms, Advocates applying for empanelment in NHAI PIU-Ahmedabad should possess a minimum experience of 3 years in Arbitrations/Court Cases of PSUs/ Govt. Departments on Land Acquisition matters (Relevant Experience).	0 (The Law firm has claimed 55 years of experience however, no relevant documents found against claimed experience in LA matters of PSU's/ Govt. Department).	NO	30 years	Yes	0 (The Law firm has claimed 12 years of experience however, no relevant documents found against claimed experience in LA matters of PSU's/ Govt. Department).	NO
v	Law firms/ Advocates should have proven track record and demonstrable experience in dealing with Land acquisition cases on behalf of statutory acquiring bodies.	No relevant experience of Arbitrations/Court Cases of PSUs/ Govt. Departments on Land Acquisition matters found	No	Submitted	Yes	No relevant experience of Arbitrations/Court Cases of PSUs/ Govt. Departments on Land Acquisition matters found	No
vi	Law Firms/Advocates must have the requisite infrastructure and in-house capability.	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes
vii	Law Firms/Advocates should possess professional expertise especially in handling cases in the areas of Arbitrations/Court Cases of PSUs/ Govt. Departments on Land Acquisition matters	No relevant experience of Arbitrations/Court Cases of PSUs/ Govt. Departments on Land Acquisition matters found	No	Submitted	Yes	No relevant experience of Arbitrations/Court Cases of PSUs/ Govt. Departments on Land Acquisition matters found	No
viii	Law Firms/Advocates should be regular payers of all taxes as applicable to them. Copies of Chartered Accountant's Certificates/ Audited Balance Sheets/ P&L Accounts/ IT Returns, as applicable, for last three years may be submitted as documentary evidence.	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes
ix	The conduct and appearance of the Advocate/Law firm should be unblemished, dignified and ethical at all times.	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes
x	No proceedings should have been initiated against the Advocate before the Hon'ble Bar Council of India or the respective State Bar Council	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes

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xi	No "Show- Cause" Notice pertaining to "Unethical conduct" or "malpractice" by Advocate/ Law Firm should have been issued to the Law firm/ Advocate during the tenure of previous empanelment's with NHAI or any other Central/ State government agencies/ Government departments/ Public sector undertakings.	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes
xii	Law firms/ Advocates should not have filed or appeared before any judicial body against NHAI and in matters in which NHAI is an opponent.	As per technical bid, NHAI is not the opposite party in the cases details of which have been provided.	yes	As per technical bid, NHAI is not the opposite party in the cases details of which have been provided.	yes	As per technical bid, NHAI is not the opposite party in the cases details of which have been provided.	yes
xiii	Law Firms/Advocates should not have been debarred by any Central/State Government Departments/Public Sector Undertakings.	As per technical bid, the advocate is not debarred.	Yes	As per technical bid, the advocate is not debarred.	Yes	As per technical bid, the advocate is not debarred.	Yes
xiv	Law Firms/Advocates should not be involved in any major litigation that may have an impact of affecting or compromising the delivery of services as required under this EOI.	As per technical bid, the advocate is not involved in any major litigation that may have an impact of affecting or compromising the delivery of services as required under this EOI.	Yes	As per technical bid, the advocate is not involved in any major litigation that may have an impact of affecting or compromising the delivery of services as required under this EOI.	No	As per technical bid, the advocate is not involved in any major litigation that may have an impact of affecting or compromising the delivery of services as required under this EOI.	No
Considered for detailed evaluation (Yes/No)		No.		YES		No.	

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Sl. No	Criteria	Marks			
		Ms. Solomon and Co.		MV Kini and Company	
		K S LEGAL and ASSOCIATES			
		Marks	Marks	Marks	Marks
		For Law Firm	For Law Firm	For Law Firm	For Law Firm
1	Minimum relevant experience in the areas of Arbitrations/Court Cases of PSUs/ Govt. Departments on Land Acquisition	3Years	Not Fulfilled	More than 3 years of experience.	Not Fulfilled
2	In case of individual Advocate having minimum qualifying experience in relevant field (para no. 4 above) and in case of Law Firms, each advocate / associates having minimum qualifying experience in relevant field.	5 Marks (each Advocate/ Associates)	170	255	25
3	Additional Advocates associated with the Applicant (Advocates, not applicable to law firms)				
(i)	Upto 3 years' experience in relevant field:				
(ii)	More than 3 years' experience in relevant field.				
4.	Relevant Field - Land Acquisition:				
(i)	Arbitral Awards passed by Arbitral Tribunal in land acquisition cases of PSUs/ Govt. Dept. subject to submission of details of awards / briefs of the matters	1/2 Mark (each Arbitral Award)	0	2344	0
(ii)	For each land acquisition cases of PSUs/Govt. Dept. decided by Hon'ble District Court.	1 Marks (each case decided)	0	3	0
(iii)	For each land acquisition cases of PSUs/Govt. Dept. decided by Ld. Single Judge of Hon'ble High Court	2 Marks (each case decided)	0	166	0
(iv)	For each land acquisition cases of PSUs/Govt. Dept. decided by Hon'ble Division Bench of Hon'ble High Court	3 Marks (each case decided)	0	108	0
(v)	For each land acquisition cases of PSUs/Govt. Dept. decided by Hon'ble Supreme Court	4 Marks (each case decided)	0	48	0
Total Marks			170	2924	25

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Comparative Table for Bid/Technical Requirement for Advocates

Advocate →		ADVOCATE SATYAJEET JADHAVRAO RAHATE		Archana Upendrabhai Amin		Kedar Jadhav	
Sr. No.	Proposals/ Qualifying Requirement ↓	Submission of bidder	Qualify (Yes/ No)	Submission of bidder	Qualify (Yes/ No)	Submission of bidder	Qualify (Yes/ No)
i	Cost of Bid Document Rs. 1000/- (Non - Refundable Online payment)	Submitted through State Bank of India NEFT Transaction No. SBIN0020997	Yes	Submitted through HDFC Bank NEFT UTR No. HDFCN5202506169763 2303	Yes	Submitted through IMPS transaction no. 517612558838	Yes
ii	Law Firms should be registered under the Statutes of India	Submitted, Certificate by Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa with En. No. MAH/3725/2009	Yes	Submitted, Certificate by Bar Council of Gujarat with En. No. G/3310/1999	Yes	Submitted, Certificate by Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa with En. No. MAH/1186/2009	Yes
iii	Law firm/ Advocate shall have office in the state of Gujarat	Submitted, having office in Ahmedabad	Yes	Submitted, having office in Ahmedabad	Yes	Submitted, having office in Ahmedabad	Yes
iv	Minimum qualifying criteria Law Firms, Advocates applying for empanelment in NHAI PIU-Ahmedabad should possess a minimum experience of 3 years in Arbitrations/Court Cases of PSUs/ Govt. Departments on Land Acquisition matters (Relevant Experience).	14 years and 11 months	Yes	11 years	Yes	16 years	Yes
v	Law firms/ Advocates should have proven track record and demonstrable experience in dealing with Land acquisition cases on behalf of statutory acquiring bodies.	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes
vi	Law Firms/Advocates must have the requisite infrastructure and in-house capability.	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes
vii	Law Firms/Advocates should possess professional expertise especially in handling cases in the areas of Arbitrations/Court Cases of PSUs/ Govt. Departments on Land Acquisition matters.	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes

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viii	Law Firms/Advocates should be regular payers of all taxes as applicable to them. Copies of Chartered Accountant's Certificates/ Audited Balance Sheets/ P&L Accounts/ IT Returns, as applicable, for last three years may be submitted as documentary evidence.	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes
ix	The conduct and appearance of the Advocate/Law firm should be unblemished, dignified and ethical at all times.	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes
x	No proceedings should have been initiated against the Advocate before the Hon'ble Bar Council of India or the respective State Bar Council.	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes
xi	No "Show- Cause" Notice pertaining to 'Unethical conduct' or 'malpractice' by Advocate/ Law Firm should have been issued to the Law firm/ Advocate during the tenure of previous empanelment's with NHAI or any other Central/ State government agencies/ Government departments/ Public sector undertakings.	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes
xii	Law firms/ Advocates should not have filed or appeared before any judicial body against NHAI and in matters in which NHAI is an opponent.	As per technical bid, NHAI is not the opposite party in the cases details of which have been provided.	yes	As per technical bid, NHAI is not the opposite party in the cases details of which have been provided.	yes	As per technical bid, NHAI is not the opposite party in the cases details of which have been provided.	yes
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Considered for detailed evaluation (Yes/ No)		YES		YES		YES	

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Ruchita T Jain		SAGAR SOMNATH LADDA		Satish Upadhyay	
Submission of bidder	Qualify (Yes/ No)	Submission of bidder	Qualify (Yes/ No)	Submission of bidder	Qualify (Yes/ No)
Submitted through NEFT from UJJIVAN SMALL FINANCE BANK UTR No. 000050891430	Yes	Submitted through IMPS from HDFC Bank Tr No. HDF9B58084DBF9 74899A55F282211 1B7EC3	Yes	Submitted through State Bank of India IMPS transaction no. 518415624598	Yes
Submitted, Certificate by Bar Council of Gujarat with En. No. G/2765/2012	Yes	Submitted, Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa with En. No. MAH/141/1956	Yes	Submitted, Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa with En. No. MAH/1116-C/1994	Yes
Submitted; having office in Ahmedabad	Yes	Not Submitted	NO	Submitted, having office in Ahmedabad	Yes
C (The applicant has claimed 11 year and 5 year of experience however, no relevant documents found against claimed experience in LA matters of PSU's/ Govt. Department).	NO	16 years	Yes	16 Years	Yes
No relevant experience of Arbitrations/Court Cases of PSUs/ Govt. Departments on Land Acquisition matters found	No	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes
Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes
No relevant experience of Arbitrations/Court Cases of PSUs/ Govt. Departments on Land Acquisition matters found	No	Submitted	Yes	Submitted	Yes

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As per technical bid, the advocate is not debarred.	Yes	As per technical bid, the advocate is not debarred.	Yes	As per technical bid, the advocate is not debarred.	Yes
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No.	YES		YES		

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Sl. No	Criteria	For Individual Advocates	ADVOCATE SATYAJEET JADHAVRAO RAHATE	Archana Upendrabhai Amin	Kedar Jadhav	Ruchita T.Jain	SAGAR SOMNATH LADDA	Satish Upadhyay
			For Individual Advocates	For Individual Advocates	For Individual Advocates	For Individual Advocates	For Individual Advocates	For Individual Advocates
1	Minimum relevant experience in the areas of Arbitrations/Court Cases of PSUs/ Govt. Departments on Land Acquisition	3Years	More than 3 years experience.	More than 3 years experience.	More than 3 years experience.	Not fulfilled	More than 3 years experience.	More than 3 years experience.
2	In case of individual Advocate having minimum qualifying experience in relevant field (para no. 4 above) and in case of Law Firms, each advocate / associates having minimum qualifying experience in relevant field.	5 Marks	5	5	5	0	5	5
3	Additional Advocates associated with the Applicant (Advocates, not applicable to law firms)							
(i)	Upto 3 years' experience in relevant field.	1 Mark (each Advocate)	4	2	1	1	0	0
(ii)	More than 3 years' experience in relevant field.	1 Mark (each Advocate)	0	1	5	1	16	8
4.	Relevant Field - Land Acquisition:							
(i)	Arbitral Awards passed by Arbitral Tribunal in land acquisition cases of PSUs/ Govt. Dept. subject to submission of details of awards / briefs of the matters	1/2 Mark (each Arbitral Award)	425.5	72.5	32		1.5	733
(ii)	For each land acquisition cases of PSUs/Govt. Dept. decided by Hon'ble District Court.	1 Marks (each case decided)	448	4	71		0	36
(iii)	For each land acquisition cases of PSUs/Govt. Dept. decided by Id. Single Judge of Hon'ble High Court	2 Marks (each case decided)	26	20	8		28	2
(iv)	For each land acquisition cases of PSUs/Govt. Dept. decided by Hon'ble Division Bench of Hon'ble High Court	3 Marks (each case decided)	18	30	3	0	378	0
(v)	For each land acquisition cases of PSUs/Govt. Dept. decided by Hon'ble Supreme Court	4 Marks (each case decided)	0	0	0		12	0
Total Marks			921.5	134.5	125	2	440.5	784

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