

ANNEXURE- XI:GUIDANCE ON CHANCE FIND PROCEDURES

(To be included in bid document and contract agreement for all Dam Resectioning Works)

1. PCR Definition

Physical Cultural Resources (PCR) refer to: “movable or immovable objects, sites, structures or groups of structures having archaeological, paleontological, historical, architectural, religious, aesthetic, or other cultural significance”.

2. Procedure upon Discovery

Suspension of Work

If a PCR comes to light during the execution of the works, the contractor shall stop the works. After stopping work, the contractor must immediately report the discovery to the respective EE of MI department at District level. The contractor may not be entitled to claim compensation for work suspension during this period. The Project Manager may be entitled to suspend work and to request from the contractor some excavations at the contractor’s expense if he thinks that a discovery was made and not reported.

Respective EE of MI department at District level immediately inform PD at SPU level regarding the discover. Depending on the magnitude of the PCR, PD at SPU level should check with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for advice on whether *all works* should be stopped, or only the works immediately involved in the discovery, or, in some cases where large buried structures may be expected, all works may be stopped within a specified distance (for example, 50 meters) of the discovery.

Demarcation of the Discovery Site

With the approval of the respective EE of MI department at District level, the contractor is then required to temporarily demarcate, and limit access to, the site.

Non-Suspension of Work

The PD in consultation with the ASI will decide whether the PCR can be removed for the work to continue, for example in cases where the find is one coin.

Chance Find Report

The contractor should then, at the request of the respective EE of MI department at District level, and within 7 days, make a *Chance Find Report*, recording:

- Date and time of discovery;
- Location of the discovery;
- Description of the PCR;
- Photo documentation of the PCR;
- Estimated weight and dimensions of the PCR;
- Temporary protection implemented.

The Chance Find Report should be submitted to the PD-SPU (OIIPCRA), ASI and other concerned parties as agreed with the ASI, and in accordance with national legislation. The PD is required to inform the ASI accordingly.

Arrival and Actions of Cultural Authority

The ASI will be requested to arrive at the discovery site within 24 hours, and determine the action to be taken. Such actions may include, but not be limited to:

- Removal of PCR deemed to be of significance;
- Execution of further excavation within a specified distance of the discovery point;
- Extension or reduction of the area demarcated by the contractor.

These actions should be taken within 5 days. The contractor may or may not be entitled to claim compensation for work suspension during this period.

If the ASI fails to arrive within the stipulated period, the PD-SPU (OIIPCRA) may have the authority to extend the period by a further stipulated time. If the ASI fails to arrive after the extension period, the PD-SPU (OIIPCRA) may have the authority to instruct the contractor to remove the PCR or undertake other mitigating measures and resume work. Such additional works can be charged to the contract. However, the contractor may not be entitled to claim compensation for work suspension during this period.

Further Suspension of Work

During this 5 day period, the ASI may be entitled to request the temporary suspension of the work at or in the vicinity of the discovery site for an additional period of up to, 15 days. The contractor may, or may not be, entitled to claim compensation for work suspension during this period.