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S.O. 5856(E), made under section 5 of the National Highways Act, 1956, substitutes serial number 20 in the Schedule of S.O. 1096(E) of August 4, 2005. The Government of Punjab now exercises the functions for the execution of works on NH-07, except km 20.500 to km 344.170 (Fazilka-Abohar-Malout-Bathinda-Barnala-Sangrur-Patiala-Zirakpur), and on NH-148B, NH-254, NH-354E, NH-503, NH-703A, NH-703B, NH-754 and NH-703AA, for the parts in Punjab. The state must follow the rules in force under the Act. The note says S.O. 1096(E) was last amended by S.O. 5584(E) of October 12, 2026. The notification doesn't show what serial 20 said before.

S.O. 5857(E), made under section 11 of the National Highways Authority of India Act, 1988, entrusts to NHAI the entire length in Punjab of three highways. They are NH-154, from its junction with NH-54 near Pathankot towards Nauni in Himachal Pradesh; NH-3, from Atari on the India-Pakistan border through Amritsar, Jalandhar and Hoshiarpur on to Leh; and NH-703, from near Jalandhar on NH-3 through Nakodar, Moga, Badhni, Barnala, Handiaya, Mansa and Jhunir in Punjab to near Churu in Rajasthan.

The other three notifications, also under section 11, remove older NHAI entrustments. S.O. 5858(E) omits Jalandhar-Amritsar, km 407.100 to km 456.100, from S.O. 1585(E) of November 10, 2005. S.O. 5859(E) omits Amritsar-Wagah Border, km 456.100 to km 491.330, from S.O. 1634(E) of September 27, 2007. S.O. 5860(E) omits four NH-71 sections in Punjab (Lambra-Shahkot, Shahkot-Moga, Moga-Tallewall and Tallewall-Barnala, km 12.00 to km 149.00) and NH-70 Jalandhar-Hoshiarpur, km 11.400 to km 49.200, from S.O. 380(E) of January 24, 2019. Jalandhar, Amritsar, Hoshiarpur, Moga and Barnala are on the routes S.O. 5857(E) gives for NH-3 and NH-703, but the notifications don't say the removed stretches were renumbered.

For contractors and road users, the change settles whether the Punjab government or NHAI is the agency carrying out works on each stretch. The notifications state no start date of their own and give no reasons. They don't say what happens to works or contracts already under way on these stretches.

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Document	Notifications S.O. 5856(E), S.O. 5857(E), S.O. 5858(E), S.O. 5859(E) and S.O. 5860(E)
Dated	October 28, 2026
Published	Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), No. 5630 (CG-DL-E-03112026-277593)
File number	NH-14013/16/2026-P&M
Applies to	National highways in the State of Punjab
Works by the Punjab government	NH-07 (except km 20.500 to km 344.170), NH-148B, NH-254, NH-354E, NH-503, NH-703A, NH-703B, NH-754 and NH-703AA
Entrusted to NHAI	NH-154, NH-3 and NH-703, the entire length in Punjab
Earlier notifications amended	S.O. 1096(E) of August 4, 2005; S.O. 1585(E) of November 10, 2005; S.O. 1634(E) of September 27, 2007; S.O. 380(E) of January 24, 2019
Legal basis	Section 5, National Highways Act, 1956 (S.O. 5856(E)); section 11, National Highways Authority of India Act, 1988 (S.O. 5857(E) to 5860(E))
Signed by	Shaikh Aminkhan, Director

Who carries out works on each highway in Punjab

Highway	Stretch	Agency	Notification
NH-07	In Punjab, except km 20.500 to km 344.170 (Fazilka to Zirakpur)	Government of Punjab	S.O. 5856(E)
NH-148B, NH-254, NH-354E, NH-503, NH-703A, NH-703B, NH-754, NH-703AA	In Punjab	Government of Punjab	S.O. 5856(E)
NH-154	Entire length in Punjab, from near Pathankot	NHAI	S.O. 5857(E)
NH-3	Entire length in Punjab, from Atari through Amritsar, Jalandhar and Hoshiarpur	NHAI	S.O. 5857(E)
NH-703	Entire length in Punjab, from near Jalandhar through Nakodar, Moga, Badhni, Barnala, Handiaya, Mansa and Jhunir	NHAI	S.O. 5857(E)
Jalandhar-Amritsar	Km 407.100 to km 456.100	Removed from S.O. 1585(E)	S.O. 5858(E)
Amritsar-Wagah Border	Km 456.100 to km 491.330	Removed from S.O. 1634(E)	S.O. 5859(E)

NH-71, Lambra to Barnala (four sections)	Km 12.00 to km 149.00	Removed from S.O. 380(E)	S.O. 5860(E)
NH-70, Jalandhar-Hoshiarpur	Km 11.400 to km 49.200	Removed from S.O. 380(E)	S.O. 5860(E)

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