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Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi, Dated the 8th January, 2013.

Subject:- Minutes of the Meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee held under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (RC) on 7th January, 2013 at 11:00 AM to discuss the proposals of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh pertaining to 3 IAP Districts (Vizianagaram, Visakapatnam and Warangal) under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRE-EMPOWERED COMMITTEE FOR PMGSY HELD ON $7^{\rm th}$ JANUARY, 2013

STATE: Andhra Pradesh

A Meeting of the Pre- Empowered Committee was held on 7th January 2013 at 11.00 am under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (RC), MoRD to discuss the proposals of the State of Andhra Pradesh pertaining to 3 IAP Districts (Vizianagaram, Visakapatnam and Warangal) under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). List of participants are given below:

Dr P K Anand	Joint Secretary (RC), MoRD
Dr I K Pateriya	Dir(Tech), NRRDA
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Shri. Bhupal Nanda	Dir (F&A), NRRDA
Shri P K Katare	Dir (P-III), NRRDA
Shri P.Manoj Kumar	Director (RC), MoRD
Shri Mashoda Lal	DS (Finance)
State Govt Representatives	
Shri CVS Ramamurthy	Engineer-in-Chief, GoAP
Md. Nishat Hussain	Dy. EE & ITNO, GoAP
Shri CV Shivaprasad	CE SQC
Shri P. Raveendrababu	Dy. EE
Shri K. Ranudu	Dy. EE PR Padara
Shri L. Satyanarayana	A.EE P.R. Visakhapatnaqm

2. Details of proposals discussed by the Committee for the State of Andhra Pradesh pertaining to 3 IAP Districts (Vizianagaram, Visakapatnam and Warangal) is as under:

Item	New Connectivity
Value (Rs. in crore)	400.81
No. of districts covered	3
No of Road Works	138
Length (Km)	660.95
Average Cost Rs. Lakhs per Km	61
Habitations covered	324

- 3. The Pre-Empowered Committee reviewed the progress of the implementation of PMSGY in the State of Andhra Pradesh since the previous Empowered Committee Meetings held on 26.7.2012 considered the institutional capacity of the State to efficiently execute the PMGSY works with the requisite attention to quality.
- 4. The Pre-Empowered Committee reviewed the pace of the implementation in the State. Out of 6166 Road works sanctioned prior to March, 2010, 6123 road works were completed which is 99%. The State was advised to make financial closure of all completed works on a time bound manner.
- 5. The Committee also advised the State that only 19 unconnected habitations are eligible as per Core Network under DDP in Anantpur District. The State was advised to submit DPRs in respect of these habitations only, in case these habitations were not covered in the earlier phases.
- 6. Some of the observations of NRRDA on proposals based on the scrutiny are as under which should be complied before seeking the date for Empowered Committee.
- 6.1 The rates worked out in the proposals are not in accordance with MoRD Standard Data Book which has resulted in to the increase in the over all cost. Also, average construction cost per km is higher than the previous sanction (2012-13). The State was advised to verify the proposals and correct as per Standard Data Book.
- 6.2 The DPRs in DVD format should be sent to NRRDA immediately.
- 6.3. Some habitations have been proposed under cluster approach. The eligibility of such habitations should be verified in accordance with the guidelines.
- 6.4. Some of the proposals are found to be ineligible which should be deleted from the proposal module on OMMAS.
- 6.5. The percentage of maintenance cost is reported as 3.30%, which is far below the requirement. The maintenance cost on the proposed road works should be atleast 5% of the construction cost.
- 6.6. In the current proposals, all the road works have been proposed under traditional method. The State should bring out atleast 20% of the road works under new technologies (R&D). The State may adopt any new technologies under R&D in consultation with PIUs, STAs and PTAs.

7. Quality

- 7.1. While reviewing the quality monitoring mechanism in the State, the Pre-Empowered Committee observed that the second tier quality monitoring mechanism in the State is quite weak even though the State was being advised time and again to strengthen the quality monitoring in the State. The State has reported to have engaged 52 SQMs, who are not dedicated SQMs. More over, it was noticed that the SQMs are assigned same districts and thereby the independent nature of the reporting system is getting lost. The Committee, therefore, strongly advised the State to change the system so that SQM system should be more meaningful and efficient.
- 7.2 It was observed that out of 764 inspections carried out by SQMs during April 2011 to December 2012, 34 works were graded as 'Unsatisfactory', which is 4% (in case of completed

works, it is 1 %). However, NQM reports show that number of 'Unsatisfactory' works for the same period is 12% (in case of completed works, it is 18 %). It was accordingly observed that the quality of SQM reports is not satisfactory as the reports of NQMs and SQMs, in general, do not match.

7.3. The number of photographs uploaded based on SQM inspections was not found to be adequate. Out of 764 inspections, only 6508 photographs have been uploaded, which has a shortfall of atleast 1100 photographs. The State needs to upload atleat 10 photographs for each inspection including one photograph of field laboratory. As regard submission of Action Taken Reports (ATR) of NQM inspections, out of 66 ATRs required, only 45 ATRs have been uploaded. The State was advised to take immediate action to upload remaining ATRs on OMMAS.

8. Maintenance

The Committee observed that the no maintenance fund has been credited by the State and the expenditure made by the State on this account was dismal. The State was advised to take immediate action to follow up with the State Finance Department to credit the required maintenance amount in the account of SRRDA before seeking the date for EC Meeting.

9. Financial Management/Accounting.

- 9.1. Audited financial statement of programme fund and Administrative fund for the year 2011-12 which was due in the month of October 2012 has not been received from the State. This should also be sent immediately
- 9.2. An amount of Rs. 39.23 crore has been diverted from Maintenance fund to Programme fund.
- 9.3. An unauthorized expenditure of Rs. 7.92 lakh on Plantation has been made.
- 9.4. TDS amount of Rs. 6.22 crore has not been remitted
- 10. The State was requested to complete all activities mentioned above immediately to fix up an early date for Empowered Committee Meeting.
- 11. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.