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Subject:- Meeting of the Pre - Empowered Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (RC), MoRD to discuss project proposals of State Government of Maharashtra Phase XIII, PMGSY – Minutes thereon.

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Pre - Empowered Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (RC), MoRD to discuss project proposals of State Government of Maharashtra Phase XIII, PMGSY is forwarded herewith for necessary action.

  
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2. Shri P. B. Ranbhor, Chief Engineer & Empowered Officer (PMGSY), Maharashtra Rural Roads Development Association, New Administrative Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Opposite Council Hall, Camp, Pune-411001. - 38403/15

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRE-EMPOWERED COMMITTEE FOR  
PMGSY-II HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2015  
STATE: MAHARASHTRA**

A Meeting of Pre- Empowered Committee was held on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 at 11.00am under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (RC), MoRD to discuss project proposal of Maharashtra for those 45 non-feasible habitations which became feasible as on date under Phase XIII of PMGSY. List of participants is given below:

Sh. Rajesh Bhushan	Joint Secretary (RC) in chair
Smt. Manju Rajpal	Director (RC)
Shri I. K. Pateriya	Dir (Tech), NRRDA & P-I
Shri Basavraja	Dir (F&A), NRRDA
Shri Chamanlal	Dir (P-III), NRRDA
<b>State Govt. Representatives</b>	
Shri Ranbhor	Chief Engineer (PMGSY), MRRDA
Shri Sunil C.Mone	Financial Controller, MRRDA
Shri Shafee Jo Sayed	IT Nodal Officer, MRRDA
Shri Ashtputre	State Quality Coordinator, MRRDA

2. Details of proposals discussed by the Pre- Empowered Committee for the State of Maharashtra for Phase XIII of PMGSY are as under:

**Details of proposals under Phase XIII PMGSY**

Item	Roads & Bridges
Value of Projects (Rs. In Crore)	101.32*
Total number of Road + Bridges	48 (44 roads and 4 bridges)
Total length of Roads (in km)	169.90
Total Length of Bridges (in m)	160.0
Average Cost(in Lakh)	Rs. 57.72/ km (Roads) Rs. 2.03/ m (Bridges)
Habitations	26 of 500+ 19 of 250 + 1 of 250 + (incidental) 6 of <250

\*State Share: Rs. 1.64 Cr. & MoRD Share: Rs. 99.69 Cr.

3. The Pre-Empowered Committee reviewed the progress of the implementation of PMGSY in the State of Maharashtra since the last Empowered Committee Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 which considered all aspects of implementation of PMGSY works in the State.

4. **Feasibility status of habitations:** Director (RC) mentioned that issue of non-feasible habitations under PMGSY was discussed during Empowered Committee Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 wherein Principal Secretary, Maharashtra pointed out *that after current proposals there would be about 85 cases, which are not feasible because of unavailability of land, but the State would like to take up these roads as and when land is available. The Committee opined that State need to exhaust all eligible habitations to get entitlement for upgradation of roads under PMGSY-II.*

Chief Engineer, MRRDA briefed the Pre-Empowered Committee that state government has proposed 45 non-feasible habitations of PMGSY after resolving the land issues involved. He also mentioned that balance 40 habitations either are connected using any state scheme or not yet feasible due to involvement of private land/ forest land of wild life sanctuaries. It was discussed that 4 habitations of Thane district are not feasible being situated in sea. State was directed to furnish category wise non-feasibility reasons in case of balance 40 habitations.

5. **DPR issue:** Sh. Pateriya, Director (Technical), NRRDA pointed out that state has prepared DPRs of current proposal based on Modified Penetration Macadam (MPM) which is not allowed as per revised Book of Specifications for PMGSY. He mentioned that use of MPM replacing Water Based Macadam (WBM) was getting proposed by States of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tripura in initial phases of PMGSY but this option was removed in revised Book of Specification after requisite deliberation. As the online scrutiny of current proposal is still pending at the level of STA; state was advised to revise the DPRs using WBM in place of MPM. State assured that online scrutiny by STA will be ensured after such revision within one week's period. Joint Secretary directed to issue an advisory to all SRRDA's and STA's highlighting the major changes incorporated in revised addition of Book of Specifications.

6. **Maintenance Funding:** It was discussed that state has provisioned 7.95% of value of current proposal as maintenance funding for post 5 years of construction which seems reasonable. Chief Engineer, MRRDA mentioned that 100% of requisite maintenance funds i.e. Rs. 29.35 cr. has been released to MRRDA and state would ensure 100% utilization prior to March, 2015.

7. **New technology initiative:** Director (Technical) NRRDA highlighted that State has proposed only 3 roads (measuring 13.51 km) out of proposed 44 roads (measuring 170 km) using plastic waste and cold-mix technology, which is lesser than requisite 15% of proposed road length. State was advised to revise DPRs suitably to ensure atleast 15% of proposed length (25.5 km) gets covered using new technology.

8. **Quality Issues:** Director (p-III) pointed out that the reports of NQMs during November 2013 to March 2013 show that the unsatisfactory quality of the roads as high as 10% which increased upto 19% during April, 13 to January, 2015. The Committee observed that the number of inspections at SQM level needs to be increased and State should bridge the gap between quality inspections from 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> tier mechanism. The state was advised to ensure additional rounds of inspection, using 44 active SQMs, to overcome the gap of 766 pending inspection. State Quality Coordinator mentioned that inspections carried out on bridges are being uploaded which will reduce this apparent pendency of inspections as on date. It was appreciated that state has submitted all requisite ATRs on NQM inspections except 1 ATR of year 2011-12 and 8 ATRs of year 2014-15. State was advised to look into rejected 12 ATRs for corrective measures.

9. **Absorption Capacity:** As per the capacity assessment study (index on expenditure, ongoing works, number of SQMs, average expenditure and no. of PIUs) State have works in hand of worth Rs. 2.026 cr. against absorption capacity of Rs. 1,381 cr. The State needs to increase qualitative inspections by 2<sup>nd</sup> tier to take up additional works and improve the pace of implementation of sanctioned road works in IAP districts. The State representative assured that SRRDA will improve as advised by the Ministry to execute sanctioned works within allowed time-frame.

10. **Financial/ Accounting Issues:** It was discussed that financial issues raised by NRRDA during recent Regional Review Meeting held at Pune were responded by State Financial Controller. Director (F&A) was asked to look into the response received from state to settle the raised concerns. It was advised that NRRDA will ensure a joint meeting with State Financial Controller and C-DAC official along with Shri Arun Trivedi from NRRDA to address the financial & accounting issues in relevant OMMAS module.

11. **The State will complete following activities to fix up an early date for Empowered Committee Meeting:**

11.1. The DPRs should be corrected as per the observations of the Pre-Empowered Committee and NRRDA and uploaded on OMMAS after due vetting by STAs.

11.2. Mandatory certificates like land clearance certificates and certificate regarding compliance of PMGSY-II guidelines provisions should be provided.

11.3. The State should send a compliance report on all issues as indicated at para 4 to 9 to the Ministry/ NRRDA while seeking date for EC meeting.

12. The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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