

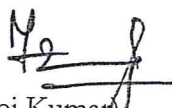
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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
RC Division

KrishiBhavan, New Delhi,
Dated the 20th June 2014

Subject: Pre-Empowered Committee Meeting for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) held on 20th June 2014 in respect of the State of Tamil Nadu - Minutes thereon.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee held under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (RC) on 20th January 2014 to discuss the project proposals of Tamil Nadu under PMGSY for necessary action.

2. It is requested that a compliance report on all the observations of the Committee may please be sent to the Ministry to enable us to consider fixing of an early Empowered Committee Meeting.


(P. Manoj Kumar)
Director (RC)

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRE-EMPOWERED COMMITTEE
FOR PMGSY HELD ON 20th JUNE 2014**

STATE: TAMIL NADU

A Meeting of the Pre- Empowered Committee was held on 20th June 2014 at 11.30 am under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (RC), MoRD to discuss the proposals of the State of Tamil Nadu under Phase IX (2014-15) of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). List of participants is given below:

Shri. Rajesh Bhushan	Joint Secretary (RC), MoRD
Shri P.Manoj Kumar	Director (RC), MoRD
Dr I K Pateriya	Dir(Tech), NRRDA
Shri. N.C. Solanki	Dir (P-I), NRRDA
Shri.Chaman Lal	Dir(P-III), NRRDA
Shri. Sunil Kukreja	Joint Director (F&A), NRRDA
State Govt. Representatives	
Shri Brajendra Navnit	Director (RD & PR Deptt.)
Shri N. Periyaraj	Chief Engineer (NH) Tamil Nadu
Shri R. Chakravarthy	Assistant Executive Engineer ITNO
Shri R. Ramesh	Supt. Engineer, NH Madurai (TN)
Shri A. Kuttalingam	SE/SQC TNRD & PR, Tamil Nadu
Shri R. Balachandran	Fin & AO RD&PR Deptt. TN
Shri S. Ovu Reddy	DE (National Highway) Madurai
Shri A.V. Rajesh	EE, RD & PR Deptt. Tamil Nadu
Shri S. Ramnaresh	Asstt. Engineer, National Highway, TN
Shri J. Paneersehram	TN, SRRDA, RD&PR Tamil Nadu.

2. Details of proposals discussed by the Committee for the State of Tamil Nadu are as under:

Item	Current Proposal (Phase IX-2014-15)			Total
	Pre-EC submission			
	Upgradation	Upgradation R&D	Bridges	
Value in Rs. Crores	272.33	86.01	8.22	366.56
No. of Road works	355	57	6	412 Roads 6 Bridges
Length in Km	763.00	217.40	201.30 m	980.40 km 201.30 m
Average Cost in Lakhs/Km	35.69	39.56	4.08	37.38
MoRD Share (Rs. in Crores)	329.01		6.34	335.35

State Share (Rs. in Crores)	29.33	1.88	31.21
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Entitlement of Tamil Nadu under upgradation is 13,320.60 km. Total 9712.32 Km upgradation cleared against 13320.60 Km.

3. Habitation Data on OMMAS

No. of eligible unconnected habitations as per Habitation master is as given under:

Item	1000+	500+	250+	Total
As on 1 st April, 2000 (As reported by State on OMMAS)	577	1825	0	2402
As per NRRDA record provided by State	577	1825	0	2402
Unconnected Habitation covered as per NRRDA record	555	1428	0	1983
Unconnected Habitation entered on OMMAS by State	332	960	8	1300
Unconnected Habitation covered under State Schemes	23	382	0	405
Balance Unconnected Habitation as per NRRDA record	0	220	0	220
Balance Unconnected Habitation as reported by State	0	21	0	21

Note: The detailed reconciliation statement including number of habitations covered under State scheme is not furnished by the State.

The State representative informed that out of 101 unconnected habitations (250+), 21 habitations with 500+ are not feasible to be taken up at present due to issues like forest clearance etc. as such, the State would proceed for transition to PMGSY-II. The Committee advised the State to list out those 21 habitations and send a copy to NRRDA for record and future reference.

4. Physical Progress

4.1. The Pre-Empowered Committee reviewed the pace of the implementation in the State. – The State has reported that out of 6287 works sanctioned, 5317 works were completed. All works sanctioned upto 2007-08 (Phase VII) have been completed. The State has informed that all 970 ongoing works (Phase VIII) are expected to be completed by the end of December 2014. The State was advised to furnish a completion plan before the EC Meeting. The status of phase-wise/year-wise completion of road works as reported by the State is given below.

Year of Sanction	Phase	Sanctioned works	Completed Works	On-going Works	Financial closure as per OMMAS
2000-01	I	862	862	Nil	0
2001-02	II	444	444	Nil	2
2003-04	III	491	491	Nil	2
2004-05	IV	393	393	Nil	43
2006-07	V	365	365	Nil	1

2008-09	VI	810	810	Nil	3
2008-09	VII	1581	1581	Nil	18
2012-13	VIII	1341	371	970	214
TOTAL		6287	5317	970	283

5. DPR Issues

5.1 Some of the observations of NRRDA on proposals based on the scrutiny of sample DPRs are as under which should be complied with before seeking the date for Empowered Committee Meeting:

- Cost of a few projects corrected at NRRDA have not been uploaded on OMMAS.
- Credit for existing pavement crust has not been taken in DPR.
- Joint inspection reports for LSBs have not been attached with DPRs
- Provision of 100 mm GSB over existing WBM cannot be justified.
- Provision of Gravel shoulder should be replaced by earthen shoulder or the difference cost of earthen and gravel to be shared by State.
- Lump sum provision of contingencies and unforeseen item should be deleted from DPRs.
- In certain proposals, no habitations have been mapped. Such proposals are not eligible.
- In certain proposals, single habitation of less than 250 has been mapped.
- Detailed soil test report, not available in DPRs.
- Existing HPC, wherever damaged due to neglect of maintenance should be repaired or reconstructed as HPC only, not as slab culvert.
- Detailed drawing for CD works in A-3 size has not been attached with DPR.
- In certain cases, length of upgradation roads does not match with CUCPL list in OMMAS.
- Design of horizontal curves have not been provided with DPR. However the quantity has been worked out on lump sum basis, which needs to be deleted.
- The maintenance provision on the current batch is on the lower side. The State should rework as per the Operations Manual.

5.2 The State representative informed that most of the issues referred above have been attended to and balance issues will be taken up within two weeks.

5.3 The State has proposed 196.36 km length of roads (47 roads) under the technology 'waste plastic' and 21.04 Km length of roads (10 roads) under the technology soil stabilization using RBI grade 81 in the current batch of proposals under R&D. The State is required to send a sample DPRs of R&D to NRRDA for scrutiny. The Committee advised the State considering the potential of the State on the technology to take up more roads under waste plastic.

5.4 The State was advised to take up a pilot project by availing the advanced data collection equipment namely "ROMDAS" for PCI Survey at least in all the 'Through Routes'. The State representative agreed to the suggestion of the Committee.

5.5 It was observed that the State has only one STA at present looking after the works of 39 PIUs. Considering the work load, the Committee suggested that the State should have additional STAs. The State was accordingly advised to have a dialogue with reputed Engineering Colleges/Institutions and send a detailed proposal to NRRDA for engaging additional STAs

6. Quality

6.1. During July 2012 to March 2014, out of 488 SQM inspections carried out in the case of ongoing works, 2 works were graded 'Unsatisfactory', which is 1% and in case of completed works it is 'Nil'. The NQM reports also show that number of 'Unsatisfactory' works for the same period is 5% in case of on-going works and 14% in case of completed works.

6.2. As regards submission of Action Taken Reports (ATR) of NQM inspections, out of 70 ATRs required, only 28 ATRs were uploaded by the State. The State representative informed that it has submitted additional 20 ATR recently and the balance 22 ATRs would be submitted shortly. The State was advised to furnish an action plan for submission of remaining 22 ATRs before EC Meeting

7. Maintenance

7.1. The details of maintenance funds required, released to SRRDA and utilized by them during the last three years and the current financial year are given below.

Financial Year	Maintenance Funds required to be released	Actual release to SRRDA	(in crore)	
			Expenditure (upto January 2013)	% of expenditure on fund required
2011-12	6.23	6.23	4.11	66
2012-13	8.76	8.44	6.19	71
2013-14	9.79	2.49	2.59	26

7.2. The Committee observed that the State has not credited adequate amount on maintenance of roads constructed under PMGSY during the financial years 2013-14 and no amount credited in 2014-15. The State representative clarified that the above status is not a true picture, as the funds for the maintenance of the road is routed through the Block Panchayats and these funds will now be credited to the SRRDA Account and actual expenditure will be reflected in OMMAS. The Committee advised the State to take necessary action to capture the actual expenditure incurred on Maintenance against the requirement on OMMAS.

8. Absorption Capacity

8.1 As per the capacity assessment study (based on ongoing works excluding works proposed to be dropped, number of SQMs, average expenditure and no. of PIUs) the State have adequate capacity to take up the proposed works in the current batch.

9. Financial Management/Accounting.

The following issues/points were pointed out

- i. Though the manual Balance Sheet for the year 2012-13 has been received, OMMAS balance sheet is yet to be done by the State.
- ii. 283 physically completed works are yet to be financially closed.

The State representative informed that the balance sheet for the year 2012-13 will be sent to the Ministry within 10 days.

10. The State will complete following activities as agreed by it to consider for fixing an early date for Empowered Committee Meeting.

- i. The State should reconcile the habitations details by 10th July 2014 and accordingly the habitation master should be corrected in consultation with NRRDA/CDAC;
- ii. The list of 21 habitations of 500+ should be sent to NRRDA
- iii. The proposals should be corrected based on the observations of NRRDA as listed at Para No. 5 above and all DPRs should be entered on OMMAS after duly approved by STAs.
- iv. OMMAS based balance sheet for the year 2012-13 should be sent to NRRDA

11. The State should send a compliance report to the Ministry/ NRRDA on all issues as indicated at para 10 above and EC Brief as per SOP while seeking date for EC meeting.

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