

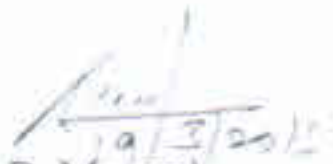


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Sub.: Minutes of the Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee held on 18th March, 2013 to discuss the project proposals of Uttarakhand State under PMGSY-reg

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 (RD) on 18th March, 2013 to discuss the project proposals of Uttarakhand State under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for necessary action.


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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE Pre-EMPOWERED COMMITTEE HELD ON
18th March, 2013

STATE: UTTRAKHAND

The Meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee was held on 18th March, 2013 at 12.00 noon in the Chamber of Joint Secretary, Rural Development. The list of participants is as below:

Dr. P.K. Anand	Joint Secretary (RC)
Smt. Manju Rajpal	Deputy Secretary (RC), MoRD
Dr. I.K. Pateriya	Director(Technical),NRRDA
Sh. P.K. Katare	Director (P. III), NRRDA
Sh. N.C. Solanki	Director(P-I), NRRDA
Sh. Bhupal Nanda	Director (F&A),NRRDA
Sh. P.C. Gour	Chief Engineer (URRDA)
Sh. Manish Kumar Mittal	EE, URRDA
Sh. A.S. Jyala	IT Nodal Officer, URRDA
Sh. G.S. Chufal	A.E. URRDA

2. A brief presentation was made by NRRDA on the present status of implementation of PMGSY in Uttarakhand and on the current proposal submitted by the State. Details of Current Proposals discussed in Pre-EC Meeting are as below:

Phase -XI with assistance from World Bank RRP-II (Tranche-II)

Item	New Connectivity				
	Stage I	Full stage	Stage II	Missing LSB	Total
Value in Rs. Crore	64.13	52.65	180.08	39.94	296.86(Road) 39.94(Bridges)
No. of Road works	16	13	53	27	82 Roads 27 Bridges
Length in Km	116.22	102.3	445.28	918m	663.80 km Road 918 m Bridge
Average Cost in Lakh / Km	55.18	51.46	40.44	4.35 per m	

3. The Pre-EC reviewed the progress since the previous Empowered Committee meetings held on 20th December, 2012 considering the institutional capacity of the State to efficiently execute the PMGSY works with the requisite attention to quality. The Pre-EC also observed following issues:

3.1 Technical Issues:

- It was pointed out that the quantities for excavation in hill side cutting and provision of CD works considered in the DPRs in stage II proposals are on higher side. State is required to submit details of CD / protective works sanctioned and executed under stage I.
- The provision of hard rock excavation has been mentioned in DPRs but no credit has been provided for hard rock.
- There is not a single proposal in current proposals which is proposed under R&D. State needs to focus on mainstreaming of technological initiatives.
- Maintenance for present proposal is 7.39% of the value of proposals, which should be at least 9% in a hill State, where maintenance needs are on higher side.
- Proposals for Bridge works have not yet scrutinized. These DPRs need to be vetted by STA and submitted to NRRDA for scrutiny prior to Empowered Committee Meeting.
- Some proposals of current proposals are not entered in OMMAS and some proposals do not have any habitation mapped. There are two proposals ineligible as the habitation mapped on these proposals has population less than 250. The State should ensure that all proposals are vetted by STA on OMMAS.
- Joint Inspection Report by STA and SE for Long Span Bridges has not been submitted by the State. The same should be sent by the State to NRRDA immediately.

3.2 Maintenance and Capacity Issues:

- The State Government was advised to credit the balance amount of Rs. 9 crore to SRRDA to ensure compliance of guideline provisions and balance Rs. 1 crore of the current financial year 2012-13 should be credited prior to EC Meeting. It was emphasised that maintenance cost projections in total cost projections for projects should be higher in the hilly terrain.
- The State has informed that there are more than 50 sanctioned proposals of earlier phases worth Rs. 325 crore those are held up due to want of forest clearances. Dir-P I mentioned about provisions of programme guidelines and advised the State to send these proposals for dropping from the concern phase and State may propose those works with revised SoR after getting the clearance from Forest Department. This may enhance the capacity of State for the year 2013-14.
- It was pointed out that a regular and dedicated financial controller for PMGSY should be in place at the level of SRRDA and balance sheet/ audit report for the

year 2012-13 should be generated through account module of OMMAS. The equal importance should be given by SRRDA to the financial closure of works in all previous phases to ensure the completion of sanctioned projects in all manners. There are still 92 works, prior to year 2008-09, pending for financial closure against the physically completed 487 works. The SRRDA needs to bridge the gap at earliest.

- The State was asked to send an action plan for all pending sanctioned works of earlier phases at the earliest.

3.3 Quality and Monitoring Issues:

- It was observed that SQMs has reported nil unsatisfactory works in completed works and only 10% works are reported unsatisfactory in ongoing works while the % reflected in NQMs inspection reports is 6% and 25 % respectively. It was pointed out that State Government needs to initiate action against the unsatisfactory reports regarding constructions of roads, especially in the case of Haridwar and Tehri Districts. A team of SQMs should be sent to evaluate the previous inspection reports regarding qualitative implementation. The need of structured training for orientation of SQMs and performance evaluation should be kept on high priority.
- It was observed that the inspections of roads by SQMs are less than 25% of required inspections under PMGSY norms. State is to strengthen the second tier monitoring mechanism to have efficient implementation of works under the scheme and also increase the number of inspections. The State will ensure uploading of 10 digital photographs taken by the SQMs during its inspections.
- The State will update the OMMAS data within a period of 15 days. Although proposals entered on-line are matching with the current proposals, however online scrutiny of the proposals is yet pending at the level of STA, which should be done immediately. The SRRDA needs to update details of those roads, which has been completed under State Scheme. PCI record for all the roads has not been entered on OMMAS. It may be uploaded on priority basis.
- It was observed that 48 ATRs on NQM reports are pending with the State. The pending ATRs will be sent by the State to NRRDA. The State will also upload all ATRs.

3.4 Financial Issues:

- It was pointed out that there is difference of Rs. 3.24 lakh and Rs. 28.50 crore in closing and opening balance under the Central Administrative Expenses Head and in Balance Sheet regarding expenditure of completed roads shown in comparison with Physical and Financial Progress Report respectively.
- There are advances of Rs. 27.6 crore reported on various heads as Mobilization Advance, Machinery Advances, DPR Advances, Secured Advance and Admissible advance and Imprest or staff.
- Entries in R&P Module are not yet finalised by SRRDA. The State was advised to resolve all issues related to financial aspects of the programme.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
