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Ministry of Rural Development  
Department of Rural Development  
Rural Connectivity (RC) Division

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi-110001

Dated: 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2018

**Subject: Meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 to discuss the project proposals of Assam under Regular PMGSY (Batch-II, 2018-19) – MINUTES THEREON**

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith Minutes of the Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 under the chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (RC) to discuss the project proposals of Assam under Regular PMGSY (Batch-II, 2018-19) for necessary action.

2. State Government is requested that the compliance report on the observations of Pre-Empowered Committee may please be furnished to the Ministry at an early date to enable us to fix date for Empowered Committee.

Yours faithfully

Encl: As above

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**Minutes of the meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 to discuss project proposals submitted by State Government of Assam under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)**

A meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee to discuss project proposals of the State of Meghalaya under regular PMGSY, Batch-II (2018-19) was held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. List of participants is as under:

<b>Smt AlkaUpadhyaya</b>	<b>Joint Secretary (RC), MoRD</b>
Dr Surabhi Rai	Deputy Secretary, MoRD
Mr Uttam Kumar	Director (P-III), NRRDA
Mr P. Mohansundaram	Joint Director (Tech), NRRDA
<b>State Government Representatives</b>	
Shri D. Saharia	Chief Engineer, Assam
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**2. Details of proposals discussed by the Committee for the State of Assam under Batch-II, 2018-19 are as under:**

Item	Proposals as per State's letter			Proposals as per OMMAS as on 19.07.2018		
	Up-Gradation roads	Bridges	Total	Up-Gradation roads	Bridges	Total
Value in Rs. Crores	646.05	10.18	774.54	131.11	10.18	141.29
No. of works	289	5	351 roads 5 Bridges	52	5	52 Roads 5 Bridges
Length in Km/m	1330.21	169.01	1514.10 Km roads 169.01 m LSB	221.56	169.01	221.56 Km roads 169.01 m bridges
Average Cost in Lakhs / Km	48.56	6.02		59.18	6.02	
<b>MoRD Share: Rs 127.15 crore State Share: Rs 14.14 crore (Cost is inclusive of GST)</b>						

State officials reported that the DPRs for 3000 km for Upgradation under PMGSY-I would also be submitted to the Ministry. Timelines decided by the Committee for submission of DPR for Upgradation are as under:

- i. Uploading of proposals on ommas: State officials to complete the activity by 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018
- ii. Survey of road works: to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.
- iii. DPR preparation: By 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.
- iv. Pre-EC on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.

**3. Habitation connectivity status:**

Item	1000+	500+	250+	Total
Un connected habitations as per Cabinet approval	6051	6154		12205
Un connected eligible habitations as per State's reconciliation	6360	5601	4065	16026
Unconnected eligible habitations as per OMMAS as on 08.07.2018	6360	5601	4065	16026
Connected by State / other schemes as per OMMAS	257	596	570	1423
Net eligible unconnected habitations	6103	5005	3495	14603
Sanctioned habitations as per NRRDA records	6045	4713	3177	13935
Sanctioned habitations as per OMMAS as on 08.07.2018	6017	4704	3172	13893
Balance unconnected habitations as per OMMAS as on 08.07.2018	87	302	324	713
Not feasible as per OMMAS as on 08.07.2018	86	300	320	706

State officials informed that this is their last batch of proposals for new connectivity; however, upgradation proposals would be submitted by the State by 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.

**4. General issues:**

- i. Proposal has not been received as per NRRDA letter No. H-11020/2/05-Tech dated 10.01.2013 with mandatory certificates.
- ii. MP-I, MP-II and MP-III and copy of SLSC approval needs to be provided by the State as per the formats prescribed in the Operations Manual.
- iii. Proposals yet to be scrutinised by STA on OMMAS.
- iv. 5.50 m width of bridge only permitted for Link routes. State should bear the additional cost beyond 5.50 m width of bridge

- v. Joint Inspection report of STA/CE/SE for bridge site as per format prescribed by NRRDA has not been provided.
- vi. Box culverts are not designed as per IRC specifications.
- vii. Out of the 7 DPRs physically submitted by the State, 1 DPR is to be verified.

**5. Status of works sanctioned upto 2018-19:**

Year	Sanctioned				Completed			Balance		
	Total Value of Projects (Rs. In Crores)	Net no of roads	Length in Kms	No. of LSBs	Net no of roads	Length in Kms	No. of LSBs	No of roads	Length in Kms	No of LSBs
2001-02	154.47	292	592.93	0	291	587.76	0	1	2.00	
2005-06	930.59	488	2069.32	0	478	2030.20	0	10	21.46	
2006-07	1546.82	627	2847.58	0	604	2737.41	0	23	94.29	
2007-08	554.13	136	959.74	0	116	911.08	0	20	43.30	
2008-09	5056.40	2574	7650.16	0	2436	7401.47	0	138	211.86	
2012-13	820.50	293	688.95	257	283	676.3	209	10	11.85	48
2013-14	582.35	393	976.72	56	321	877.54	35	72	95.18	21
2016-17	551.90	269	854.46	18	18	309.73	3	251	543.94	15
2017-18	5356.24	2399	7058.59	727	22	611.21	2	2377	6447.38	725
2018-19	2284.30	492	1929.88	324	0	0	0	492	1929.88	324
<b>Total</b>	<b>17837.70</b>	<b>7963</b>	<b>25628.33</b>	<b>1382</b>	<b>4569</b>	<b>16142.70</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>3394</b>	<b>9401.14</b>	<b>1133</b>

The Committee observed that there are still 192 works, which are pending for more than 4 years. State representative informed that all the works are in progress and would be completed by December, 2018. During the last review at Assam, it was informed that 330 km is ready for uploading, however, till date 30 km has been uploaded on ommas.

**6. Contract management:**

The Committee observed that 4513 km road length has still not been awarded. The following suggestions were given by the Committee to the State:

- i. NIT of 730 works to be floated within one week.
- ii. Contractors to be blacklisted for which LoAs have not been signed.
- iii. Signing of agreement to be done with 7 days.

**7. Maintenance issues:**

The Committee observed that the expenditure on maintenance is highly unsatisfactory and advised the State to improve the quality of road works. The committee advised the State to monitor the roads with zero payment.

**8. Quality:**

The Committee observed that there are some 1491 ongoing works, which have not yet been inspected by SQMs and the payment has been made. Also, there are some 1011 packages, which have been inspected by SQMs but the labs have not been established. The Committee advised that State that for the works pending for more than five years, money should be forfeited. The Committee also observed that after re-grading, unsatisfactory percentage of maintenance works is 46.82%, which needs attention of the State. The Committee advised the State to improve the unsatisfactory grading of maintenance works.

**9. Financial issues:**

- i. On the issue of outstanding advances, outstanding current liabilities, pending stale cheques and excess expenditure on independent quality monitoring and statutory liabilities under Admn Expenses, the Committee advised the State to submit compliance at the earliest.
- ii. The Committee observed that Maintenance fund account has not yet been closed on OMMAS.
- iii. The Committee observed that 89 physically completed works have not been financially closed by the State and advised the State to financially close these works by end of July, 2018..

**The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.**

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