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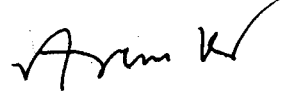
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi-110001

Dated: 3rd October, 2019

Subject: Minutes of the Pre-Empowered Committee Meeting to discuss the project proposals of the State of Assam under Pradhna Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-II (PMGSY-II) (Batch-I, 2019-20) -reg.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of the meeting of Empowered Committee held on 30th September, 2019 under the Chairpersonship of Additional Secretary (RD) and DG (NRIDA) to discuss the proposals submitted by the State of Assam under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-II (PMGSY-II) (Batch-I, 2019-20).

2. It is requested that a compliance report on all the observations of the Committee may be sent to the Ministry/NRIDA at the earliest.



(Arun Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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- iii. All Directors in National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA), 15 NBCC Tower, 5th Floor, Bhikaji Cama Palace, New Delhi-110066. - 484037/19 to (4)

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Minutes of the Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee held on 30th September, 2019 for the proposals of the State of Assam under PMGSY-II, Batch-I (2019-20)

A meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee for PMGSY was held on 30.09.2019 in the chamber of Additional Secretary (RD) to discuss the proposals under PMGSY-II, Batch-I, 2019-20. The following officials were present in the meeting:-

Smt. Alka Upadhyaya	Additional Secretary (RD) & DG (NRIDA)
Shri Rohit Kumar	Joint Secretary (RC)
Shri K. M. Singh	Deputy Secretary (RC)
Shri Uttam Kumar	Director (P-III), NRIDA
Shri Pradeep Agarwal	Director (P-I), NRIDA
Shri B. Pradhan	Consultant (Tech.), NRIDA
Shri D. A. Kaul	Director (F&A), NRIDA
Shri Sunil Kumar	Joint Director, NRIDA
State Government representatives	
Shri R. Kemprai	Commissioner & Special Secretary
Shri D. Saharia	Chief Engineer
Shri Parikhit Baruah	SE, PMGSY
Shri Naba Shyam Sinha	AEE & ITNO
Shri Bimal Seal	EC, Assam
Shri Birj Talu	Addl. CE & SQC

2. Details of the proposal submitted by the State are as under:

As per Pre EC submission by State on 27.09.2019					As per OMMAS dated 29.09.2019			
Item	Nos	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/km (Lakhs)	Nos	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/km (Lakhs)
Up-Gradation	266	1,775.58	1,257.93	70.85	266	1,775.58	1,256.74	70.78
Bridges	68	3,164.78	195.31	6.17/m	68	3,164.78	195.31	6.17/m
Total	266 Roads 68 bridges	1,775.58 km Roads 3,164.78 m Bridge	1,453.24		266 Roads 68 bridges	1,775.58 km Roads 3,164.78 m Bridge	1,452.05*	
*MoRD Share : Rs. 1,282.23 Crores Target : 1,730 Km					State Share : Rs. 169.82 Crores Sanctioned : Nil			

- Road length has to be curtailed.

A. General Issues:

- As against the allocation of 1730 kms of road length, State has proposed 1775.58 kms which need to be reduced to match with the allocated road length.
- Many of the roads proposed from Gravel surface, the State needs to ensure that these roads are selected as per the priority list based on Utility value calculation and as per the approved list of CUCPL.
- There is an increase of SoR from 2015-16 to 2017-18 is 9.77% including GST & LWC. However, the 2018-19 cost is about 27% higher than the 2017-18.

- iv. **State has informed that the new SoR was submitted to NRIDA and the DPRs have been prepared based on new SoR. State needs to verify the high cost of DPRs based on the pre EC observations and rationalized.**
- v. Hard shoulder at the rate of Rs. 2,500/Cum has been proposed. State needs to explore the possibility of providing well compacted unscreened gravel, stabilization etc for shoulders.

B. DPR issues:

- i. State should certify that the existing PMGSY roads which are fall within the design life of 10 years have not been included in the current proposal.
- ii. State needs to provide a soft copy of approved BLRRPs, DRRPs, Candidate road list, CUCPL, copy of SLSC approval and Mandatory certificates duly signed by the competent authority.
- iii. 4 roads having length less than 1.50 Km, which needs to be deleted.
- iv. State should certify that these proposed works have not been sanctioned by DoNER/other state schemes.
- v. **Average cost/Km is high particularly in Udalguri. DPRs of all such proposals need to be scrutinised at NRIDA.**
- vi. Transect walk photographs, Transect walk summary and copy of Gramma Sabha approval have not been attached with the DPRs.
- vii. Traffic seems to be overestimated (AS11849, AS16187, AS22642).
- viii. State proposed 26 roads with 5.50 m carriageway width. 8 roads are having existing carriageway of 5.50 m and 18 roads proposed for widening. These 18 roads may not qualify for 5.50 m carriageway based on PCU considerations.
- ix. State needs to provide 3rd party traffic verification as per IRC guidelines as all the roads designed with more than 1 MSA.
- x. Authenticated Quarry chart indicating quarries for different construction materials and their distances and chaingaes at junctions not attached with the DPRs.
- xi. State has proposed higher lead and WBM cost is about Rs. 5,500 to 6,500/Cum, particularly in Jorhat, Kamrup Rural, Cachar, Karimganj districts. State needs to explore the possibility of providing Stabilised sub base or base using cement or commercial stabilizer wherever possible in order to economise the cost of construction.
- xii. As the State has proposed BM of 50 mm thickness, the tack coat proposed on primed granular surface should be deleted as per DO letter no. NRRDA-PO14 (11)/1/2018-JD (Tech) dated 23.03.2018.
- xiii. Bridge approach cost has been included in the road DPRs. It needs to be deducted and the approach quantities need to be included in the bridge DPR (AS15603, AS16185 & AS10322).
- xiv. Bridge DPR preparation cost was included in the road DPR (AS10321). It needs to be deleted from the road DPR.
- xv. The design of CDs, hydraulic calculations, catchment area data and their supporting documents are not attached with the DPRs (AS10321).

- xvi. Design for Horizontal curves, vertical curves, Super elevation and their drawings with suitable scale for each location is not attached with the DPRs.
- xvii. The existing culverts which are proposed for replacement, the material available from demolition of head walls has not been proposed for utilization and no credit has been given.

C. Maintenance Issue:

- i The amount of expenditure incurred on maintenance of road is not satisfactory and that is why the un-satisfactory grading is high with respect to such roads. State should pay attention to this aspect and carry out the maintenance work more properly.
- ii. There is variation on the amount of maintenance liability and expenditure incurred as shown by the State Government and as shown on OMMAS. State Government may reconcile this.

D. R&D Proposal:

- i. State Government should ensure that the road proposed for cell filled concrete are not for heavy traffic. Cost of concrete road should also be checked.

E. Pending Work:

- i State should ensure that they should award more than 90% work before the proposal is put up before EC.

F. Quality issue:

- i Many works have not been inspected by SQM even once. State was advised to issue EOI for engagement of fresh SQM before they come before EC. All pending inspections should be carried out before EC.
- ii. Pending ATR for more than 5 years need to be resolved before EC. Un-satisfactory grading of maintenance work is very high and State should work hard to reduce it.

G. Finance and Accounts:

- i TDS deductions have been made by the bank and State Government should try to get it back. Outstanding advances pending may also be settled immediately. 207 works are pending for financial closure which need to be completed at an early date.

H. Final decision:

Subject to the observation of the pre-EC and concurrent action/compliance by the State as stipulated in the foregoing paras, the Pre-Empowered Committee recommended the above proposals.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.
