

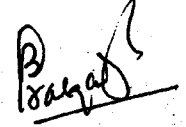
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Subject: Minutes of Pre-Empowered Committee Meeting to discuss the project proposals of the State of Bihar under regular PMGSY (Batch-III), 2017-18 held on 10th November, 2017 (Friday) at 11.00 AM-reg.

A copy of Minutes of the Pre-Empowered Committee (Pre-EC) Meeting to discuss the project proposals of the State of Bihar under regular PMGSY (Batch-III), 2017-18 held on 10th November, 2017 (Friday) at 11.00 AM under the Chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (RC), Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi is forwarded for information and necessary action.

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(Bhim Prakash)
Under Secretary(RC)

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Minutes of the Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee held on 10.11.2017 for the proposals of State of Bihar under Regular PMGSY Batch-III (2017-18)

State: **BIHAR**

A Meeting of the Pre- Empowered Committee for PMGSY was held under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (RC) in her Chamber on 10th November, 2017 at 12.00 PM to discuss the project proposals from the State Govt. of Bihar under Regular PMGSY Batch-III (2017-18). The following officers were present in the meeting:

Ms. AlkaUpadhayaya	JS(RC), MoRD & DG NRRDA
Shri Priya Ranjan	Director (RC)
Shri I. K. Pateria	Director (Tech)
Shri Uttam Kumar	Director (P-III), NRRDA
Shri Praveen Kumar	DD(F&A)
Shri Bhim Prakash	US(RC), MoRD
State Govt. Representatives and Others	
Shri Vinay Kumar	Secretary, Govt. of Bihar
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Shri Anand Prakash	AE/BRRDA
Shri Prabhat Kumar	FM/BRRDA

Proposal by the State

2. Dir (Tech.) presented the proposals sent by the State as under:

Details of Current Proposals

Item	As per State's proposal dated 01.11.2017				As per OMMAS as on 09.11.2017			
	No of Roads	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/km (Lakhs)	Nos	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/km (Lakhs)
New Connectivity	106	452.54	246.34	54.43	117	480.48	262.41	54.61
Up-gradation					1	1.17	0.43	36.75
Bridges	131	9,325.91	493.61	5.29/m	145	10,401.41	551.08	5.29/m
Total	106 roads 131 bridges	452.54 Kms roads 9,325.91 m bridges	739.95		118 roads 145 bridges	481.65 Kms roads 10,401.41 m bridges	813.92*	

*MoRD Share : Rs. 405.48 Crores

State Share : Rs. 408.43 Crores

Category wise benefitted Habitations

1000+	500-900	250-499	100-249	Total
28	94	66	0	188

State had submitted the proposal of 118 roads and 145 bridges as per cost of Rs. 813.92 Crore with the length of 481.65 kms roads and 10,401.41 m bridges as per OMMAS as on 09.11.2017. Apart from this the state officials submitted that there were 22 more DPRs which were pending at the level of STAs and requested for inclusion current batch. The Chairperson agreed to include the 22 proposals in the current batch and directed the state to provide the details of these 22 proposals to the Ministry at the earliest. It was further decided that the state will amend these 22 DPRs as per the instructions / observations of the current Pre-EC.

It was also found that the State has not reconciled the categorywise habitations details and the State was directed to furnish category wise unconnected habitations to NRRDA at the earliest.

JS(RC) further directed the state officials to submit the DPRs for 185 balance habitations to the Ministry at the earliest so that the same could be considered for approval by the Ministry.

The committee expressed its concern on the large number of road works sanctioned prior to 2013-14 and still not complete. The state officials informed the committee that a large number of roads have been sanctioned in the last FY and thus there was a large number of pending roads visible on OMMAS which were sanctioned prior to 2013-14 but assured the committee to expedite the completion these old road works at the earliest.

State representative was also advised to reduce the average cost/km in the district of mainly Supaul. State was also advised to look into DPRs and submit.

DPR ISSUES:

- The only State who has not reconciled habitations details.
- Sample DPRs received on 07.11.2017 and under scrutiny at NRRDA.
- Average cost per Km is higher in Aurangabad, Darbhanga, Kaimur, and Supaul districts when compared to previous batches.
- Earthwork quantities estimated in DPRs are on higher side. Needs to be rationalised. (BR 05 BHMH02)
- The Average Provision for CC pavement is very high. Districts which are proposed CC roads of more than 15% of total proposed length should be got verified and CC length needs to be reduced accordingly.
- CC drains provided in open areas needs to be deleted.
- CDs provided without justifications from L and X section drawings and photographs. Needs to be justified.
- The pavement materials cost is too high due to the higher lead distance of order 200-400km.
- State has not proposed any roads using Fly ash, Pond ash and Bottom ash. Fly ash can be used for stabilization and embankment construction at least the districts where the thermal power plants are located. Thermal plants are available in Begusarai, Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur and Patna districts. The transportation cost of fly ash will be borne by the Thermal Power Plants and couple of adjacent districts.

- Joint Inspection formats of STA and SE have not been received for bridge works. Needs to be provided by the State.
- Additional State share beyond 75 m/100 m length of bridge needs to be provided by the State.

State was advised to use waste plastic in surface dressing and JS(RC) advised that DPRs to be checked.

Maintenance Issue:

The committee expressed satisfaction over the level of expenditure in Maintenance of roads but at the same time advised to increase it and to provide the 6th year renewal cost to SRRDA. The state officials were also directed to provide the budget for maintenance which is due for the current FY. The state officials agreed to provide the same to BSRRDA at the earliest.

R&D proposals and Technology:

State was advised to verify the DPRs at NRRDA in case of using other stabilization techniques like Cement stabilizations, Lime stabilization, Fly Ash or any other commercial stabilizers etc.

The committee expressed concern over the excess time being taken by the state in award of tender i.e 90 days and advised the state officials to streamline the process and reduce the time from 90 to 45 days as is being done in some of the states like MP and Karnataka under PMGSY. The state officials were also assured of all help and hand-holding that would require for this through NRRDA.

While reviewing the quality monitoring mechanism in the State the Pre-Empowered committee also observed that the Quality Assurances Mechanism in the state needed substantial improvement in order to ensure timely inspections of works as per PMGSY guidelines.

Financial Issues:

The Committee observed that nearly 357 old roads were pending for final closure which have been physically completed prior and were sanctioned prior to 2012-13. The state officials were advised to liquidate the old works by financially closing them as per guidelines on a campaign mode. The state officials assured to take appropriate action in this regard before the next EC meeting.

Recommendation of the Committee:

The Committee recommended the proposal of the State of Bihar for the construction of 118 roads and 145 Bridges as per cost of Rs. 813.92 Crore (MoRD Share: Rs.405.48 Crore and State Share: Rs. 408.43 Crore) with a length of 481.65 kms roads and 10,401.41 m bridges. Further, it also agreed to include the 22 DPRs which are pending with STAs for scrutiny in the current proposal on the assurance of state officials that the necessary changes in these 22 DPRs will be made as per the advice of NRRDA based on scrutiny of sample DPRs before the state comes for EC meeting.

(The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair)