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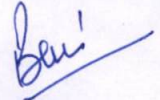
Subject: Meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee held on 20th February, 2019 at 10:30 AM to discuss the project proposals of Himachal Pradesh under Regular PMGSY-I (Batch-II, 2018-19) – MINUTES THEREON

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith Minutes of the Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee held on 20th February, 2019 at 10:30 AM under the chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (RC) to discuss the project proposals of Himachal Pradesh under Regular PMGSY-I (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 the earliest.

Yours faithfully

Encl: As above



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To

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Minutes of the Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee held on 19.02.2019 for the proposals of the State of Himachal Pradesh under Regular PMGSY-II (2018-19)

A Meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee for Himachal Pradesh under Regular PMGSY Batch-II (2018-19) was held on 19.02.2019 in chamber of Joint Secretary (RC).

2. **Proposal by the State:** The details of the current proposal submitted by the State are as under:-

Item	As per Proposal						As per OMMAS as on 18-02-2019 (Regular PMGSY)					
	Stage-I	Stage-II	Complete	Upgradation	LSBs	Total	Stage-I	Stage-II	Complete	Upgradation	LSBs	Total
Value in Rs Crores	80.03	88.54	168.10	313.21	30.37	680.25	80.03	93.98	168.10	249.56	28.56	620.22
No. of Road Works	16	22	34	76	11	148 Roads 11 LSBs	16	23	34	75	11	148 Roads 11 LSBs
Length in Km	95.300	145.990	202.910	501.755	460.424	945.955 km roads & 460.424 m LSBs	95.300	155.110	202.910	461.760	440.17	915.080 km roads & 440.170 m LSBs
Average cost per km/m (Rs. In Lakhs)	83.97	60.65	82.84	62.42	6.60 Lakh/m		83.97	60.59	82.84	54.05	6.48 Lakh/m	

* MoRD Share: Rs 558.20 Crores State Share: Rs 62.02 Crores

1000+	500-900	250-499	Total
0	14	32	46 + 10 Clusters of 250+

DISCUSSIONS HELD AND DECISIONS TAKEN

- The State submitted that one LSB has not been uploaded on OMMAS as this LSB is on road built post 2011 and the State was asked for permission to include this bridge in the current proposal. Permission was granted by the Joint Secretary. It was communicated to the State that certificate for land availability in all the 148 roads and forest clearance in all the 148 roads was to be provided by the State before Empowered Committee.
- As per the OMMAS data, the State has 6 balance habitations. State clarified that this is due to problem of showing roads in different stages on OMMAS. It was directed to resolve before the Empowered Committee on 28th February, 2019. No more habitations are remaining for sanction to the State of Himachal Pradesh under PMGSY.
- Analysis of the district -wise cost trends revealed rather high average cost in Stage-I(83.97) which was mainly due to one proposal of Kangra at 132.91 . The State submitted that the proposal is for 21 Km road and this connecting a very remote habitation in a difficult area. Hence, the higher cost may be considered.
- The average cost of Stage-II works in Mandi district at 71.94 is rather high. The State was asked to recheck the proposal. The State has proposed 7.91% maintenance cost

- with respect to construction cost. It was submitted that the maintenance should be more than 10% with respect to the construction cost. State agreed to this.
- Profoma C and coloured photographs of roads are not uploaded on OMMAS. Photographs of only 11 roads and Proforma C of only 38 roads uploaded on OMMAS.
 - The target length for Himachal Pradesh state for upgradation is 5659 km. The total sanction length for upgradation is 5234.74km, hence the balance target length for upgradation is 424.26km. However the state has proposed 501.76 km length.
 - For up-gradation proposal, photographs showing the existing surface condition be enclosed in the DPR. Provision of loosening of subgrade proposed for 300mm is not justified for upgradation work as it will disturb entire existing crust thickness which is well consolidated with passage of time and traffic.
 - Alignment of L047 Alwas to Killar road (Upgradation) is of SH category i.e SH37.
 - Few roads proposed to have T9 category traffic but from attached photographs it is found that not much vehicles are plying, traffic is over estimated and need third party verification.
 - Depth of road cutting in on higher side, few places depth of cutting is even more than 20.0m, alignment may be reviewed at such location.
 - In stage I and complete stage works, protection works proposed are on higher side which needs to be justified with Photographs and length of pucca drain proposed also found to be on higher side.
 - The reason of opting stage I (16 roads) at this stage needs to be justified.
 - Retaining wall quantities are very high being stage- II, eg in L080 Banogi Chehar Chaila road 705m retaining wall proposed in 6km road.
 - Transect walk photographs and report is not attached with DPRs.
 - Provision of Gabion structure may be proposed instead of CC retaining wall in order to achieve economy in construction.
 - Pavement has not been designed based on IRC SP-72 – 2015, Guidelines for the Design of Flexible pavements for Low Volume Rural Roads.
 - For habitations less than 250 population, habitations proposed as cluster on OMMAS. Needs to be entered as cluster on OMMAS need verification with Geo tagged photographs.
 - Location of signage proposed for road safety and detailing is not given in DPR.
 - Length of CDs not deducted from calculation of total pavement material quantity.
 - Hard Shoulder has been provided with outsourced material. Eg in road T-02 Har NH-70 to Sukrala hard shoulder provided for Rs. 53,36,276/- @Rs. 3566/- per cum. The soil CBR on this road is around 9%. It can very well be used for shoulders. The rate difference will be 3566-210 =Rs. 3356 per cum costing 1496.48 x3356= Rs. 50,22,186 as saving. This may be reviewed in all roads.
 - It was seen that 291 works awarded in this December, 2019 with 1393 Kms have still not been awarded. Displeasure was expressed for this lack of foresight by the State and consequent delay in the tenders.
 - Regarding the achievements/targets, State has achieved only 981 Km against 2400 target kilometers. Out of 150 target habitations, only 50 have been connected. State was told that habitation connectivity being the priority, State should ensure that all the 150 habitations are connected by March, 2019.
 - With regard to the quality, State has to improve all the establishment of field maps and maintenance. Out of 63 ATRs are pending in ongoing works, 44 are of SRI category.
 - With regard to finance and account issues, no complaint shave been sent for the State while the balance sheets are OMMAS based. They are not matching with the schedule manner. An important matter of fake bank guarantees was raised. The State has been asked to take action against the Executive Engineers and give details of FIRs lodged. DD, F&A was also asked to initiate a letter to the State in this regard.
 - 19 physically completed works are pending for financial closure for more than six months. It was reiterated that OMMAS would not allow any entries more than 6 months from March, 2019.

Decision was taken to take up Stage-I and complete stage road under regular PMGSY funding and the upgradation and Stage-II works under World Bank funding.

The Empowered Committee meeting was scheduled for Himachal Pradesh on the **28thFebruary, 2019 at 4.30 P.M.** and **Pre-Empowered Committee** for the PMGSY-II on 28thFebruary, 2019 at **11.30 A.M.**

Taking into account the huge pendency of works the decision of allowing upgradation proposals in the present batch will be taken during the time of Empowered Committee Meeting.
