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Rural Connectivity (RC) Division

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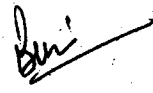
**Subject: Meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at 4:00 PM to discuss the project proposals of Himachal Pradesh under Regular PMGSY (Batch-II, 2017-18) – MINUTES THEREON**

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith Minutes of the Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee held on **8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at 4.00 PM** under the chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (RC) to discuss the project proposals of Himachal Pradesh under Regular PMGSY (Batch-II, 2017-18) 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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to discuss proposals of the State of Himachal Pradesh under PMGSY.**

**State: Himachal Pradesh**

A meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee was held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 4:00 PM under the chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (RC) to discuss the proposals submitted by the State of Himachal Pradesh under Regular PMGSY (Batch-II, 2017-18). List of participants is given below:

<b>SmtAlkaUpadhyaya</b>	<b>Joint Secretary (RC) – in Chair</b>
Shri I.K. Pateriya	Director(Tech), NRRDA
Shri Uttam Kumar	Director (P-III), NRRDA
SmtShanthiPriya	Director (F&A), NRRDA
<b>State Government Representatives</b>	
Shri B.S.Chauhan	Engineer in Chief cum SQC
Shri A.K. Abrol	Chief Engineer,
Shri J.S. Panwar	Financial Controller
Shri L.K. Pandey	ITNO

2. **Current Proposals:** Details of proposals discussed by the Pre-Empowered Committee for the State of Himachal Pradesh under PMGSY (Batch-II, 2017-18) are as under:

Item	Proposal					
	Stage-I	Full stage	Stage II	Upgradat ion	Bridges	Total
Value in Rs Crore	122.84	130.78	108.97	72.15	4.27	439.01
No. of Works	29	51	37	23	3	140Roads 3Bridges
Length in Km	199.06	246.75	214.94	154.46	77.00	815.21km roads
Average cost per km/m	61.71	53.00	50.70	46.71	5.55	
No. of Habitations	100+ = 1 500+ = 5 250+ = 41 Cluster = 13					49 + 13 Cluster

\*MoRD Share :Rs 395.10 crore

State Share : Rs 43.90 crore

3. **No. of Eligible Unconnected Habitations:**

State representative reported that this is their final proposal of new connectivity and balance habitations shown on OMMAS are not feasible. The State also informed that proposals of 30 roads are scrutinized by STA on paper, however, the same could not be uploaded on OMMAS

due to some technical issues. The same will be resolved in consultation with NRRDA and the overall data of habitations eligible, sanctioned and not feasible including those benefitted under state schemes will be re-considered before EC meeting

**4. Average cost:**

Cost correction at all stages needs to be done and corrected cost to be uploaded on OMMAS. Average cost is on higher side particularly in Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Mandi and Shimla districts, which needs to be re-examined by the State.

**5. Maintenance cost:**

Maintenance cost is on lower side. It should be in the range of 10 - 13% for Himachal Pradesh State.

**6. R&D Proposals and R&D Technology:**

State was advised to re-examine the length proposed against new technology roads and correct the data on OMMAS. State has proposed only 6.02 km, under IRC accredited new technologies which is only 1.14% of the total proposal. As per guidelines this should not be less than 5% i.e. 26.45 km State was advised to propose at least 5% of the total length under this category.

**7. Maintenance fund:**

The Committee noticed that during the year 2017-18, against the release of 6.72 crore, State has utilized only 2.60 crore, which is only 39% w.r.t maintenance funds required. The Committee advised the State to disburse maintenance funds to PIUs and report expenditure.

**8 DPR Issues:**

- i. Signed copy of MP1, MP2, MP3 formats and copy of SLSC approval has not been submitted.
- ii. Road with available alignment and roadway width has been proposed for Stage I construction. All such roads need to be proposed as complete construction works.
- iii. Pavement has not been designed based on IRC SP-72 – 2015, Guidelines for the Design of Flexible pavements for Low Volume Rural Roads. If the pavement is designed based on new IRC – SP-72 – 2015, there is a vast reduction in cost.
- iv. Length of proposed road indicated in DPR does not match with the length entered on OMMAS.
- v. L/S and C/S drawings showing existing level, proposed level and gradient of proposed roads in A3 size paper are not enclosed with DPRs.
- vi. Earth work cutting quantity seems to be on higher side. Width of road for Link route should be 6 m as per Guidelines. Quantities of earthwork need to be rationalized for achieving economy in this item.
- vii. Horizontal curve, vertical curve and hairpin bend designs are missing in all DPRs.

- viii. No consistency in soil lab test and none of the proposal have attached any certified test results report. Test results for GSB materials is not attached with the DPRs.
- ix. Transect walk photographs, Transect walk summary/Minutes and copy of Gramma Sabha approval have not been attached with the DPRs. State has used blended quarry material for arriving at rate which is about Rs. 2,300/Cum (WBM Gr III rate is Rs. 2,750/Cum) and is on higher side. This is increasing the overall cost/Km. State must explore the possibility of using naturally occurring granular material/river borne material as GSB material or provide details of naturally occurring granular material block wise indicating that the same is not suitable.
- x. Length of Slab culvert, vented causeway and box culvert portion needs to be deducted in the pavement portion to avoid duplication of quantities.
- xi. Pucca side drains proposed for entire length. Pucca drains may be required where the soil strata is loose. Needs to be rationalised.
- xii. Large number of CD works proposed at closer intervals and on higher side. This needs to be justified from the photographs and L-Section drawings.
- xiii. Protection works proposed on higher side which needs to be justified with Photographs and X-Section drawings. Large number of CD works and protection structures in Stage II proposals can not be agreed upon, as these are expected to be built with Stage-I.
- xiv. DPRs of new technology works should be verified at NRRDA on sample basis.
- xv. Joint Inspection report of STA/CE/SE for bridge site as per format prescribed by NRRDA has not been provided for all bridge works.
- xvi. Images have not been uploaded for 81 roads.
- xvii. Proforma C has not been uploaded for 66 works.

**9. Quality issues:**

- i. 72 packages have been inspected by SQMs where lab has not been established.
- ii. 161 ongoing works have not been inspected even once by SQMs, of which payment of more than 1 lakh has been made in 18 cases.
- iii. 3 ATRs of pending works and 35 ATRs of ongoing works are pending with the State.
- iv. Unsatisfactory rating in r/o maintenance works is on the higher side, which needs to be re-looked by the State.

**10. Finance & Account issues:**

- i. Heavy balance in saving bank account i.e. RS 140.37 crore
- ii. Outstanding advances Rs 28.72 crore
- iii. Outstanding liabilities of Rs 0.111 crore
- iv. Difference between figures of Misc. Receipts as per Utilization Certificate and as per Balance Sheet.
- v. Pending Stale Cheques.
- vi. Stores issued to contractor.
- vii. Royalty deducted but not deposited to the mining department.

11. After discussing the proposals in detail, subject to the compliance of the above observations, the Pre-Empowered Committee recommended 140 roads and 3 bridges for the State of Himachal Pradesh amounting to Rs 439.01 crore, with the condition that the same can be placed before the EC after compliance of above issues and data updation on OMMAS website

**The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.**

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