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

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi-110001

Dated: 10th May, 2019

Subject: Meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee held on 29th April, 2019 to discuss the project proposals of the State of Meghalaya under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-II (PMGSY-II) (Batch-I, 2019-20) – MINUTES THEREON

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith Minutes of the Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee held on <u>29th April, 2019</u> under the chairpersonship of DG, NRIDA to discuss the project proposals of the State of Meghalaya under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-II (PMGSY-II) (Batch-I, 2019-20) 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.

Encl: As above

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(Dr. Surabhi Rai) Deputy Secretary (RC)

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(ii) Shri T.G. Nengnong, Chief Engineer. _ 162452/19-1

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Minutes of the Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee held on 29.04.2019 for the proposals of the State of Meghalaya PMGSY-II Batch-I (2019-20)

A meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee to discuss project proposals of the State of Meghalaya under PMGSY-II (Batch-I, 2019-20) was held on 29th April, 2019 under the Chairpersonship of DG(NRIDA). The following officers were present in the meeting:

Ms. Alka Upadhyaya	DG(NRIDA)– in Chiar				
Shri Rohit Kumar	Joint Secretary (RC)				
Shri Bharat Pradhan	Consultant (Tech) in charge Director (Technical)				
Shri. I.K.Pateriya	Director, NRRIDA				
Shri Uttam Kumar	Director (P-III), NRiDA				
Shri K. M. Singh	Deputy Secretary (RC)				
Shri Kailash Bisht	Dy. Director (F&A), NRIDA				
State Govt. Representatives					
Shri P.R. Marwein	R. Marwein Secretary, PWD(R & B)				
Shri T.G. Nengnong	Chief Engineer				
Shri J. V. Lyngdoh	Additional C.E. cum SQC				
Shri M.B. Roin	ITNO				

2. The details of present proposal are as under:

Item	As per State's proposal dated 28.04.2019			As per OMMAS as on 28.04.2019				
	No of Roads	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/km (Lakhs)	No of Roads	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	-
Up- Gradation Roads	18	93.04	71.18	76.50	16	83.55	64.71	77.45
LSBs	1	37.22	2.25	6.04	1	37.22	2.25	6.04
Total	18 roads 1 LSB	93.04 Km roads 37.22 m LSBs	73.43*	·	16 roads 1 LSB	83.55 Km roads 37.22 m LSBs	66.96*	

3. Issues discussed and decisions taken:

UG - Target : 490 km

A presentation of the proposal was made by the Consultant (Tech) in charge Director (Technical), Director (P-III) and DD(F&A), NRIDA on the following issues

Sanctioned: 388.76 km

DPR and general issues:

- (i) The State has submitted upgradation proposals of 16 road works of 83.55 km and 1 LSB of 37.22 mtr on OMMAS.
- (ii) It was noticed that the average cost of East Khasi Hill and West Khasi Hill is on the higher side and the State was asked to re-examine the proposals. NRIDA was also requested to scrutinize the high cost DPRs.
- (iii) 2 roads proposed with T9 traffic category. Third party traffic verification as per the provisions of IRC guidelines (Clause 3.4.1 (iv)) needs to be provided.
- (iv) With respect to maintenance cost, State need to provide 6th year renewal cost on OMMAS for all roads. Needs to be uploaded.
- (v) With respect to R&D proposals, specific technology is to be uploaded on OMMAS.
- (vi) It was seen that 140 works are still pending for more than 4 years, out of which 18 works remain unawarded. It was also noticed that 317 works sanctioned in the year 2018-19 have not yet been tendered.
- (vii) Concern was also expressed over the poor performance of the State during the last financial year, wherein only 211 km road length was constructed against the target of 400 km. The State has to fix PIU-wise targets in order to achieve the target of 1000 km during the current financial year.

It was observed by the Committee that the 6th year renewal cost (8.95%) is on the lower side, however, it should be 15-18%. The State was advised to at least 10% of total length using Mainstreaming Technology and 5% of the total length using IRC Accredited Technology/materials as per new technology guidelines. DG (NRIDA) advised the State to use soil stabilization technique for the upcoming works. The State was advised to revisit the DPRs of East Khasi Hills and justify the cost. The State was also advised to accord top priority on completion of works which are more than 2 years old.

Quality issues:

- (i) While the State is getting the full requirement of maintenance funds as per the contract, the expenditure in the last financial year was only 50% and the State has 11.43% 'U' percentage maintenance as per NQM inspections.
- (ii) 103 works have not been inspected even once by SQMs and payment over 1 lakh rupees has been made in 18 of these works.
- (iii) 31 ATRs of ongoing works and 1 ATR of completed work is still pending with the State and the State was advised to liquidate this on priority.

JS(RC) advised NRIDA to include status of pending ATRs of previous year and 1-3 years in the presentation. JS(RC) also advised the State to recruit sufficient SQMs by the end of May, 2019 for timely completion of required number of inspections. DG (NRIDA) advised the State to complete the inspection work works before Empowered Committee meeting.

" Finance and Account issues:

- (i) Outstanding advances against contractors, DPR preparations, Administrative expenses recoverable from from State Govt etc. are to be resolved.
- (ii) Outstanding liabilities against Income tax, Commercial tax etc are to be resolved.

Decisions Taken

- i. It was decided by the Pre-Empowered Committee that the Empowered Committee (EC) meeting to discuss the current batch proposals would be held on 3rd June, 2019.
- ii. State would submit the balance DPRs (duly scrutinized by STA) before EC meeting.

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