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Department of Rural Development
Rural Connectivity (RC Division)

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Subject: Meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee held on 8th January, 2018 at 3:30 PM to discuss the project proposals of Maharashtra for 100-249 population 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 8th January, 2018 at 3:30 PM under the chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (RC to discuss the project proposals of Maharashtra for 100-249 population 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.

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Minutes of the meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee held on 8th January, 2018 to discuss the project proposal of Maharashtra for 100-249 population under Regular PMGSY (Batch-II, 2017-18)

State: Maharashtra

A meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee was held on 8th January, 2018 at 3.30 PM under the chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (RC) to discuss the project proposal of Maharashtra for 100-249 population under Regular PMGSY (Batch-II, 2017-18).

List of participants is given below:

Ms.Alka Updhayaya	Joint Secretary (RC) - in Chair			
Ms. Surabhi Rai	Director (RC)			
Shri I.K. Pateriya	Director(Tech), NRRDA			
Shri Uttam Kumar	Director (P-I), NRRDA			
Smt Shanthi Priya	Director (F&A), NRRDA			
State Government Representatives				
Shri Ajit S. Upale	Chief Engineer			
Shri D.G. Deshmukh	SQC			
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2. Current Proposals under PMGSY-II (Batch-II, 2017-18):

As per pre EC submission				As per OMMAS				
Item	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 (100-249 LWE areas)	93	368.42	248.82	67.54	84	328.08	223.74**	68.20
Bridges	57	2027.00	77.60	3.83	34	1085.00	38.78	3.57
Total	93 Roads 57 bridges	368.42 km Roads 2,027 m Bridge	326.42		84 Roads 34 bridges	328.08 km Roads 1,085.00 m Bridge	262.52*	
Habitations	100-249 (L	WE):81 C	luster : 3 *	**				

^{*}MoRD Share :Rs. 157.51 Crore

State Share: Rs. 105.01 Crore

The state informed that some of the proposals of roads and bridges could not be uploaded on OMMAS due to some technical issues which will be resolved in consultation with NRRDA and C-DAC before Empowered Committee Meeting. The state also agreed to reconcile the already sanctioned habitations before EC meeting.

^{**}State has proposed roads upto WBM level.

^{***}Clusters needs to be uploaded on OMMAS and Geo-tagged photographs of clusters need to be provided for verification of its eligibility.

The state has requested that the roads are being constructed in LWE areas where maintenance of WBM / Gravel surface is little difficult and requested for allowing OGPC as bituminous surface. The state has provided following analysis of the projected cost wherein the present average cost is indicated with WBM surface. However, the state has requested to allow provision of OGPC as surface course or the surface dressing as the surface course.

Particulars	WBM Surface	Surface Dressing	OGPC as surface	
No of Roads	93	93		
Length (Km)	368.42	368.42	368.42	
No of LWE Habitation 100- 249 Pop	93 Including 4 Clusters	93 Including 4 Clusters	93 Including 4 Clusters	
Total Cost of Roads (Cr.)	248.82	335.47	345.29	
	Av. cost. 67.54/Km	Av cost. 91.06/Km	Av cost. 93.72/Km	
No of Bridges	57	57	57	
Total Cost (Cr.)	77.6	77.6	77.6	
	Av cost.3.83/Mtr	Av cost.3.83/Mtr	Av cost.3.83/Mtr	
Total Cost (Roads + Bridges (Rs. in Cr)	326.42	413.07	422.89	
MoRD Share	195.85	247.84	253.73	
State Share	130.57	165.23	169.16	
5 Year Maintenance	17.42	23.49	24.17	

3. Average cost: The Committee observed that the average cost of road works is 30% higher than the normal areas. State Government representative apprised that these road works are in Naxalite areas. The Committee also observed that the average cost of bridges is also on the higher side, which needs to be reexamined by the State. The State Government representative informed that it is due to revision of SoR(2016-17) and GST. During discussion it emerged that the state has proposed one extra layer of WBM for roads with traffic upto T3 category, in order to provide OGPC surface while calculating the cost indicated above with OGPC. It was agreed upon that the decision of the Ministry will be communicated to the state regarding provision of OGPC / surface dressing shortly. However, this one extra layer of WBM will have to be removed if OGPC is permitted by the Ministry.

4. No. of Eligible Unconnected Habitations:

State representative reported that this is their final proposal of new connectivity in the category of 100-249 and balance 10 habitations in the category are located in the core zone of the naxal areas, hence, not feasible.

5. R&D Technology:

It was observed by the Committee that against the mandatory requirement of 10% under Main Streaming Technology and 5% under IRC Accredited New Material/Technology, State has not proposed any of the roads. State Government has assured that the same would be done before Empowered Committee.

6. Physical completion of works:

The Committee observed that there are 82 such works, which are pending for more than 4 years. On the issue, State Government Representative apprised that most of the pending works are in Naxalite areas and forest clearance is a major issue in the State. State Government representative also apprised that out of pending road length of 850.65 km, State would be able to complete 750 km by the end of current financial year.

7. Maintenance fund:

The Committee noticed that during the year 2017-18, against the release of Rs 27.35crore, State has utilized only Rs 14.09 crore, which is only 52% w.r.t maintenance funds required. The Committee advised the State to disburse maintenance funds to PIUs and report expenditure.

8. Quality issues:

- i. 12 packages have been inspected by SQMs where lab has not been established.
- ii. 30 ongoing works have not been inspected even once by SQMs, of which payment of more than 1 lakh has been made in 4 cases.
- iii. 7 ATRs of pending works and 6 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 relooked by the State.

9. DPR &General issues:

- i. GSB with Stone metal being used, The state must explore the possibility of using local GSB, wherever possible.
- ii. Lead of materials for crushed metal is about 200 km
- iii. Provision of excavation of side drains has been made by manual means, which should be converted to mechanical means for reduction in the cost and faster execution.
- iv. SOR rates are 30% higher than the normal areas.
- v. Higher number of cross drainage structures.
- vi. The Royalty @141/m³ is one reason for higher average cost.
- vii. State needs to provide signed copy of MP1, MP2, MP3 formats and copy of SLSC approval.
- viii. State has proposed roads with WBM surface (Stage A) construction and aaverage cost/Km seems to be on higher side.
- ix. State has informed the average cost/Km with surface dressing is Rs. 91.06 Lakhs/Km.
- x. Pavements have not been designed with Cement Treated Sub Base and Base as per Ministry's advisory.
- xi. Joint Inspection report of bridge sites needs to be provided to NRRDA for verification.
- xii. Images have not been uploaded for all roads.
- xiii. Proforma C has not been uploaded for 48 roads

10. Financial Management/Accounting Issues:

- i. Heavy balance in saving bank account Rs 513.07 crore
- ii. Non adjustment of DPR expenses Rs 10.49 crore
- iii. Outstanding advance against contractor Rs 6.63 crore
- iv. Non-closure of Programme fund/Administrative fund/Maintenance fund on OMMAS.
- 11. After discussing the proposals in detail, subject to the compliance of the above observations, the Pre-Empowered Committee recommended 93 proposals of road works and 57 proposals of bridges of the total value of Rs.326.42 crore under PMGSY-II of the State of Maharashtra.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.
