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Sub: Minutes of the Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee to consider the project Proposals for Road Connectivity Project on Left Wing Extremism Area (RCPLWEA) (Batch-I, 2019-20) submitted by the State Government of Odisha - regarding.

A copy of the Minutes of the Pre Empowered Committee Meeting held on 18th September, 2019 to discuss the project Proposals for Road Connectivity Project on Left Wing Extremism Area (RCPLWEA) (Batch-I, 2019-20) is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action.

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MINUTES OF THE PRE-EMPOWERED COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2019 TO CONSIDER PROJECT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA UNDER ROAD CONNECTIVITY PROJECT FOR LEFT WING EXTREMISM AREAS (RCPLWEA) (BATCH-I, 2019-20)

A Meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee was held under the Chairpersonship of Additional Secretary (RD) & DG, NRIDA, Ministry of Rural Development on 18th September, 2019 to discuss the proposals submitted by the State of Odisha under Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Areas (RCPLWEA) (Batch-I, 2019-20). List of participants is given below:-

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| Smt. Alka Upadhyay | Additional Secretary & DG, NRIDA, MoRD |
| Shri Rohit Kumar | Joint Secretary (RC), MoRD |
| Shri K.M. Singh | Deputy Secretary (RC), MoRD |
| Shri. B.C. Pradhan | Consultant (Tech.), NRIDA |
| Shri Pradeep Agrawal | Director (P.I), NRIDA |
| Shri Uttam Kumar | Director (P.III), NRIDA |
| Shri Yogesh Mohan Dixit | Director (LWE-II), MHA |
| State Government Representatives | |
| Shri A.K. Tripathy | C.E, WB Projects, Odisha |
| Shri A.K. Sahu, SE | SE, Jaypore (R&R) |

2. The Committee was informed that the State of Odisha has already been sanctioned 29 road works measuring length 388.79 Km under RCPLWEA. Further, the Ministry of Home Affairs has recommended 33 additional road works measuring length 270.85 Km for the State. The State Representative intimated that out of 33 road works, the current batch of proposal is for 16 road works and that proposal for 4 more road works shall be submitted in due course. The balance 13 road works are either not feasible or have been completed under other Scheme.

3. On scrutiny of proposals for 16 road works (85.71 Km) at a cost of Rs. 92.57 crore (average cost Rs. 107.97 lakh/Km), the Committee observed that the average cost/Km is exorbitantly high. Out of 16 roads, only 1 road has been proposed with 3.75 M (T7), the other 15 roads have been proposed with 5.5 M carriageway width using T9 traffic category. On the one hand the State informed that these roads are for interior/far-flung areas of Koraput and Malkangiri, on the other hand the State has proposed 15 roads with carriageway width 5.5 m using T9 traffic category, which are contradictory. The State was asked to re-look into the proposal and revise the proposal as per the observations of the Committee. The Committee also asked Shri B.C. Pradhan, Consultant (Tech.) to visit the State during this weekend to oversee the revision of the DPRs.

4. The Committee observed that as per the programme guidelines, Quality Control Laboratory was to be set up for each package. But, not a single Quality Control Laboratory has been set up so far. The State was asked to take immediate action in this regard.

5. The State was also asked to propose more roads by using Plastic Waste within the minimum 15 % of road length prescribed for new technologies.

Recommendation of the Committee

6. The State was asked to revise the proposal as per the observations of the Pre-EC and re-submit the revised proposals by 25th September, 2019 so that the same could be placed before Pre-EC/EC for further consideration.
7. The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to and from the Chair.
