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Subject: Pre-Empowered Committee to consider project proposals under Batch-I of PMGSY-II (2018-19) in respect of the State of Sikkim-- Minutes thereon.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Pre Empowered Committee held under the chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (RC) on 25th September, 2018 to consider the project proposals of Sikkim under Batch-I of PMGSY-II (2018-19) and to request that the compliance to the observations of the PRE-EC may be furnished to NRIDA/MoRD at an early date.

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Minutes of the Pre-Empowered Committee Meeting on 25.09.2018 for the proposals of the State of Sikkim under Batch I of PMGSY-II (2018-19)

A Meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee for PMGSY was held on **25.09.2018** in chamber of Joint Secretary(RC) to discuss the proposals under Batch-I of PMGSY-II (2018-19) The following officials were present in the meeting: -

Smt. Alka Upadhyaya	Joint Secretary(RC) & DG(NRRDA)
Dr. Surabhi Rai	Deputy Secretary(RC)
Shri. B.C.Pradhan	Dir(Tech), NRIDA
Shri Uttam Kumar	Dir (P.I), NRIDA
Smt. Shantipriya	Dir (Finance), NRIDA
State Govt. representatives	
Sh. D.R. Nepal,	Secretary, RMDD, Government of Sikkim
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Sh. O.P Sharma,	Chief Engineer, RMDD, Govt. of Sikkim
Sh. K. Bhandari,	PD-cum-FC, RMDD, Govt. of Sikkim
Sh. Kumar Bardweva,	Addl. Director, RMDD, Govt. of Sikkim
Sh. Prakash Chettri,	AE, PMGSY, SRRDA, Sikkim

2. Proposal by the State:

The current proposal (Batch-I of PMGSY II) submitted before the Pre-Empowered Committee is as given:-

As per Pre EC submission dated 01.09.2018					Current proposal as per OMMAS			
Item	No of Roads	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs Crores)	Avg. in Cost/km (Lakhs)	No of Roads	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. in Cost/km (Lakhs)
Up-Gradation	39	118.03	124.09	103.40	34	120.99	125.10	103.40
Total	39 roads	118.03 Kms roads	124.09		34 roads	120.99 kms roads	125.10*	

***MoRD Share : Rs. 112.59 Crores**
Target : 115 Kms

State Share : Rs. 12.51 Crores
Proposed : 120.99 Kms

3. Issues discussed and decisions taken

1. The habitation status needs to be corrected on OMMAS by the state.
2. **DRP Issues**

- State has proposed 6 Kms over and above their target length. It was decided by the Pre EC Committee that the 6 kms will be accounted for in the upgradation of PMGSY-I.
- It was observed that the costs especially in the East and South districts were on the higher side. The State responded that heavy protection works had increased the costs in these roads. The Pre-EC Committee asked the state to justify the same and also send the sample DPRs of these roads for examination in NRIDA. State was asked to explore the possibility of provision of more gabion walls in protection works for greater economy.
- 3 roads proposed with 5.50 m carriageway width. 33 roads proposed with T4 traffic and one road proposed with T6 category. PCU per day calculated on the basis of Traffic which do not justify the provision of 5.50 m carriage way width
- It was opined that the lump sum provisions and Swaccha Bharat provisions made in the DPRs needs to be deleted.

3. **Physical progress**

- **25 roads of 36.746 kms** which were sanctioned **pre 2014** are still **pending** completion. State was advised to expedite the completion of these works by December 2018.
- Concern was expressed about the very poor physical progress of works in the State in the current financial year. Against a target to 1000km only 74 km has been sanctioned as of date and only 5 habitations connected out of a target of 70 habitations. The state was asked to look into the same very seriously in view of the preponement of the completion date of PMGSY-I.

4. **Quality Issues**

- The cumulative unsatisfactory % based on NQM inspections on maintenance works was abberent to the high fund release and utilisation. This speaks of an intrinsic problem in the maintenance regime followed in the state. This should be very closely monitored.
- Almost 57% of the package labs were not established in the ongoing labs.
- 144 works were not inspected by SQM even once of which in 79 works payments of more than 1 lakh have been made.
- The works of 48.8% of contractors have not been inspected even once by NQMs.
- 38 ATRs are pending of which 1 ATR is pending for more than 3 years. State was asked to **liquidate the ATR before the EC meeting.**

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
