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Government of India

Ministry of Rural Development

Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi

Dated the 6th November, 2019

Meeting Notice

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

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of the meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee held on 1st November, 2019 under the Chairpersonship of the Additional Secretary (RD) & DG, NRIDA to discuss the proposals submitted by the State of Telangana under RCPLWEA, Batch-I (2019-20).

2. It is requested that a compliance report on all the observations of the Committee may be sent to the Ministry/NRIDA.



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Under Secretary (RC)

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MINUTES OF THE PRE-EMPOWERED COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1ST NOVEMBER, 2019 TO CONSIDER PROJECT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA 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 1st November, 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:-

Smt. Alka Upadhyay	Additional Secretary & DG, NRIDA, MoRD
Shri K.M. Singh	Deputy Secretary (RC), MoRD
Shri Yogesh Mohan Dixit	Director (LWE-II), MHA
Shri. B.C. Pradhan	Consultant (Tech.), NRIDA
Shri Pradeep Agrawal	Director (P.I), NRIDA
Dr. I.K. Pateriya	Director (P.II), NRIDA
Shri Uttam Kumar	Director (P.III), NRIDA
Shri Deepak Ashish Kaul	Director (F&A)
State Government Representatives	
Shri Satish Pingali	Chief Engineer (R&B), Telangana
Shri M. Srinivasa Reddy	EE (R&B) and ITNO, Telangana

The Details of Proposals of Telangana RCPLWE placed before the Chairpersonship of Pre-Empowered Committee:-

As per State's proposal dated 03.09.2019					As per OMMAS dated 31.10.2019			
Item	No of works	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/km (Lakhs)	Nos	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/km (Lakhs)
Up-Gradation	40	253.84	432.95	170.56	40	253.84	283.07	111.52
Bridges	16	915.76	62.10	6.78/m	16	915.76	65.50	7.15/m
Total	40 roads 16 LSBs	253.84 Km 915.76 m	495.05		40 roads 16 LSBs	253.84 Km 915.76 m	348.57*	

MoRD Share: Rs.183.34 Crore

State Share : Rs.165.23 Crore

General Issues

The Committee was informed that the State of Telangana has already been sanctioned 20 road works and 18 LSB's measuring length 451.37 Km under RCPLWEA Phase I. Further, the Ministry of Home Affairs has recommended 74 additional Roads and 5 Bridges/culverts measuring length 743.31 Km for the State. The State Representative intimated that out of 74 road works & 5 bridges/culverts, the current batch of proposal is for 40 road works and 16 LSBs measuring 253.84 Km. The balance 34 road works are not feasible.

2. On scrutiny of proposals for 40 road works & 16 LSBs (253.84 Km and 915.76 Meters) at a cost of Rs. 348.57 crore (average cost Rs. 111.52 Lakhs and Rs.7.15 Lakhs per meter respectively), the Committee observed that the average cost/Km is exorbitantly high. Out of 40 roads, 18 road has been proposed with 3.75 M (T7), 21 Roads proposed with 5.50M and 1 Road have been proposed with 7 M carriageway width.

3. On perusal of the Average Cost including 10% Price Adjustment & Tender Premium, it was observed that the cost is high . The State Govt. representative informed that the cost is high as all the proposals are for constructions of new roads , also they pass through the forest areas where mining activities are not allowed and the lead is far away. State Government was asked to give a certification in all such cases. The State Government representative informed that the rate has been calculated on the basis of the SoR 2019-20 of the State. The State was asked to re-look into the proposal and revise the proposal as per the observations of the Committee.

4. It was also decided to depute some NQM to inspect one or two roads out of the list to check the reasons for calculations of such high cost.

5. DPR Issues:-

(i) The State should certify that the proposed alignments are as per the road alignments approved by MHA.

(ii) Transect walk photographs to be attached with the DPR

(iii) The Earthwork cost is on the higher side particularly in Kumarambheem Asifabad district. It needs rationalized.

(iv) State needs to ensure that the required land width is available to provide 9 m top width for 5.5m carriageway width roads as per IRC guidelines for 5.50 and existing CDs also widened to 9m.

(v) Hydraulic details, catchment area calculation, hydraulic adequacy of proposed and existing CDs are to be provided in the DPR.

(vi) Drains proposed in open areas needs to rationalized.

(vii) State should ensure that QC charges and LS provisions made in the DPRs have been deleted in all the DPRs.

(viii) Joint Inspection formats for bridge works (STA and SE or SE and CE to be submitted fully.

Maintenance issue

6. The Committee observed that the Maintenance cost for 5 years indicated is 5.61% w.r.t cost of construction is very low and it should have to 6 to 6.5% of the cost of construction. Similarly, the 6th year renewal cost for maintenance should be 20% instead of 16.59% indicated.

7. The State was also advised to increase the number of SQMs.

R&D issues

8. The State has not proposed any roads using New Technologies whereas 15% of length needs to be proposed using new technology as per Technology initiative guidelines.

Contract management

State was asked to award all pending works which has remained un-awarded.

Finance and Accounts

State share has not been released.

Recommendation of the Committee

6. Taking into consideration of the higher costs projection, it was directed to verify the rates with latest SoR of MoPR. A team of NRIDA will visit one or two roads to ascertain the reason for increase of material cost and also earthwork cost. The State was asked to revise the proposal as per the observations of the Pre-EC and re-submit the revised proposals by 11th November, 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.
