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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 at 11:00 AM to discuss the project proposals of the State of Tripura 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 **29th April**, **2019 at 11:00 AM** under the chairpersonship of DG, NRIDA to discuss the project proposals of the State of Tripura 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

(Dr. Surabhi Rai) Deputy Secretary (RC)

Distribution:

The Principal Secretary, Public Works Department, Government of Tripura, Secretariat complex, Agartala – 790006.

The Chief Engineer, Tripura Rural Road Development Agency, Agartala.

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Minutes of the meeting of Pre-Empowered committee held on 29thApril, 2019 for the proposals of State of Tripura under PMGSY-II (Batch-I, 2019-20)

A Meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee was held on **29th April**, **2019** under the Chairpersonship of DG(NRIDA) to discuss the project proposals submitted by Government of Tripura under PMGSY-II (Batch-I, 2019-20). List of participants is as under:

Smt. Alka Upadhyaya	DG(NRIDA) - in Chair						
Shri Rohit Kumar	Joint Secretary (RC)						
Shri. K.M.Singh	Deputy Secretary (RC)						
Shri Uttam Kumar	Director (P.III), NRIDA						
Shri B.C. Pradhan	Consultant, NRIDA in charge Director (Technical)						
Shri Kailash Bisht	Deputy Director (F&A), NRIDA						
State Govt. Representatives							
Sh. Shashi Ranjan Kumar	Principal Secretary, PWD, Tripura						
Er Alkesh Sen Gupta	CE&EO, PMGSY, TRRDA						
Er A.Nath	SQC, PMGSY, TRRDA						

2. Details of current 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)	Avg. Cost/km (Lakhs)
Up- Gradation Roads	34	250.72	303.21	120.93	22	137.06	154.21	112.51
Total	34	250.72	303.21	120.93	22	137.06	154.21*	112.51
* MoRD S UG-Targe			Crores	,	State	Share- R	s. 15.42 (Crores

Issues discussed and decisions taken:

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

DPR and general issues:

- (i) State has uploaded only 22 DPRs of 137.06 km road length on OMMAS, however, the State was advised to upload all 310 km DPRs on OMMAS duly scrutinised by STA before Empowered Committee meeting.
- (ii) MP-I, MP-II and MP-III formats have not been provided by the State.

- (iii) State has not certified that the proposed works have not been sanctioned by DoNER/other state schemes.
- (iv) Average cost is on higher side in comparison to previous sanctions.
- (v) 7 roads proposed with T8 traffic category. Third party traffic verification as per the provisions of IRC guidelines (Clause 3.4.1 (iv)) needs to be provided.
- (vi) Images and Proforma C have not been uploaded on OMMAS.
- (vii) Transect walk photographs, copy of Gram Sabha approval and Transect walk summary are not attached in DPR.
- (viii) The test results for GSB materials showing MDD, OMC, LL, PI and CBR has not been attached with the DPR.
 - (ix) The hydraulic calculations of CD works have not been attached with the DPRs.
- (x) Cost of Gr II WBM and Gr III is Higher than the cost of WMM. State may explore the possibility of using WMM in place of WBM.
- (xi) The abutment height proposed in the DPR for RCC slab culvert does not match with the levels indicated in X section drawing /photographs.
- (xii) Design drawing of drain is not attached in DPR.
- (xiii) In WBM-II layer offset not required i.e. only 3.75m width need to consider for WBM calculation in 3.75 m carriageway width road.
- (xiv) Road has design for 5.50 m carriageway but all proposed CDs have been designed as per 3.75 m carriageway width which needs to be modified.
- (xv) With respect to the maintenance cost, State need to provide 6thyear renewal cost, which shall be followed by Post 5 year maintenance contract.
- (xvi) All the proposals needs to be shifted to WB-RRP-II- AF & G&CR roads.
- (xvii) It was seen that 92 works are pending for more than 4 years.
- (xviii) State has proposed intermediate lane of 5.5 m carriageway width for which 9 m top width is required as per IRC guidelines. However, State has proposed 8 m top width. This needs to be corrected.
- (xix) The existing surface seems to in good condition and WBM layer can be laid over the existing layer after removing BT surface. GSB may be proposed only in widening portion.
- (xx) On the issue of using WMM, the Committee asked the State to widen the road with WBM and cover the top layer with WMM. DG(NRIDA) also suggested that the State should not allow hand mixing and only mechanical mixing may be permitted. The State should make it mandatory to use WMM and put it in the tendering conditions.
- (xxi) The State was also suggested to propose 10% of total length using mainstreaming technology and 5% of the total length using IRC Accredited technology/Materials as per new technology guidelines.
- (xxii) On the issue of pending 42 works, State officials apprised that most of the works belong to HSCL and maximum tenders have been cancelled. DG(NRIDA) advised the State to ensure road-wise recovery of the said works.
- (xxiii) On the issue of higher average cost, State officials apprised that previously the State was following SoR: 2012 but while preparing present DPRs SoR: 2019 has been followed. State was also advised to update SoR periodically as per norms future.

Quality issues:

(i) While the State has been getting full requirement of maintenance funds as per the contract, the expenditure is much lesser in the years 2013-14, 2015-16 and 2018-19 and the State has 16.67% 'U' percentage maintenance as per NOM inspections.

(ii) 35 works have not been inspected by SQMs, out of which, payment of over 1 lakh has been made for 5 works. Inspections of such works by SQMs should be done immediately.

(iii) 39 ATRs of ongoing works are still pending with the State. On the issue of pending ATRs, State officials apprised that out of 39 pending ATRs, 35 belong to HSCL. DG(NRIDA) advised the State to liquidate the pending ATRs on priority. DG(NRIDA) also advised the State to instruct the SQMs to make presentation on random basis in order to improve their efficiency.

Financial Issues:-

- (i) Outstanding advances against contractors, DPR preparations etc are to be resolved.
- (ii) The State has 81 works which have been physically closed but have not been closed financially and is pending for more than 6 months. DG(NRIDA) advised the State to do financial closure of physically completed works by 31.5.2019.
- 4. It was decided that the Empowered Committee meeting for the State would be held on 3rdJune, 2019 and the Pre-EC Committee meeting of the balance km will also be held on the same day.

The meeting ended with a Vote of thanks to the Chair.
