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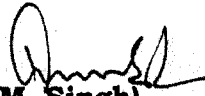
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Sub: Minutes of the Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee held on 3rd June, 2019 to discuss the project proposals of the State of Tripura under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-II (PMGSY-II) (Batch-I, 2019-20) -reg.

A copy of the Minutes of the Pre Empowered Committee Meeting held on 3rd June, 2019 to discuss the project proposals under PMGSY-II for the year (2019-20, Batch-I) is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action.

Encl: As above


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Deputy Secretary (RC)

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- (i) The Principal Secretary, Public Works Department, Government of Tripura, Secretariat complex, Agartala - 790006. - 164201/19
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Minutes of the meeting of Pre-Empowered committee held on 3rd June, 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 3rd June, 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 Deepak Ashish Kaul	Director (F&A), NRIDA
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	
Er Alkesh Sen Gupta	Chief Engineer & Empowered Officer, TRRDA
Shri Shibabrata Bardhan	Financial Controller, TRRDA

2. Details of current proposal are as under:-

Item	As per Pre EC dated 29.04.2019				As per OMMAS as on 02.06.2019			
	No Roads	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/km (Lakhs)	No Roads	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/km (Lakhs)
Up-Gradation Roads	34	250.72	303.21	120.93	42	307.23	386.49	125.80
LSB					1	53.77	4.04	7.51
Total	34	250.72	303.21	120.93	42 roads 1 LSB	307.23 Km roads 53.77 m LSB	390.53*	

*MoRD Share: Rs. 351.48 Crore

State share : Rs. 39.05 Crore

UG – Target : 310 Km

3. Issues discussed and decisions taken:

A presentation of the proposal was made by the Consultant (Tech) in charge Director (Technical), Director (P-III) and Deputy Director (F&A), NRIDA on the following issues:

A. DPR issues:

- i. Average cost is on higher side when compared to previous sanctions particularly in Dhalai and Khowai district.
- ii. The test results for GSB materials showing MDD, OMC, LL, PI and CBR has not been attached with the DPRs.
- iii. GSB has been proposed for 10.08 m instead of 5.80 m (TR0405P2). Needs to be corrected.
- iv. WMM has been proposed 175 mm instead of 150 mm (TR0405P2). Needs to be rationalised.
- v. WBM Gr II and WMM has been proposed for 75 mm each. WMM should be proposed for entire thickness of 150 mm as the WMM cost is on lower side than WBM (TR0301 P2).
- vi. State proposed 5.50 m carriageway way width which do not qualify based on PCU consideration.
- vii. State has proposed intermediate lane of 5.50 m carriageway width for which 9 m top width is required as per IRC guidelines. State should ensure 9 m top width has been proposed in the DPRs.
- viii. State should ensure that the existing CDs in proposed 5.50 m carriageway width roads should have 9 m width.
- ix. 14 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.
- x. Pucca side drain proposed for entire length (TR0405P2)
- xi. Turfing with sods proposed in the DPRs which is not as per PMGSY guidelines.
- xii. Bridge joint inspection report (SE & STA) has not been provided.

It was observed by the Committee that the average cost proposed by the State is very high in comparison to other States. State officials informed that the higher cost is due to the following reasons:

- i. Overall 52% increase in cost due to revision of Schedule of Rates (2012 to 2019).
- ii. Inclusion of 62 CD works costing apprx. Rs 5 crore.
- iii. Wrong calculation of GST.
- iv. Inclusion of WBM in place of WMM.

The Committee advised the State to re-examine the average cost of current batch of proposals (**Action point : State Government**). In r/o observations at Sl No (iii) to (vi) above, the Committee decided to send a Committee to Tripura for site verification and correction of DPRs (**Action point : NRIDA**). The State was also advised to upload the 6th year renewal cost with a provision of 5 year maintenance on renewal (**Action point : State Government**).

B. Pending works:

It was observed by the Committee that 91 works of 290 km are pending for more than 4 years. The State officials apprised that most of the works have been awarded and only 17.91 km

road remains to be awarded. The Committee advised the State to award these works at the earliest and initiate the construction process (**Action point : State Government**).

C. Quality issues:

- i. 13 packages have been inspected where field labs have not been established (**Action point : State Government**).
- ii. 35 ATRs of ongoing works are still pending with the State (**Action point : State Government**).
- iii. Unsatisfactory grading in maintenance and ongoing works is quite high (**Action point : State Government**).

D. Finance and Account issues:-

- i. Non-availing of income-tax exemption (**Action point: State Government**).
- ii. Non-accounting of interest accrued (**Action point: State Government**).
- iii. Issue of outstanding advances to contractors, DPR preparation and others to be resolved (**Action point: State Government**).
- iv. Maintenance fund account is yet to be closed on OMMAS (**Action point: State Government**).
- v. 232 physical completed works are still pending for financial closure (**action by NRIDA**).

4. Decisions taken:

It was decided by the Committee that a team of technical experts will visit Tripura for site verification and correction of DPRs. Thereafter, the State will submit corrected DPRs by 14th June, 2019.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.