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# **MINUTES**

Subject: Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee to discuss project proposals of the State of Uttarakhand under PMGSY-II.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019 at 12:30 PM under the chairpersonship of DG, NRIDA to discuss the project proposals submitted by the State of Uttarakhand under PMGSY –II and to request to furnish the compliance on the observations of the Pre-EC to NRIDA/MoRD at an early date for conducting the Empowered Committee.

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#### Distribution:

- \*\* The Principal Secretary, Rural Development Department, Government of Uttarakhand,
  Dehradun.
- The Chief Engineer, Rural Development Department, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun with directions to submit a certificate that all proposals are free from encumberances and do not require forest clearance.
- All Directors in National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA), 15 NBCC Tower, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066.

# Copy for information to:-

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# Minutes of the Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019 for the proposals of the State of Uttarakhand under PMGSY-II, Batch I (2019-20)

A Pre-Empowered Committee meeting was held under chairpersonship of DG, NRIDA in UNNATI on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019 to discuss the proposals submitted by the State of Uttarakhand under PMGSY-II Batch-I (2019-20). The following officials were present in the meeting:

Smt. AlkaUpadhyaya	In-chair				
Shri. Rohit Kumar	Joint Secretary (RC)				
Dr. Surabhi Rai	Director(RC)				
Shri.Bharat Pradhan	Consultant-Tech, NRIDA				
Dr. I. K. Pateriya	Dir(P-II)				
Shri Uttam Kumar	Dir (P-III)				
Shri Deepak Ashish Kaul	Dir (F & A)				
Shri Mohansundram	JD (Tech)				
Shri Satendra Prasad	JD(P-I)				
State Go	ovt. representatives				
Shri Uday Raj Singh	CEO, Uttarakhand				
Sh. Rajendra Goel	Chief Engineer				
Sh. Manish Kumar Mittal	Executive Engineer				
Sh. S.K. Pathak	SQC, URRDA				
Sh. Jaipal Singh Tomar	Financial Controller				
Sh. A.S. Jyala	IT Nodal Officer				

# 2. The project proposals submitted by the State is as follows:-

As pe	As per Original Proposal				As per revised Proposal dated 22-09-19			
	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs i Crores)	Avg. in Cost/km (Lakhs)	No	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs Crores)	Avg. in Cost/km (Lakhs)	
Construction of roads (NC/UG)	114	926.33	589.93	63.68	114	926.33	579.97	62.61

\*MoRD Share :Rs. 521.98 Crore State share :Rs. 57.99 Crore PMGSY-II Target : 915Km Sanctioned : Nil

113 roads with 3.75 m carriageway and 1 roads with 5.5 m carriageway.

The State has proposed 11.33 Kms in excess of the PMGSY-II target. The State was also asked to reduce the kilometers as proposed to the target of 915 Kms given to the State.(

# 3. <u>Issues Discussed:</u>-

A. At the very onset, the issue of the clause of 100 % sanction of PMGSY works and 90% award of the sanctioned works as a pre-requisite for sanctioning of PMGSY-II works was discussed. It was brought forth that the State has awarded 75% of the sanctioned roads which is much below the mandated 90%. The fact that most of the works were sanctioned latest by March, 2019 and six months have already been elapsed since the sanction works which delay in award was looked upon seriously. State was advised to adhere to the practice of 5 days' technical evaluation and one-day financial evaluation to produce the award cycle. The State was also asked to work towards expediting the forest clearance which were holding up the award works. (Action point: State Government)

#### B. **DPR Issues:**-

- i. It was seen that out of 113 works proposed 69 earthen roads were proposed. The Committee asked the State to verify whether the roads are a part of CUCPL/DRRP by the STA and NQM as per the guidelines. State was also asked to verify if the roads are MRL. One road of 5.5 m carriage way had been proposed at a cost of 108.86 crores. State was asked to submit the justification, moreover NQM verification has to be done for the road for the cost proposed. (Action point: State and NRIDA)
- ii. State had proposed 9.17 % maintenance cost with respect to construction cost and 26.31 % 6<sup>th</sup>year renewal cost with respect to construction cost. The Committee was agreeable to the proposal.
- iii. The State has proposed 38 roads(337.769 Kms) of roads with old mixing technology. State was asked to take half of this month to waste plastic road. State was also asked to verify the performance of Nano Technology by STA. (Action point: State Government)
- C. <u>Status of current progress</u>: It was seen that against the target of 500 Kms State has completed only 325 kms. State was asked to plan for achieving its target. Moreover, 481 habitations remained to be connected. The Committee reminded the State that PMGSY-I works were mandated to be completed by March, 2019 and now the State is functioning on borrowed time hence the importance of achievement of this target should not be undermined in any way by the State.

# D. Maintenance Issues:-

- i. While physical reports showed that the State has been crediting the total amount required as per contract for maintenance of SRRDA has been spending the requisite amount. However, major data gaps are seen in OMMAS and State was asked to upload the missing data OMMAS as large data gaps were observed. Further the maintenance renewal data has not been uploaded on OMMAS as only 20.16 Kms of renewal month is showing against 1893 Km due for renewal. (Action point: State Government)
- ii. Despite 100 % credit of required amount and 100% spending of this amount in maintenance the State still shows 34.2% 'U' grading against maintenance works inspected which does not speak good about the maintenance management in the State. (Action point: State Government)

# E. Quality Issues:-

- i. Out of 412 ongoing packages field labs has been established in 190 packages (46.11%). State was asked to take immediate action for the same.
- ii. 26 works on which payment of more than one lakh have been done and have not been inspected even once.
- iii. 68 ATRs are pending with the State. State has been asked to take action on the same.
- iv. State was also asked to focus on the quality of the works as the State 'U' percentages were greatly skewing the National Quality Graphs. (Action point: State Government)

# F. Finance and Account Issuses:-

i. The State was asked to enforce greater financial discipline as 100 works are pending. Financial completion of which 30 have been pending for more than 6 months. It was also observed that the expenditure of the State has been proceeding very slowly. State was asked to prop-up its expenditure and submit proposal for release of 1st instalment of Programme Fund. (Action point: State Government)

### G. <u>Decision Taken:</u>-

However, decision on allowing the proposal would be taken only after submission of NQM report onone road of 5.5. carriage way with a verification of the 69 roads by STA and NQM.

The meeting ended with Thanks to the Chair.