

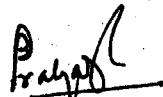
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Subject: Minutes of Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee to discuss the project proposals of West Bengal under regular PMGSY, Batch- III (2017-18)-reg.

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee held on 27th October, 2017 to discuss the project proposals of West Bengal under regular PMGSY-Batch- III (2017-18) is forwarded herewith for necessary action.


(Bhim Prakash)
Under Secretary (RC)

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Minutes of the Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee held on 27.10.2017 for the proposals of State of West Bengal under Regular PMGSY Batch-III (2017-18)

State: West Bengal

A Meeting of the Pre- Empowered Committee for PMGSY was held under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (RC) in her Chamber on 27th October, 2017 at 01.00 PM to discuss the proposals from the State Govt. of West Bengal under Regular PMGSY Batch-III (2017-18). The following officers were present in the meeting:

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| Ms. Alka Upadhyaya | Joint Secretary(RC), MoRD & DG NRRDA |
| Shri I. K. Pateria | Director (Tech) |
| Shri Uttam Kumar | Director (P-III), NRRDA |
| Shri Bhim Prakash | US(RC), MoRD |
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| State Govt. Representatives and Others | |
| Shri Deepanjan Bhattacharyya | Joint Secretary, WBSRDA |
| Shri Bikram Das | Technical Adviser, WBSRDA |
| Shri Debasish Biswas | SQC, WBSRDA |
| Shri Gautam Roy | PRD Deptt. |
| Shri Nikhil Biswas | Financial Controller, WBSRDA |

Proposal by the State

2. Dir (Tech.) presented the proposals sent by the State as under:

Details of Current Proposals

| Item | As per State's email dated 25.10.2017 | | | | As per OMMAS dated 26.10.2017 | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | No of Road | Length in Km | Cost (Rs. in Crore) | Avg. Cost/k m (Lakh) | No of Road | Length in Km | Cost (Rs. in Crore) | Avg. Cost/km (Lakhs) |
| Roads (NC) (LWE - 100 - 249) | 18 | 58.64 | 28.31 | 48.28 | 18 | 58.64 | 32.39 | 55.23 |
| Roads (UG) | 880 | 3,465.17 | 1,849.06 | 53.36 | 880 | 3,464.95 | 1,846.80 | 53.30 |
| Total | 898 | 3,523.81 | 1,877.37 | | 898 | 3,523.59 | 1,879.19 | |

MoRD Share : Rs. 1,127.52 Crores State Share : Rs.751.68 Crores
 UG Target: 11,374.80 Kms Sanctioned : 8,557.50 Kms

Category wise benefitted Habitations

| 1000+ | 500-900 | 250-499 | 100-249 | Total |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| - | - | - | 30 | 30 |

It was brought out that the State has entered the proposal for 898 no. of roads (New Connectivity-18 roads and upgradation 880 roads) as per cost of Rs.1,879.19 crore with the length of 3,523.59 km as per OMMAS as on 26.10.2017. It was noticed that balance length of upgradation yet to be sanctioned of 2,817.30 km and the proposal needs to be revised accordingly. State was also directed to reduce the 8,558 unconnected habitations (1000+) as on 01.04.2000. State was directed to update the position of habitations on OMMAS.

State representative was also advise to reduce the average cost/km in the District of Purba Medinipur and South 24-Parganas etc.

General Issues:

- SLSC approval and MP-I, MP-II and MP-III needs to be provided by the State as per the formats prescribed in the Operations Manual.
- State has proposed 647.65 Kms higher than the allocated length under Up-gradation. State needs to curtail the proposal as per their entitlement.
- Sample DPRs have not been received from the State. Scrutiny has not been conducted at NRRDA.
- Roads with AADT less than 100, carriage way width need to be changed as 3 m (14 cases).
- Average cost of Up-Gradation works is higher when compared to previous sanctions particularly in Burdwan, Purba Medinipur, Siliguri M.P, South 24 Parganas districts.
- The Average Provision for CC pavement is very high. Districts which are proposed CC roads of more than 15% total proposed length should be got verified and CC length needs to be reduced accordingly or addition share should be provided as per guidelines.
- West Bengal State is left with 2,817 Kms under Up-gradation and no more new connectivity. State needs to propose 1,000 Kms from this batch under ADB – Tranche II of Second Rural Connectivity Investment Programme.

State was advised by NRRDA to submit the proposal of length 647 km under MP-III for scrutiny.

Maintenance

It was agreed that Maintenance cost of 8.66 was proposed by the State Government.

R&D Proposal and R&D Technology

State was advised to use waste plastic also along with using other technology and DPRs may be scrutinized and send to NRRDA for each technology. It has been noticed that the State has fully uploaded the proposals and scrutinized by the STA on OMMAS.

There are 1,806 roads (8,304.47 km) pending against 5,386 sanctioned works (26,434.08 km) of total value of projects of Rs.13,213.66 Crore. State was advised to reduce the pending works at the earliest.

Quality Issues

While reviewing the quality monitoring mechanism in the State, the Pre-Empowered Committee noted with concern that Quality Assurance Mechanism in the State needed substantial improvement. The Committee also observed that the first and second tier quality monitoring mechanism needs to be strengthened. Based on OMMAS data, there 1271 un-awarded projects are pending which is very high against 1496 sanctioned projects. There are 186 no of package-Lab not established as on 25.10.2017 which is very high and 61 packages only has been inspected by SQM where lab not established. State was to focus on the SQM inspections and liquidate the pending inspections and should also ensure that the details in respect of balance labs be uploaded on the OMMAS.

JS(RC) directed to State that the unsatisfactory work grading should be in limitation of 10. State was advised to reduce the pending works at the earliest.

Recommendation of the Committee:

The committee recommended the proposal of State Govt. of West Bengal for construction of 898 roads (New Connectivity-18 roads and upgradation 880 roads) as per cost of Rs.1,879.19 crore (MoRD Share : Rs.1,127.52 Crores State Share : Rs.751.68Crores) with a total length of 3,523.59 km.

(The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair)