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Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
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**Sub: Minutes of the Pre-Empowered Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 to discuss the project proposals of Odisha ADB PMGSY Batch-I (2017-18) – reg.**

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the minutes of the Pre-Empowered Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 at 11:00 AM to discuss the project proposals of Odisha ADB PMGSY Batch-I (2017-18) under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary(RC), in his Chamber, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi for information and necessary action.

  
(Dr. Surabhi Rai)  
Deputy Secretary (RC)

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**Minutes of Pre Empowered Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 for the proposals of Odisha ADB PMGSY Batch –I (2017-18)**

A Meeting of the Pre Empowered Committee for PMGSY was held under the Joint Secretary (RC) on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 11.00 AM to discuss the proposals from the State of Odisha ADB, PMGSY Batch-I. The following were present in the meeting:-

Shri Rajesh Bhushan	Joint Secretary, Min of Rural Development
Dr. Surabhi Rai	Deputy Secretary(RC), MoRD
Dr. I. K. Pateriya	Director (Tech), NRRDA
Shri. Uttam Kumar	Director (P-III), NRRDA
Shri Praveen Bhalla	DD(F&A), NRRDA
<b>State Govt Representatives from OSRRDA</b>	
Shri. Bishnupada Sethi	Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Rural Development, Odisha
Shri P.K.Pradhan	Engineer in Chief-cum-CEO, OSRRDA
Shri Bharat Pradhan	Chief Engineer(PMGSY), OSRRDA
Shri Rajendra Kumar Nayak	SQC, OSRRDA

**1. Details of Current Proposals**

As per State's revised proposal dated 17.06.2017					As per OMMAS as on 19.06.2017			
Item	No	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	433	1998.94	803.74	40.21	429	1980.69	795.89	40.18
LWE area					4*	18.25	7.85	43.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>433 Roads</b>	<b>1998.94 Km</b>	<b>803.74</b>	<b>40.21</b>	<b>433 Roads</b>	<b>1998.94 Kms</b>	<b>803.74</b>	<b>40.21</b>

MoRD Share: Rs. 473.42 crores

State Share: Rs. 330.31 crores

- At the very outset the Joint Secretary (RC) remarked that since the State has a large number of new connectivity left; the focus should be on new connectivity and not on upgradation as in the current proposal. The number of eligible unconnected habitations (673) as shown on OMMAS has been fully reconciled with the State. Out of the 673 habitations, 469 habitations are available in proposal module on OMMAS out of which 101 habitations are situated in the cut off area of Malkangiri district; the State assured that the DPRs for 368 habitations will be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> of July and for 101 habitations of Malkangiri district by October 2017 for scrutiny to the NRRDA. Of the remaining 204 unconnected habitations; 24 habitations are in the RF and sanctuary area, 9 habitations are submerged; 171 habitations are such for which links are not available in OMMAS.

- Director (Technical) NRRDA pointed out that the 4 roads under LWE areas cannot be proposed for upgradation as there are no directives for upgradation of roads with 100-249 population size. The state countered that there are no directives which deny the upgradation of such roads; finally it was agreed that the State would replace these roads.
- The State also submitted that certain roads have been wrongly mapped against certain sanctions for which the state has been asked to submit the detailed list of such roads to NRRDA as well as depute a person from the State to NRRDA to do the reconciliation.

## 2. General Issues

- The State has proposed a maintenance cost of 8.19% which was considered to be slightly on the lower side. The State responded that the maintenance cost is lower since a large proportion of CC pavements have been proposed which brings down the maintenance cost.
- Proposal have not been received as per NRRDA letter No. H-11020/2/05-Tech dated 10.01.2013. MP1, MP2, MP3 formats and SLSC approval needs to be submitted by the State.
- The State had proposed 18% of roads under CC pavement. The State replied that the area in habitations have old CC roads which can be upgraded only as CC roads. The State was asked to go for 100% conversion of CC pavements to either paneled cement concrete or cell filled cement concrete. The Director(Technical) NRRDA added that if CC pavements are damaged, it may be retained as a base layer and only 100 mm thick additional layer of M30 concrete may be provided as per IRC:76-2015.
- 2 Link roads proposed with 5.50 m carriageway width and one road designed with T9 category. Third party traffic verification against the provisions of IRC guidelines has not been done. The Joint Secretary (RC) cautioned the state to submit traffic survey reports and third party verification as per provisions of the IRC guidelines in case of any road with higher traffic is proposed.
- State has proposed OGPC instead of Surface dressing for below T5 category traffic where the CBR is more than 5. State was asked to provide details regarding number of roads and give a proper justification for the same.

## 3. DPR Issues

- The old existing culverts which appear to be in good condition have been replaced by the new Slab Culverts not fully justified. RCC slab culvert have been proposed invariably in all roads. It needs to be verified according to site requirements and Hume Pipe Culverts may be proposed wherever suitable instead of slab culverts.
- Closely spaced CDs proposed needs to be merged / integrated in order to achieve economy in construction. CD works are proposed without justification from L and X section drawings.
- Height of head wall provided in the DPR does not match with the levels indicated in the L/X section drawings.
- Protection works (Retaining wall and toe wall) are provided without justification from photographs and cross section drawings, leading to substantial increase in cost of construction.
- Provision of side drains inappropriately made in the DPRs. It should be made in habitation area only. Further the designs of drains are not as per SP:20-2002, Rural Roads Manual. The cost per m of drain in order of Rs. 2600-3000 is on higher side.
- Utility shifting charges should come from State share in addition to 40% share. This cost has not been entered on OMMAS. Needs to be entered on OMMAS at appropriate place.

- Images have not been uploaded for 118 roads and Proforma C have not been uploaded for 50 roads.

#### 4. R & D Proposals

- It was agreed that the State would convert all proposals under RCCP and Cell filled Concrete to panelled cement concrete.
- It was pointed out that the State should sign MoU with Technology Provider and NRRDA before physically starting the work of Performance Evaluation in all these cases, as this has not been done in earlier sanctioned works and the roads have been completed.

#### 5. Details of proposals on OMMAS

- While it was appreciated that the State has been consistently improving on the completion of old roads, it was pointed out that many of the roads shown as incomplete on OMMAs had been completed under other schemes of the State Government. The State Government was asked to send a letter for the reconciliation of all such roads on OMMAS.

#### 6. Quality Issues

- The State was asked to speed up the SQM inspections and time the first inspection at the very beginning to have a check on the quality of material being used.
- 175 works are such in which payments have been made but no SQM inspection has been done. State was asked to avoid such situations.
- 218 ATRs are pending at the State; while it was appreciated that the number of pending ATRs has gone down considerably the State was advised to have a special review meeting with only concerned PIUs for pending ATRs only and bring this number to nil.
- The issue of 555 contractors which have never been inspected by NQMs was raised as a serious concern. The State was asked to resolve this issue within the current year.
- While it was appreciated that the State has been increasing its expenditure on maintenance of roads, a matter of concern was the dip in satisfactory grading in maintenance works by NQMs.
- It was highlighted that the unsatisfactory grading is primarily due to inadequacies in base course. The State was asked to look into the matter seriously and come up with some solution.

#### 7. Financial Issues

- TDS on accrued Interest outstanding Rs.15.82 Cr (*out of 27.31 Cr, 11.49 cr has been refunded*). The State responded that the process is ongoing and would be completed shortly.
- The State was asked to speed up the process of financially close the physically completed works.

#### 8. Miscellaneous issues

- The State was reminded about its pending reply to the paras pertaining to Odisha as raised in the Performance audit by the CAG and asked to send it urgently.
- The State was also asked to speed up its expenditure and propose for the first installment of Programme fund and Administrative Fund for the current financial year.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair