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Subject: Minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA).

Enclosed please find a copy of the Minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) held on 18th February 2008 in Conference Hall, NRRDA, 5th Floor, 15-NBCC Tower, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi 110066 under the Chairmanship of Shri J.K. Mohapatra, the Director General, NRRDA.

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Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the
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The 14th meeting of the Executive Committee was held on 18th February 2008 in the Conference Hall, NRRDA, 5th Floor, 15-NBCC Tower, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi 110066. The meeting was chaired by Shri J.K. Mohapatra, Director General, NRRDA. The following members were present in the meeting.

1. Dr. Praveen Kumar, Associate Professor, Transportation Engineering Section, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT, Roorkee.
2. Dr. S.L. Dhingra, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Powai,
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5. Shri Jitendra Kumar, Director (RC), MoRD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. Dr. B.P. Chandrasekhar, Director (Technical), NRRDA.
7. Smt. Gargi Kaul, Director (Finance & Administration), NRRDA.

The following officers from NRRDA were also present:

1. Shri H.K. Srivastava, Director (Projects-I),
2. Shri A.D. Kapaley, Director (Projects-II),
3. Shri P.K. Katare, Director (Projects-III).

The meeting started with the Director General welcoming the members of Executive Committee. The Director General stated that the meeting was being held after a long gap and efforts should be made to hold a meeting in each quarter. He further informed the Executive Committee that the major issue for current meeting

was the approval of the Revised Estimates for 2007-08 and the Budget Estimates for 2008-09.

The proceedings of the meeting were as follows:

Item No. 1. Confirmation of proceedings of the 13th meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20th September 2007.

The proceedings of the previous meeting held on 20th September 2007 were reviewed by the Executive Committee. The Action taken on the decisions of the previous meeting were reviewed and the Director General desired that the pending Utilisation Certificates should be collected promptly and it should not be an issue in the current years accounts. The Executive Committee confirmed the proceedings of the previous meeting.

Item No. 2. Approval of the Revised Estimates for 2007-08 and Budget Estimates for 2008-09

Director (F&A) explained the reasons for the increase/revision in the revised estimates for 2007-08 over the budget estimates.

The provisions under the budget estimates for 2008-09 were discussed in the meeting. The Committee was informed that subsequent to the preparation of the estimates for submission to the Executive Committee, an estimate for the maintenance audit of PMGSY works was received and thus the total expenditure under Grant required from MoRD would increase to 12 crores. The Executive Committee approved the increase under this head to Rs 12 crores against the provision of Rs 11.2 crores.

The Committee was also informed that a refund of Rs 1 Crores was due from Income Tax Department as the case had been decided in favour of NRRDA. This amount would also be included in the receipts of NRRDA

The Committee was further informed that the substantial increase in the Budget Estimates was on account of activities related to PMGSY and not the operating costs of NRRDA. The operating costs of

NRRDA worked out to Rs 2.8 crores against the overall budget of Rs 7659.87 crores.

The Executive Committee approved the Revised Estimates for 2007-08 and the Budget Estimates for 2008-09.

Item No 3. Approval of reimbursements to Level III officials..

The Executive Committee approved the proposal of extension of mobile facility to the Deputy Director (Tech) to join shortly on the same terms and conditions as the others in NRRDA.

The Executive Committee also approved the following for Level III officers in NRRDA

- (i) Reimbursement of entertainment expenses- Rs 400
- (ii) Reimbursement of telephone expenses –RS 300

Item No 4. Empanelment of Performance and Evaluation of NQMs.

Director (Projects-III) explained the entire process of selection and evaluation performance of NQMs. The Executive Committee was informed that the Selection Committee had recommended the empanelment of 12 retired officers as NQMs. The recommendation was approved by the Executive Committee.

The Committee also recommended that a pilot proposal for Annual Quality Audit to be conducted in a few States through reputed STAs/PTA's may be formulated.

The performance evaluation and recommendations of the Committee as detailed in the note were ratified by the Executive Committee.

Item No 5. The Executive Committee noted the information regarding the appointment of the Deputy Director (Technical) who is likely to join on 1st April 2008 .

Item No 6. Any other items with the permission of the Chair.

1 item was discussed with the permission of the Chair.

The Committee was informed that an officer on deputation from Madhya Pradesh State Cooperative Oilseed Growers Federation was facing hardship while working on deputation in NRRDA as his organization had not revised the pay scales even after the lapse of 10 years since the fourth pay commission and are unlikely to do so. Under the NRRDA pay rules, no scales are prescribed and one draws the salary of the parent department. The official was very hardworking and diligent, an asset to NRRDA. The need to compensate him was felt.

Keeping in view all the facts the Executive Committee authorized the Director General to exercise his powers and grant special pay under the rules to mitigate his hardship

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.