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Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Rural Roads Development Agency

The 16th meeting of the Executive Committee was held on 3rd October, 2008 in the Conference Hall, NRRDA, 5th Floor, 15 NBCC Tower, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Shri J.K. Mohapatra, Director General, NRRDA. The following members were present in the meeting:-

1. Dr. Praveen Kumar, 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.
3. Dr. Ashok Kumar Sarkar, Dean, Faculty Div-I, Department of Civil Engineering, Birla Institute of Technology & Science.
4. Shri V.J. Menon, Director (Finance) Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Dr. B.P. Chandrasekhar, Director (Technical), NRRDA, New Delhi.
6. Smt. Gargi Kaul, Director (F&A), NRRDA, New Delhi.

The following officers from NRRDA were also present:

1. Shri H.K. Srivastava, Director (Projects-I), NRRDA, New Delhi.
2. .Shri Prabha Kant Katare, Director (Projects-III), NRRDA, New Delhi.

The meeting started with the Director General welcoming the members of the Executive Committee.

The proceedings of the meeting were as follows:-

Item No.1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the 15th meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee confirmed the proceedings of the previous meeting.

Item No. 2 : Approval of the Annual Report 2007-08

The Annual Report was placed before the Executive Committee which was approved by the members. The Director General requested the members to send any further observation for incorporation in the Report.

Item No. 3 : Approval of Revised Budget Estimates 2008-09

The revised Budget Estimates were approved by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee noted that there is no major variation in the over all grant required from MoRD except in the case of interest payment to NABARD which is now estimated at Rs. 408.73 crores against Rs. 618.37 crores earlier.

Item No.4 : Revision in limit of House Rent Allowance for officers on deputation/contract.

The issue was discussed and the Director (Finance), Ministry of Rural Development desired that the proposal should be sent to the Ministry for examination and approval. The Executive Committee agreed to the suggestion.

Item No. 5 : Revision of rates of Children Education Allowance.

The proposal for revision of rates of Children Education Allowance was also to be sent to Ministry for approval.

Item No. 6 : Closure of Contract of Project Management Consultant (PMC)

The EC noted that the contract for Project Management Consultancy with M/s Louis Berger Group was being closed at no additional liability. EC approved the same.

Item No. 7 : Revision of Scope of Technical Support Consultant (TSC):

The Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Consultant Selection Committee (CSC) to extend the scope of the contract of the Technical Support Consultant on the same terms & conditions.

Item No. 8 : Rural Roads Sector III Investment Programme (RRSIIP)

The Executive Committee was apprised about the proposed ADB Rural Roads Sector III Investment Programme.

Item No. 9 : Appointment of consultants for maintenance audit.

The Executive Committee ratified the appointment of consultants for Maintenance Audit for Group I, II, III States

Item No. 10 : Review of first, second and third tier of quality monitoring.

Performance of the States in respect of first, second and third tier of quality monitoring was reviewed by the Executive Committee.

Item No. 11 : Empanelment of new NQMs

Director (P-III) briefed the Committee about the selection and empanelment of the NQMs carried out by the Selection Committee and also about the performance review of the existing NQMs. The Executive Committee approved the empanelment of 23 candidates as NQMs from

amongst the candidates short listed on the basis of the advertisement and others which were forwarded by the State Governments and Central Organisations. The Executive Committee noted the performance evaluation of the existing NQMs carried out by the Performance Evaluation Committee.

Item No. 12 : State Quality Audit

Director (P-III) briefed the members of the Executive Committee about the proposed State Quality Audit to be undertaken and the feedback received from the State in this regard. The members were also asked to give their further comments, if any, on the issue. It was observed that 8-10 reputed institutions would be identified for carrying out this exercise.

Item No. 13 : Review of progress of pilot project on citizen monitoring of rural roads.

Director (P-III) briefed the Committee about the progress made in the pilot project on the citizen monitoring of rural roads. The members of the Executive Committee were of the opinion that the selection of the NGOs by PAC should be done with due care if the project is to succeed. DG also suggested that work plan with monitorable time lines should be drawn up for implementation of this project.

Item No. 14 : Any other item with the permission of the chair.

With the permission of the chair an additional item regarding increase in Transport Allowance on the basis of the Sixth Pay Commission recommendations was circulated to the members. It was decided to submit the proposal of Transport Allowance to the Ministry as in the case of HRA and CEA.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair

