

No. 20011/1/2004-F&A
National Rural Roads Development Agency
Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India
5th Floor, NBCC Tower, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-66

Minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Rural Roads Development Agency

The 19th meeting of the Executive Committee was held on 10th December 2009 in the Conference Hall, NRRDA, 5th Floor, 15 NBCC Tower, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Dr .D.S. Gangwar, Director General, NRRDA. The following members were present in the meeting:-

1. Dr. S.L. Dhingra, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Powai.
2. Dr. Praveen Kumar, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT, Roorkee
3. Dr. Ashok Kumar Sarkar, Dean Faculty Div-I, Department of Civil Engineering Birla Institute of Technology & Schience, Pilani- 333031, Rajasthan
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. Shri R. Chauhan, 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.
3. Shri A.D. Kapaley, Director (Projects-II), NRRDA, New Delhi

The meeting started with the Chairman welcoming the members. At the outset, the Executive Committee resolved to place on record its deep appreciation of the services rendered by Shri J.K. Mohapatra, the former Director General, NRRDA/Chairman,

Executive Committee and welcomed Dr. D.S. Gangwar, present Chairman, Executive Committee in his first meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting were as follows:-

Item No. 1 Confirmation of the proceedings of the 18th meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee confirmed the proceedings of the previous meeting.

Item No. 2 & 7 Approval of Revised Estimates for 2009-10 and BE for 2010-11

The Executive Committee took up the tabled Agenda Item No. 7 on BE 2010-11 also along with the Revised Estimates 2009-10 for discussion.

The Executive Committee discussed the funds proposed to be provided under different heads in the RE 2009-10 and BE 2010-11, sought necessary clarifications and approved the provisions of funds proposed under different heads.

Item No. 3 Approval of Annual Report and Annual Accounts of NRRDA for 2008-09

The Annual Report and the Accounts of NRRDA for 2008-09 were placed before the Executive Committee and clarifications sought by the Members were furnished. The Executive Committee approved the Annual Report and Accounts.

Item No. 4 Amendment of the Terms & Conditions governing consultancies

Taking note of the fact that the existing rates of fee being paid to the consultants/experts at par with the then prevailing rates of IRC were approved by GB in its first meeting in 2004, which have been revised upwardly by IRC, the Executive Committee approved for recommending to the General Body for approval the proposed amendment in the relevant provisions contained in the Para-6 of Appendix V to Memorandum of Association, Rules and Regulations and Bye-laws subject to observance of the qualifications and conditions prescribed in the IRC fee structure, to enable payment of fee to consultants/experts at par with those prevailing in the IRC. Chairman desired that based on the IRC's pattern or otherwise, a system of evaluation of consultants' works should be evolved. He opined for the present

system of ACR writing or a 360 degree kind of performance appraisal system.

Item No. 5 Requirement of additional office space for NRRDA

The Committee deliberated in detail on the requirement of additional space and opined that the NRRDA should also grow and be developed on an institutional model also. It should have its own campus somewhere in NCR area.

The requirement of space should be assessed accordingly with a long term perspective and future growth of NRRDA. It authorized the Chairman, Executive Committee, to constitute a Committee for looking in to all the relevant aspects in this regard and submit its recommendations within three months. It resolved to recommend to the General Body accordingly for its in principle approval.

Item No. 6 Ratification of the appointment of NITT & RL, Chandigarh for preparation of an educational documentary film on construction of Cement Concrete Roads under PMGSY.

The Executive Committee ratified the appointment of NITT & RL, Chandigarh for preparation of an educational documentary film on construction of Cement Concrete Roads under PMGSY.

Item No. 7 Recommendations of the Selection Committee for Empanelment/ discontinuation of National Quality Monitors.

While noting the recommendations of the Selection Committee and ratifying the empanelment/de-empanelment made as per the recommendations subject to de-empanelment of all the four NQMs stated in the table under Para-2 B(i) of the Agenda Item, the Executive Committee observed that the selection is from basically Government sector and desired for selections in future to explore the possibility of increasing the universe of applicants by associating infrastructure development professionals from the private sector and academia.

Item No. 8 Status of Training Activities

The Executive Committee was apprised of the status of training activities undertaken so far and the training planned for the current year by NRRDA.

DG, NRRDA suggested that Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) has developed different types of modules to suit training requirements of various Ministries. NRRDA should try to develop suitable training modules and programmes with their help to make the training programmes of NRRDA more useful. He stated that the engineers implementing the PMGSY programme should play the role of Operational Managers also to better manage the Programme. As such, NRRDA should consider developing a training programme for senior engineers/officers involved in PMGSY to enhance their managerial skills. He desired that NRRDA should interact with Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad which have conducted similar programmes in the recent past for developing a programme of its own to suit the managerial requirements of PMGSY.

Item No. 9 Outcome targets and achievement 2009-10

The Executive Committee was given a brief account of the progress made, against the targets for 2009-10, with regard to road length completed and expenditure incurred upto October 2009. The Chairman desired that in future meetings of the Executive Committee an Agenda Item on the progress made since last meeting be invariably brought.