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Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Rural Roads Development Agency

The 20th meeting of the Executive Committee was held on 26th March 2010 in the Conference Hall, NRRDA, 5th Floor, 15 NBCC Tower, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Dr Pramod Kumar Anand, 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, Mumbai.
2. Dr. Ashok Kumar Sarkar, Dean Faculty Div-I, Department of Civil Engineering Birla Institute of Technology & Schience, Pilani- 333031, Rajasthan
3. Dr. B.P. Chandrasekhar, Director (Technical), NRRDA, New Delhi.
4. 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 D.S. Gangwar, the former Director General, NRRDA/Chairman, Executive Committee and welcomed Dr. Pramod Kumar Anand, 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 20th meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee confirmed the proceedings of the previous meeting.

Item No. 2 **Actual Expenditure (up to 22nd March 2010) and re-appropriation proposals**

The Executive Committee was given a brief account of the status of expenditure and the austerity kept in view resulting in to savings under certain heads. The Committee deliberated and observed as under:

1. A boost need to be given to training; especially to NQMs. Dr. Dhingra suggested for imparting training to contractors also. The Committee desired NRRDA to consider such proposals on case to case basis as and when received from States.
2. Information brochures should be brought out on a regular basis;
3. Copies of the duly amended and updated PMGSY Guidelines got printed immediately as office is running out of its stock.
4. Operation Manuals and Quality Assurance Handbook should be got translated in Hindi. The translation work may be outsourced for its timely completion.

The Committee approved the re-appropriations proposals contained in the Agenda.

Item No. 3 Status of Training Activities

The Committee noted the training activities carried out and the efforts being made in this direction for improving the quality of training being imparted. DG advised that training should generate more professionalism and desired emphasis on training in the areas like GIS/ e-procurement, etc. The Members observed that the policy of training through SIRDAs needs to be reviewed so as to improve the quality in terms of contents and resource persons. They opined that adequacy of remuneration being paid to the resource person should also be looked into. DG desired that training needs of the cutting edge level personnel should also be ascertained. Members suggested that for enhancement of professional competency practices and systems prevailing in

the rural road sector of leading countries; like, Australia, New Zealand, Bangladesh, South Africa, Egypt, China should be studied for adopting the best practices.

Item No. 4 **Constitution of Standing Advisory Committee for Rural Roads**

The Executive Committee resolved to recommend to the General Body of NRRDA the constitution of the Standing Advisory Committee as proposed in the Agenda and payment of TA/DA and honorarium to non-official members as per NRRDA Rules applicable to consultant/experts.

Item No. 5 **First, Second and Third Tier of Quality Monitoring**

DG informed that in the recently held PRC meeting hon'ble MOS desired to place the SQM reports on the official website and accordingly he (DG) desired immediate action in this regard. The Executive Committee was informed by the concerned Director that the amount of honorarium being paid to NQMs is inadequate and needs it to be reviewed. After due deliberations, the Executive Committee constituted a committee comprising Director(F&A), Director(P-I) & Director(P-III) to look into the matter and make its recommendations.

Item No. 6 **Status of Implementation of e-Procurement under PMGSY**

The Executive Committee discussed at length the status of implementation of e-procurement under PMGSY and desired immediate action in a time bound manner in respect of the remaining States to be covered under Phase-II of e-procurement implementation.

Item No. 7 **Complaint Handling**

The Executive Committee was apprised of the complaint handling mechanism and the status of their disposal. DG desired that action on complaints received through website should be initiated within fifteen days of the receipt of complaints and the status of action taken should also appear on the website.

Item No. 8 **Outcome Target and Achievement 2009-10**

The Executive Committee was given a brief account of the achievements made during 2009-10 against the outcome targets. In regard to habitations connectivity it desired that the States remaining far behind their targets should be suitably addressed immediately for achieving the targets set for them.

Item No. 9 **Consultation with Executive Committee Members on preparation of Strategic Plan for PMGSY.**

The Executive Committee was apprised about the concept of strategic plan and Members were requested to offer their views in the matter. Chairman requested Dr Dhingra and Dr. Sarkar to make their valuable contributions in this regard.

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