

**National Rural Roads Development Agency**  
**Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Floor, NBCC Tower, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-66**

**Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Rural Roads Development Agency**

The 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013 in the Conference Hall, NRRDA, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 15 NBCC Tower, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Pramod Kumar Anand, Joint Secretary (RC) and Director General, NRRDA. The following members were present in the meeting:-

- I. Dr. Ashok Kumar Sarkar, Dean Faculty Division-I, Department of Civil Engineering, Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani, Rajasthan.
  - II. Dr. S.L. Dhingra, Professor, Transportation Engineering Section, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Powai, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
  - III. Shri Masoda Lal, Dy. Secretary (RC), Finance Deptt., Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
  - IV. Shri Bhupal Nanda, Director(F&A), NRRDA, New Delhi
2. The meeting started with the Chairman welcoming the members.
  3. The proceedings of the meeting were as follows:-

Item No.	Discussion and Decisions	Action by
<b>Item No. 1</b>	<p><b>Confirmation of the proceedings of the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee and action taken thereon:</b></p> <p>Director (F&amp;A) informed that the Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting were circulated to the members and no comments were received from any of the members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee noted the action taken on the proceedings of the previous meeting.</p> <p>In respect of renovation of office space, the Committee directed that the terms of reference for hiring of architects may be framed by June, 2013.</p>	
<b>Item No. 2</b>	<p><b>Amendments in the Recruitment Rules for the posts of Director (Projects) and Director (Technical).</b></p> <p>Considering (i) the job requirements of the post of Director (Technical) which is entrusted mainly with the scrutiny and approval of DPRs and formulation/ application of technical specifications where field experience is not so much required, (ii) the interchangeability of the jobs of</p>	

	<p>Directors of all the three Project Divisions of NRRDA and requirement of field experience in these Divisions, and (iii) the fact that Directors of NRRDA are now placed in Pay Band-4 (Rs. 37,400-67,000) with Grade Pay Rs. 10,000 and also with a view to remove aberrations in the existing eligibility criteria of keeping a Chief Engineer and a lower post of Superintending Engineer at equal footing, the Committee, after due deliberation recommended that</p> <p>a) While the existing common Recruitment Rules for the posts of Director (Technical) and Director (Projects) may be made applicable to the post of Director (Technical) only, there should be separate common Recruitment Rules for the posts of Director (Projects-I, II &amp; III) merging therein the existing Recruitment Rules for the post of Director (Projects-II).</p> <p>b) The existing eligibility of keeping a Chief Engineer and Superintending Engineer at the same footing in the Recruitment Rules for the posts of Director (Technical) and Director (Projects) may be replaced with the revised set of eligibility criteria based on the existing guidelines of Department of Personnel &amp; Training.</p> <p>c) Since the job requirements of Director (Technical) and Director (Projects) are not similar, the experience criteria for Director (Projects), which was hitherto identical with Director (Technical), may be modified to include (i) field experience in Central/ State Govt., and (ii) experience in management of projects funded by multilateral agencies like World Bank, ADB etc.</p> <p>d) With a view to attract more candidates with adequate professional qualifications and experience, the present upper age limit of 57 years may be raised to 58 years in the case of Director (Projects) and Director (Technical) respectively in the first recruitment advertisement published after occurrence of vacancy. However, in the event of non-availability of eligible candidates against first advertisement, in the subsequent advertisements, relaxation in upper age limit may be sought from the JS (RC) &amp; DG, NRRDA to 59 years subject to the condition that balance years of service of a candidate on deputation does not exceed the age of superannuation (60 years in Central Govt.).</p>	
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<b>Item No. 3</b>	<p><b>Development of a mobile application based quality inspection reporting of PMGSY works.</b></p> <p>The Executive Committee was informed that C-DAC, Pune had developed a mobile based application software integrated with OMMAS for capturing the inspection details along with geo-tagged photographs which could be uploaded in OMMAS immediately after completing the inspections. The Committee was apprised of its salient features and benefits. This application software was launched by Secretary (RD) on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 at Pune. NQMs and State Quality Coordinators have been imparted training in two batches in December, 2012 and February, 2013.</p>	
<b>Item No. 4</b>	<p><b>Any other item with the permission of chair.</b></p> <p>No other item was placed before the Committee for consideration.</p>	

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

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