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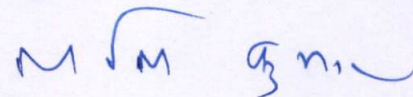
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated the 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**Sub: Minutes of the Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee to discuss the project proposals of the State of West Bengal under PMGSY-II (Bridges)-regarding.**

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith the Minutes of the meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 to consider the project proposal submitted by the State of West Bengal under PMGSY-II (Bridges).

2. It is requested to furnish the Compliance on the observations of Pre-Empowered Committee at the earliest.



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**Minutes of meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee meeting of West Bengal, PMGSY-II, Batch-I, 2019-20 on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2019**

A pre-Empowered Committee meeting was held for the State of West Bengal to consider the proposals of PMGSY-II Bridges Batch-I, 2019-20 on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, 2019 in the Chamber of the Additional Secretary (RD) & DG(NRIDA). The following officials attended the meeting.

|                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Smt. Alka Upadhyaya                 | Addl. Secretary (RD) & DG (NRIDA) |
| Dr. Surabhi Rai                     | Director (RC), MoRD               |
| Shri Pradeep Agarwal                | Director (P-I), NRRDA             |
| Shri I.K. Pateriya                  | Director (P-II), NRRDA            |
| Shri Deepak Ashish kaul             | Director (F&A), NRRDA             |
| Shri P. Mohansundram                | JD (Tech), NRIDA                  |
| <b>State Govt. Representatives:</b> |                                   |
| Shri D. Bhattacharya                | JS, P & RD                        |
| Shri A.K. Mandal                    | CE, P& RD                         |
| Shri Goutam Roy                     | EE & ITNO, P& RD                  |
| Shri Arnab Biswas                   | EE, WBSRDA                        |
| Shri Debasish Biswas                | SE & SQC,                         |
| Shri Suresh Kr. Agarwal             | FC, WBSRDA                        |

The details of the current proposal are as given below:-

| As per State's letter dated 22.11.2019 |            |               |                     |                     | As per OMMAS dated 05.12.2019 |               |                     |                     |
|--|------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Item                                   | No of LSBs | Length (in m) | Cost (Rs in Crores) | Avg. Cost/m (Lakhs) | Nos                           | Length (in m) | Cost (Rs in Crores) | Avg. Cost/m (Lakhs) |
| Bridges                                | 21         | 1,229.14      | 115.36              | 9.39                | 17                            | 989.54        | 87.25               | 8.82                |
| <b>Total</b>                           | 21         | 1,229.14      | 115.36              | 9.39                | 17                            | 989.54        | 87.25               | 8.82                |

\*MoRD Share : Rs. 52.35 Crore

State Share : Rs. 34.90 Crore

The state submitted that 23 number of bridges are proposed under the present proposal

## 2. DPR and Other Issues:

- (i) It was observed that the average cost of bridges in the present proposal is 8.82 lakhs per meter which is much more than 8.24 lakhs per Km sanctioned in 2018-19. The reasons for the increase in average cost were attributed to 2.25% proposed for DPR preparation whereas only 1% is permissible. Moreover, due to soil conditions pile foundation is required in certain areas which is raised the cost of some bridges to upto 10 lakhs per meter and in certain places 25% contractor profit has been kept instead of 20%. The State was directed to strict to the permissible limits in case of DPR preparation(1%) and 20% contractor profit. State submitted that beyond 1% cost will be totally borne by State. **(Action Point: State Govt., Technical Division, Nrida).**
- (ii) The State was directed to certify that all bridges are proposed on the roads sanctioned under PMGSY-II in the year 2018-19 and no stand alone bridges are proposed in the current proposal. **State was directed to update all the roads on GIS. . (ACTION POINT: STATE GOVT)**
- (iii) Hydraulic data, Catchment Area (CA) calculation etc are missing in the DPR. CA must be calculated using survey or toposheet. L - Sections of river U/S and D/S and at the bridge site are not given as per the standards to check the HFL etc. Abutment drawing and reinforcement details are not in DPR (WB-09-520) Protection work, flexible apron has been shown in GAD on D/S side. However, in the cost estimation of the quantities of flexible apron has not been taken. If it is not required then the same shall be removed from the GAD. **(Action Point: State Govt)**
- (iv) State was asked to submit Joint Inspection Reports as per format for all the DPRs. **(Action Point: State Govt)**

## 3. Physical Progress:

- i. Perusal of award of works of PMGSY-I and II shows that while 258.133 Kms remains unawarded against the balance length of 2314.756 Kms of PMGSY-I, 1633.382 Kms is unawarded of the 2527.008 Kms balance length of PMGSY-II. All 37 bridges of PMGSY-I sanctioned in the month of March are seen as unawarded on OMMAS. State was asked to update the status on OMMAS. State assured that all feasible works would be awarded at the earliest and non-feasible works would be proposed for dropping. **(Action Point: State Govt., follow up to be done by P-I Division, NRIDA)**
- ii. Against a target of 2600 Kms in 2018-19 State has achieved 717 Kms instead of 1244 Kms as scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. 13088 habitations have



been connected as against 13364 habitations sanctioned. State was directed to expedite the physical progress of works and monitor PIU wise progress very closely. **(Action Point: State Govt.)**

**4. Maintenance Issues:**

- i. It was seen that against 417.74 crores required as per maintenance contract State has credited 414.12 crores. However, only 210.37 crores has been utilized by SRRDA which is roughly 50% of the requirement. This low expenditure despite availability of funds was pointed out to the State and also linked to 25.5% 'U' grading in maintenance works. It was suggested that the State should undertake the maintenance of roads for which complaints are received within a time period of 60 days on priority. This will not only ensure good maintenance but also timely utilisation of funds. **(Action Point: State Govt.)**
- ii. On the issue of high degradation of constructed roads due to very high traffic volumes State was directed to identify those roads with very high traffic and propose such roads for upgradation. **(Action Point: State Govt.)**
- iii. It was pointed out that not a single package out of 1607 packages have been verified on e-Marg State has submitted that all verifications will be done by 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2020. **(Action Point: State Govt.)**

**5. Quality Issues:**

The following issues with respect to quality were highlighted before the Committee.

- (a) Out of 1122 ongoing packages labs has not been established in 225 packages (20.05%) out of which 152 packages (13.54%) are more than 6 months old.
- (b) It was seen that out of 2656 works 284 works have not been inspected even once by SQM and payment of more than 1 lakh rupees have been made in 83 such works. State submitted that many of these payments were made for DPR preparation to consultants however were shown on OMMAS as contractor payments. It was directed that an OM be issued to the States to avoid making payments to DPR consultant against contractor payments.
- (c) It was seen that out of 979 contractors 281 contractors are such whose works have not been inspected by NQMs even once.

(d) **State was also asked to resolve the issue of pending ATRs for both completed and ongoing works.** It was reiterated that delay in submitting ATRs which were more than 5 years old recovery would be done for such works from the State Govt.

(e) The State was asked to plan a visit of their officials to Madhya Pradesh to study the maintenance structure and practices followed by MPRRDA. **(Action Point: State Govt)**

6. **Finance and Accounts Issues:**

- (i) The following issues related to finance and accounts were brought out
- a. Large amount is pending as State Cheques which needs to be liquidated as early as possible.
  - b. Amounts which have been debited and credited from the bank are not recorded in OMMAS
  - c. Interest amounts are not entered in OMMAS
  - d. There is heavy Balance in Saving Bank Account (as per Banker's Certificate) which is affecting the interest payable to the government.
  - e. Negative figure under the head of Tax Deducted at Source-GST
  - f. Non Segregation of Bank balance with investment balance in all the three Funds (i.e Programme Fund; Administrative Expenses Fund and Maintenance Fund)
  - g. Expired Bank Guarantee in Programme Fund (Auditor's Point)
  - h. Separate EMD Account has been maintained by state and such account is not shown in OMMAS (Auditor's Point)
  - i. Three Separate Bank Account has been maintained in Maintenance Fund Account.
  - j. Interest Income (Rs. 447.83 Crore) has not been transferred to Programme Fund Account.

The EC meeting for the same proposal was fixed on 18<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30 pm.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

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