

**National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency,
Ministry of Rural Development,
Government of India**

**Agenda for the 43rd meeting of the Executive Committee of NRIDA
Scheduled for 9th March, 2022 at 12:00 PM**

Item No. 43.1	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 42nd Meeting of the Executive Committee and action taken thereon. Proceedings of the 42 nd meeting held on 26 th July, 2021, placed at Annexure A , were circulated amongst the members of the Executive Committee vide letter NRRDA-F012 (12)/1/2021-Dir (FA)/375893 dated 17.08.2021. No comments have been received from the members. It is proposed to confirm the minutes of the 42 nd meeting of the Executive Committee. Action taken on the minutes is as under :	
	Item No. 42.2	Inclusion of status of habitation connectivity in the Progress of PMGSY
	Action Taken	In the 42 nd meeting held on 26 th July, 2021, Director (Finance), MoRD suggested that the status of habitation connectivity progress of PMGSY may also be presented before the EC in future EC meetings. The status of habitation connectivity has been included in the progress of PMGSY for presentation before the EC in its 43 rd meeting.
	Item No. 42.16	Appraisal about approval of the Annual Budget of NRIDA
	Action Taken	Director (Finance), MoRD wanted to know about the Annual budget figures 2021-22 w.r.t. Annual Action Plan and figures in percentage w.r.t. PMGSY progress and status. Director (F&A) apprised that the Annual Budget of NRIDA has already been approved by its GB. The details were sent to Director (Finance) through e-mail dated 26 th July, 2021.
AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE 43rd EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING		
Item No. 43.2	PMGSY progress and status as on 28th February, 2022.	
	Overall, 6,93,016 Km road length (89%) has been completed against the sanctioned length of 7,82,850 km under various verticals of the Scheme, covering 99% connectivity as on 28-02-2022. Scheme-wise breakup is given below:-	

Scheme	Road Length Sanctioned (km)	Road Length Constructed (km)	Habitations Status
PMGSY-I	6,45,605	6,12,715 (95%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,78,184 Eligible Habitations identified: 1,57,356 Sanctioned; 1,55,702 connected • Connectivity to 100-249 population in LWE affected blocks: 6,260 sanctioned; 5,854 connected
PMGSY-II	49,885	46,381 (93%)	-
RCPLWEA	10,231	5,255 (51%)	-
PMGSY-III	77,129 (17 States as of now)	28,665 (37%)	-
Total	7,82,850	6,93,016 (89%)	-

Comparative position of road length constructed and expenditure incurred in last 2 years and current year is given below (upto 28th February, 2022):

Road Length Constructed (km)			Expenditure Incurred(in crore)		
2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
20,768	24,316	29,986	18,867	18,466	22,696

During the year 2019-20, road length was constructed with an average speed of 62 km per day. During the year 2020-21 it was 73 km and during the current year upto 28th February, 2022, it is 90 km per day. There is an increase in road length constructed and expenditure during 2021-22 by 23% when compared with 2020-21, during the above said period.

This is for information of Executive Committee.

Item No.
43.3

Status of Implementation of eMARG

	<p>Roads are being constructed, maintained and repaired as per the specifications laid down in MoRD Specifications for Roads & Bridges published by IRC 2014. As a measure of further enhancing the focus on maintenance of roads during the defect liability period and also streamlining the delivery of routine maintenance of PMGSY roads, the Ministry has decided to implement the Electronic Maintenance of Rural Roads under PMGSY (eMARG) in all the states. eMARG, Electronic Maintenance of Rural Roads, came into operation on 1st April, 2020 as a simple yet an extremely effective solution to these problems. Conceptualized on Performance Based Maintenance Contracts (PBMC), eMARG sets up a blue-print on how the issue of maintenance of infrastructure can be solved across government departments with smart IT & Contract Management. PBMC is a type of contract in which payment to the contractor is made based on the minimum condition of road, its cross drainage works and traffic assets that have to be met by him/her. Payments are based on how well the contractor manages to comply with the performance standards or service levels defined in the contract.</p> <p>eMARG is a GIS-based e-Governance solution to aid and assist the officials, Contractors, Banks and general public. It is an end-to-end solution, which provides restricted role-based access via internet.</p> <p>eMARG focuses on upkeep of PMGSY roads in all circumstances, hence entails performance based evaluation of roads for making maintenance related payments of PMGSY roads that are under DLP. So far, (28th Feb. 2022), all the states are onboard eMARG. Routine Inspections have already been carried out on 36,271 roads through eMARG mobile app. So far, payment of Rs. 1,149 crore has been made through eMARG on 9,50,627 bills submitted by the Contractors.</p> <p>This is for information of Executive Committee.</p>
<p>Item No. 43.4</p>	<p>Re-designation of Young Civil Engineer (YCE) as Project Manager after completion of four years of continuous services.</p>
	<p>As per HR Policy of NRIDA, the extension of contract of Young Civil Engineers (YCE) and CA beyond the period of 3 years would be done on the recommendations of an Appraisal Committee. The terms and conditions of service of YCE/CA have to be reviewed by the Committee after the completion of their 3 years in NRIDA. Shri Rakshit Tyagi, YCE had completed three years, as YCE and a committee was constituted to review the case of the extension of his engagement for a further period of one year on contract basis. This Appraisal Committee has recommended that after completion of four years of continuous service, the post of Young Civil Engineer may be re-designated as Project Manager in recognition of the contributions of YCEs to this organization and to motivate such engineers working in the organization. This will help NRIDA in retaining talented experienced engineers in the overall interest of the organization. Moreover, re-designation will not have any financial implications as it is merely re-</p>

designation without any change in remuneration attached to the post under reference. The Committee has also recommended an extra 5% increment to be given to Shri Rakshit Tyagi, Young Civil Engineer consequent upon the completion of his 3 years as YCE in NRIDA.

This is for approval of Executive Committee.

**Item No. Staff matters of NRIDA
43.5**

(i) Since the last EC meeting held on 26th July, 2021, the following officers / Consultants have joined NRIDA on Deputation / Contract basis against advertisements published by NRIDA. The incumbency position in NRIDA as on 28.02.2022 is shown in **Annexure B.**

Staff on Deputation Basis:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Period
1.	Shri Tarun Kumar	Asstt. Director, F&A	Joined w.e.f 14.09.2021 to 02.02.2022
2.	Shri Pankaj Kumar Sinha	Asstt. Director, F&A	Joined w.e.f 01.10.2021
3.	Shri Rajneesh Kumar	Asstt. Director, F&A	Joined w.e.f 04.10.2021
4.	Shri Jitendra Jha	Asstt. Director, F&A	Joined w.e.f 01.02.2022

Staff on Contract Basis:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Period
1.	Shri Rajendra Goel	Cons. Dir. P-II	Joined w.e.f. 24.11.2021 to 04.02.2022
2.	Shri Suraj Perkash Yadav	Cons. Jt. Dir, P-III	Joined w.e.f. 07.12.2021
3.	Shri G K Dawar	Cons. Rajbhasha	Joined w.e.f. 24.08.2021 to 01.10.2021
4.	Shri Devdutta Sharma	Cons. Rajbhasha	Joined w.e.f. 22.12.2021
5.	Shri Arun Kumar Patel	Young Civil Engineer	Joined w.e.f. 26.07.2021
6.	Ms. Namisha Bansal	Data Scientist	Joined w.e.f. 14.01.2022 (A/N)
7.	Shri Vijay Kumar Jha	Cons. Jt. Director, P-II	Joined w.e.f. 27.01.2022

	8.	Shri Madan Kumar Santoshi	Cons. Asstt. Dir. P-I	Joined w.e.f. 29.06.2021 to 02.08.2021																				
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9.	Shri Undela Nagarjuna Reddy	Young Civil Engineer	Extended upto 24.07.2022
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(v) Since the last EC meeting held on 26th July, 2021, the following Consultants left NRIDA for various reasons:-

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1.	Shri Rajendra Goel	Cons. Dir. P-II	w.e.f. 04.02.2022
2.	Shri Harsh Nisar	Data Scientist	w.e.f. 30.07.2021
3.	Shri Prashank Kumar	Young Civil Engineer	w.e.f. 31.01.2022
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	6.	Shri Arun Saxena	Cons, Joint Director	w.e.f. 12.07.2021
	This is for information of the Executive Committee.			
Item No. 43.6	Filling of Post of Assistant Director (Project/ Technical) [AD(P/T)] and Senior Consultant (Tech) through Young Civil Engineers in case on insufficient response or non-suitability of candidates.			
	<p>The posts of Assistant Director (Project/ Technical) and Senior Consultant (Tech) remain vacant due to insufficient response to these posts. As these are very junior level posts, officers and retired officers are not keen to join these posts. NRIDA already has Young Civil Engineers (YCE) who are working on posts converted from AD(P/T) posts earlier, and they are performing well, especially in scrutiny of DPRs, field inspections, training of SRRDAs etc.</p> <p>Accordingly, it was proposed that the 3 posts advertised for AD(P/T) and 2 posts of Sr. Consultant (T) may be filled by YCE in case sufficient response is not received or do not find suitable candidates. This would decrease the problem of vacancies of technical manpower in NRIDA to some extent. The proposal has been approved by Hon'ble Minister Rural Development in his capacity as Chairman of GB of NRIDA.</p> <p>This is for information of the Executive Committee.</p>			
Item No. 43.7	Engagement of Contractor (M/s Surinder Mohindra Security Agency) for proving manpower (Support Staff) to NRIDA on outsourcing basis.			
	<p>NRIDA engages support staff on outsourcing basis through manpower service providing Agencies. The term of the existing service provider had expired on 30.09.2021 and the new service provider namely; M/s Surinder Mohindra Security Agency has been engaged through GeM for a period of one year.</p> <p>This is for information of Executive Committee.</p>			
Item No.43.8	Ratification of appointment of M/s G K Sureka & Co. as Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2020-21.			

	<p>As per Rule 28 (ii) of NRIDA; Rules and Regulations & Bye- Laws, the annual Accounts of the Agency have to be audited by Chartered Accountant appointed for the purpose.</p> <p>Term of appointment of the existing Chartered Accountant expired on 31.03.2020 Therefore, a tender was floated and M/s G.K. Sureka & Co was appointed as statutory auditor for the financial year 2020-21 after following the due process. M/s G K Sureka & Co. a C&AG empanelled firm qualified the technical bid and financial bid with the lowest rates of Rs. 68,000/- plus taxes.</p> <p>This is for information of the Executive Committee.</p>																			
Item No.43-9	Approval of Annual Accounts and Annual Report of NRIDA for the year 2020-21.																			
	<p>NRIDA's Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2020-21 have been audited by M/s. G.K. Sureka and Co. and are placed at Annexure C. During the year 2020-21 an expenditure of Rs 22,454.36 crores (Including loan from NABARD for PMAY-G along with interest payment of Rs. 2,407.64 crores) respectively was incurred.</p> <p>Some of the auditor's observations on the accounts and action taken on them are as under:</p>																			
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	<p>sum of Rs. 7,88,30,479.00 was expensed in earlier years is pending for registration before the Authority. This Sub Lease Deed is pending with Land and Development Officer, Ministry of Urban Development, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi for which Request letter has been sent to NBCC by the society</p>	<p>registration of the office premises of NRIDA with NBCC was taken up during 2020-21. The applicable stamp duty for registration has been paid and the sale deed has been stamped by the concerned department. Process is on for getting the sale deed registered in Government land records.</p>
3.	<p>Interest Certificate of State Bank of India shows a saving bank account in the name of National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency on which saving interest of Rs. 34.84 lakh has been received. As per explanation, the same has been opened for States under PMGSY FUND and accordingly not considered in the Books of Accounts of National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency.</p>	<p>This Savings Bank Account has been opened by NRIDA for online EMD/tender fee collection for PMGSY tenders floated by States. The interest earned would not be income of NRIDA as the same would be refunded into the Consolidated Fund of India.</p>
4.	<p>As per the term and conditions, prescribed in Letter of Grant by Ministry of Rural Development, Grants to the respective states under scheme of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna- Gramin (PMAY-G) are of revenue nature, the expenditure of which shall be shared in the ratio of 60:40 by Centre and beneficiary States respectively but we are not able to obtain sufficient information and documents necessary for this purpose whether matching shares by respective states have been contributed or not.</p>	<p>Since, the UC is being obtained by RH Division, MoRD, Therefore, RH Division would be requested to obtain necessary information about release of funds of States and submitted to NRIDA.</p>

5.	Advance payments are outstanding over the years due to non-receipts of Utilization Certificates/Related Bills.				The total outstanding advances as on 31.03.2020 was Rs.5.01 Cr. Out of this, advances amounting to Rs.3.94 Cr. have been adjusted/settled/ UC received till March 2021. Thus, there is a reduction in outstanding UCs to the tune of 79% during 2020-21. All concerned divisions have taken up the matter with concerned SRRDA/Institutes for early settlement/adjustment of all the remaining outstanding advances.	
	Particulars	2019-20	Addition	Deletion		2020-21
	1.Advance for lab	4,18,843	0	0		4,18,843
	2.Tech.dev and res. work	6,49,359	0	0		6,49,359
	3. Workshop & Conference	10,98,510	0	10,87,300		11,210
	4. Research & Devlop.	2,53,81,695	2,00,000	1,86,90,232		68,91,463
	5. Training	73,671	15,04,593	73,671		15,04,593
	6. Training WB	62,45,917	0	34,42,828		28,03,089
	7. Project Mang Consul. WB	1,62,32,316	0	1,61,05,687		1,26,629
Total	5,01,00,311	17,04,593	3,93,99,718	1,24,05,186		

The EC is requested to consider the Audited Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure statement for FY 2020-21 and adopt the same. The accounts have been incorporated in the Annual Report for the year 2020-21.

The EC is requested to approve the Annual Report and accounts for the year 2020-21 placed at **Annexure D**.

This is for kind approval of the Executive Committee.

Item No.43.10 Revised Estimates for 2021-22 and Budget Estimates 2022-23

The Revised estimated expenditure of NRIDA proposed in the RE 2021-22 is Rs 47.01 Crore and the same has been informed to Ministry with the approval of DG, NRIDA. The total expenditure incurred up to the month of February, 2022 is Rs. 26.66 Crore. The head wise details are given in the table below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Heads	BE 2021-22	Expenditure up to February, 2022	RE 2021-22	BE 2022-23
Grant-in-Aid General	3471.00	2193.05	4051.39	4395.36

	Grant-in-Aid Salary	1120.00	438.53	560.00	645.00		
	Grant-in-Aid-ADB	150.00	34.73	90.00	0.00		
	Total	4741.00	2666.31	4701.39	5040.36		
	The proposed Budget Estimates for the year 2022-23 is Rs. 50.40 Crore and details thereof are given at Annexure E .						
	This is for ratification of the Executive Committee.						
Item No. 43.11	Achievement viz-a-viz target of NQM & SQM inspections and percentage of unsatisfactory quality grading reported in these projects:						
	During the period from 01 st April 2021 up to 28 th February 2022, the total NQM & SQM inspections carried out against the target and the % unsatisfactory projects reported in these inspections is as indicated below:						
			Unsatisfactory Grading (01.04.2021 to 28.02.2022)				
	Target	Achievement	Complete d Works	Ongoing Works	Maintenanc e Works	Bridge Works	
	NQM	15,000	8,310	6.25%	4.07%	22.07%	2.01%
	SQM	87,517	51,080	0.85%	1.69%	9.35%	1.70%
	This includes the achievement of NQMs & SQMs inspections already reported in 25 th EC for the period w.e.f. 01.04.2021 till 31.07.2021						
	This is for information of the Executive Committee.						
Item No. 43.12	Online Proficiency test for NQMs						
	During the period July, 2021 to Feb, 2022, an online proficiency test was conducted on 05 th January, 2022. Total 81 NQMs participated and their scores were shared with individual NQMs.						
	This is for information of the Executive Committee.						
Item No. 43.13	Orientation-cum-training programmes conducted for NQMs / SQMs / PIUs engaged for inspection of road works under PMGSY.						
	NQMs						
	During the period July, 2021 to Feb, 2022, Orientation programme of three days was organized at IAHE, Noida for the newly empanelled NQMs.						
	a. The orientation programme was organized at IAHE, Noida during 25-						

	<p>27th August, 2021 wherein 40 provisionally empanelled NQMs were requested for attending orientation training, out of which 20 NQMs attended.</p> <p>Besides class room presentations, these programmes also included demonstration of quality control testing procedure, at work site.</p> <p>SQMs</p> <p>During the period July, 2021 to February, 2022, Eight SQM Training programmes for States were organized regarding systems & Procedures of 2nd tier of Quality Monitoring under PMGSY.</p> <p>This is for information of the Executive Committee.</p>
Item No. 43.14	Enhancement of Token Remuneration (Stipend) for Interns engaged in NRIDA.
	<p>NRIDA has been engaging Interns as per requirement of respective Divisions in terms of the guidelines contained in Internship Scheme. Internship Scheme of NRIDA has been formulated in order to attract young talent from the technical fields through this programme and to allow young talent to be associated with the NRIDA work for mutual benefit. It will enable NRIDA to interact with young scholars and to get fresh ideas and study/ research support from the field of academics. At the same time, it will provide an opportunity to young scholars to contribute in the NRIDA work and have an insight into the related technical work. The scheme was rolled out during the current financial year and applications were invited for 13 number of interns for different Divisions. The response of candidates was high and suitable interns were selected by the Selection Committee constituted by DG, NRIDA. Only 3 Interns out of 13 selected joined NRIDA perhaps due to the low stipend of Rs. 10,000/- per month. Hence, in order to make the scheme more attractive, the stipend has been increased to Rs. 30,000 per month (with 5% increment every year, maximum tenure 3 years). The enhanced stipend has been approved by Hon'ble Minister Rural Development in his capacity as Chairman of GB of NRIDA.</p> <p>This is for information of the Executive Committee.</p>
Item No. 43.15	Signing of Statement of Intent (SoI) between NRIDA and Microsave India Consulting Private Ltd (MSC).
	<p>A Statement of Intent has been executed between NRIDA and Microsave India Consulting Private Ltd. on 13th Sep, 2021. Microsave India Consulting Private Ltd. is an international consulting firm having offices at distinct locations across the globe, that offers practical market-led solutions for government agencies, financial institutions and corporations focused on bringing value to the base of the pyramid. The following are</p>

	<p>the objectives of SoI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify gaps in the overall fund flow management at the national and state level (from MoRD to state/SRRDA/DPIU and payments to contractors) in the context of delays in the fund transfer and payment processing, float or shortages of funds, and utilization reporting and reconciliation. • To identify gaps in project monitoring and scheme IT system and to make OMMAS more user friendly. • To shortlist or identify functionalities that would address each of the identified challenges • To recommend functional requirement specifications, high-level design, and future vision document and implementation roadmap to conduct the proposed pilot • To propose a future vision document of potential of IT systems scale-up in PMGSY. <p>The MSC has started its work in terms of the processes as defined in SoI. The representatives of MSC have started visiting various States in order to study the existing systems and to propose actions in form of its recommendation as per the objectives of the SoI for further strengthening the PMGSY.</p> <p>This is for information of the Executive Committee.</p>
<p>Item No. 43.16</p>	<p>Provision of Laptops for the Young Civil Engineers.</p>
	<p>As the work in Technical Division also involves planning process, which require GIS and other soft-wares, also the work involves a lot of Data analysis, NRIDA may consider to provide Laptops to the Young Civil Engineers so that the work can be done from anywhere. Moreover, YCEs visit States/UTs for scrutiny of DPRs and provisioning of Laptops to YCEs will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of their functioning. Besides, this will enable them to accomplish the assignments timely.</p> <p>As per OM dated 27th March, 2020 issued by Department of Expenditure Ministry of Finance (Annexure F), Laptops can be issued to the Officers of the rank of Under Secretary/Section Officers and equivalent rank subject to the condition that this shall be restricted to 25% of the sanctioned strength of these posts. Regarding issuance of Laptops to Consultants engaged by Ministries/Departments, it has been stated that Secretaries of the Ministries/Departments may take a decision in this regard purely on the basis of functional requirements in consultation with Financial Advisor on case to case basis separately. YCEs fall under the category of Consultants as they are engaged on contract basis.</p> <p>This is for consideration of the Executive Committee.</p>
<p>Item No.</p>	<p>Treatment of interest earned in the central pooling account of NRIDA with SBI.</p>

43.17	<p>Consequent upon introduction of online tendering in PMGSY works through pmgsytenders.gov.in, a proposal to switch over to online mode of deposit of Bid Security (EMD) and tender fee was, initiated in NRIDA. Online collection / refund of EMD in PMGSY tenders follows a technology driven and transparent process in live with the GoI policies on intensive use of technology in Government Schemes.</p> <p>In the online EMD ecosystem, a single nodal Central Pooling Account is opened by NRIDA with SBI into which Bid Security and Tender Fee of all the PMGSY tenders across the country, is deposited. The tender fee and EMD is credited to the SRRDA's bank account, which has been mapped with the central pooling account or refunded to the contractor, as the case may be. The provisions of SBD/GFR are followed for this purpose.</p> <p>As on 31.12.2021 Rs. 2,82,39,864/- have been accumulated as Bank interest in Central Pooling Account. A decision for utilization of these funds, which is Government of India's receipt need to be taken. It is proposed to deposit the interest earned in the Consolidated Fund of India every quarter by using the PAO MoRD's bank account.</p> <p>This is for approval of the Executive Committee.</p>
Item No. 43.18	Recovery of arrear of interest in Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) Bank Accounts held in various States/UTs.
	<p>As per the financial arrangement under the PMGSY guidelines, all States/UTs have to open 3 bank accounts for Programme Fund, Administrative Expenses Fund and Maintenance Fund respectively for receiving grant from Government of India and corresponding State share. These bank accounts are governed under the terms and conditions set out in the form of Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which is executed between SRRDA of the State, Bank and NRIDA. As per the terms and conditions of this MoU, any amount in excess of Rs. 50 lakhs in these bank accounts, has to be automatically converted into fixed deposit by the bank, thereby yielding a higher rate of interest than saving bank interest rate. Upon the requirement of liquidity for payment of bills, these fixed deposits are to be liquidated by the bank to the extent needed and the bills of the contractors are to be paid.</p> <p>Upon examination of the accounting documents and reports received from the States for the financial year 2018-19, it was seen that in some of the States the above said provision of the tripartite MoU was reportedly not being followed by the banks. Accordingly, in order to avoid any pecuniary loss to the Government of India, the States/UTs were asked to carry out an interest verification exercise for the last 10 years commencing from 2010. Upon conduct of this exercise for various years by different States it has been observed that there has been an interest leakage of substantial amount due to non compliance of the clause of the MoU by the bank. Accordingly, many States have raised recovery claims upon banks and some have also recovered the</p>

arrears of interest from the bank.

An updated status of the interest verification exercise conducted by various States/UTs is attached at **Annexure G**. From this, it may be seen that an interest loss has been identified to the tune of Rs.432.16 crore to the extent of the completion of interest verification exercise by various States. An amount of Rs.238.03 crore has been recovered from the bank after vigorously pursuing the case with them. During the financial year 2021-22 an amount of Rs. 172.31 crore has been recovered by various States/UTs as detailed below:-

S.No.	State Name	Amount of Interest Recovered (Rs. in crore)
1	Assam	75.58
2	Bihar	29.20
3	Bihar-RCPLWE	1.71
4	Himachal Pradesh	0.66
5	Jammu & Kashmir	3.41
6	Kerala	3.08
7	Maharashtra	23.37
8	Madhya Pradesh	4.99
9	Rajasthan	6.25
10	Uttar Pradesh	0.10
11	Punjab	0.67
12	Tripura	5.05
13	West Bengal	6.25
14	Sikkim	1.10
15	Uttarakhand	10.89
TOTAL		172.31

In order to ensure that such a lapse does not recur and in order to build accountability in the system, all the States/UTs have now been mandatorily asked to submit annual interest verification certificate duly signed by the Empowered Officer and the Financial Controller of the State/UTs along with their balance sheet of every year.

This is for information of the Executive Committee.

Item No. 43.19 Annual Action Plan (AAP) of NRIDA for the year 2022-23.

	NRIDA's Annual Action Plan for the year 2022-23 has been prepared by all the Divisions and the compiled version of AAP is placed at Annexure H . This is for approval of the Executive Committee.
	Any other item with the permission of chair