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Minutes of the 35th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Rural Roads Development Agency

The 35th meeting of the Executive Committee was held on 14th July, 2014 in the Conference Hall, NRRDA, 5th Floor, 15 NBCC Tower, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Joint Secretary (RC) & Director General, NRRDA. The following members were present in the meeting:-

- I. Dr. Praveen Kumar, Professor, Transportation Engineering Section, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT, Roorkee, Uttarakhand.
- II. Dr. Ashok Kumar Sarkar, Dean Faculty Div-I, Department of Civil Engineering Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani- 333031, Rajasthan
- III. Dr. M.S. Amarnath, Professor, Civil Engineering Department, Jnanabharathi campus, Bangalore University, Bangalore- 560056 (Karnataka)
- IV. Dr. I.K. Pateriya, Director (Technical), NRRDA, New Delhi
- V. Shri Rohtas Singh, Director (Fin), Integrated Finance Division, MoRD, New Delhi
- VI. Shri Sunil Kukreja, Jt. Director, representative, Director(F&A), NRRDA
- 2. The Chairperson welcomed the members and initiated the meeting.
- **3.** The proceedings of the meeting are as follows:-

Item No.	Discussion and Decisions	Action by
Item No. 1	Confirmation of the proceedings of the 34 th meeting of the Executive Committee and action taken thereon	
	Jt. Director (F&A) informed that the Minutes of the 34 th Meeting were circulated to the members and no comments were received from any of the members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee confirmed the	

	proceedings of the 34 th meeting and noted the action taken on the said proceedings.	
	The Executive Committee also discussed all the action taken points. Regarding Item no. 5 pertaining to Leave for support staff, Jt. Director(F&A) informed that details from similar government organisations are being obtained and shall be put up for consideration in the next EC meeting.	
Item No. 2	Opening of New Heads of Account in the Chart of Accounts of PMGSY Accounts Manual Programme Fund and Administrative Expenses Fund in respect of Central Grant for PMGSY works routed through State Treasury.	
	The Executive Committee took note of the need for opening of New Heads of Account in the Chart of Accounts of PMGSY Accounts Manual Programme Fund and Administrative Expenses Fund in respect of Central Grant for PMGSY works routed through State Treasury.	
Item No. 3	Approval of Annual Account of NRRDA for 2013-14	
	Jt. Director (F&A) informed the Committee the salient features of the Annual Accounts of NRRDA for the year 2013-14. Among the various audit observations, advance payments outstanding due to non receipt of utilization certificate/related bills were the focal point of the concern expressed by the Committee. The Committee, while approving the accounts, desired that detailed analysis of the status of advances for the past 5 years may be made so as to ascertain the trend of outstanding advances which needed utilisation certificate/related bills. The Committee further desired that advances of the current financial year i.e. FY 2013-14 may be reviewed critically and efficient efforts be done to procure utilisation certificate / related bills to adjust these advances and the exact status be presented to the General Body in its forthcoming meeting. The Committee further expressed its concern regarding variation in outstanding advance in respect of e-procurement system by NICSI from Rs. 9,67,713/-(in the financial year 2012-13) to Rs. 1,45,43,312/- (as reported in the audited statement of 2013-14) and desired that duly	

	audited supporting documents may be obtained from NICSI to explain this variation.	
Item No. 4	Approval of Annual Report of NRRDA for the year 2013-14	
	The salient features of draft Annual Report were explained and discussed by DG, NRRDA. In the light of discussions held in the meeting, Director General advised the concerned Directors, NRRDA and members of the Committee to offer their comments, if any, within next three days for incorporation in the draft Annual Report. With this the EC approved the draft Annual Report for placing before the General Body.	
Item No. 5	Empanelment of new NQMs	
	The Executive Committee was apprised of the CVs of 25 candidates perused by the Selection Committee and the following break-up of the recommendations in respect of these candidates:-	
	Out of 25 applications received, 7 candidates were recommended without any condition, 5 candidates were recommended subject to receipt of recommendation by the State Govt., additional details in respect of 6 candidates have been called for. Out of the remaining 7 candidates, 2 candidates were not considered for want of full details and 5 candidates were not recommended for empanelment for not fulfilling the selection criteria.	
	The EC took note of the above recommendations of the Selection Committee and ratified the decision of the Selection Committee for empanelment of new NQMs subject to the recommendation of the respective State Govt. wherever necessary as well as seeking of further details and disqualification of the remaining NQMs.	
Item No. 6	Performance review of the existing NQMs	
	The Executive Committee took note of the performance review of the existing NQMs and advised that the NQMs rated as outstanding may be sent a letter of appreciation.	

Item No. 7	Re-Employment of Director (Projects) Shri NC Solanki	
	Shri N.C. Solanki has been working as Director (Projects) since 14 th February 2011 and thus possesses the experience of handling World Bank and ADB Projects. He is superannuating on 31 st August 2014. Keeping in view his varied experience including that of PMGSY and GB's mandate to re-employ suitable persons on the post of Director in NRRDA on contract basis for an additional period of 2 years i.e. till the age of 62 years after superannuation on the same terms & conditions, the proposal along with his consent for re-employment was put up before the Executive Committee which was approved by the Committee.	
Item No. 8	NRRDA Internship Scheme for Young Professionals	
	DG explained the brief background and justification for the proposed internship scheme in NRRDA. The Executive Committee appreciated the need for strengthening NRRDA/SRRDAs technically and professionally and after due deliberation approved the concept of engaging interns with the advise that the duration of such internship and mode of recruitment be further elaborated.	
Item No. 9	Approval for extension of foreign tour	
	Jt. Director(F&A) briefed about the foreign tour of Shri S.N. Srivastava, Chief Engineer, CGRRDA, Chhattisgarh to Philippines initially from 3 rd to 6 th October, 2013 to attend a meeting convened by ILO. The Executive Committee after due deliberation approved the extended tour of 2 days and consequent payments towards TA/DA/boarding and lodging etc. subject to the concurrence of IFD, MoRD.	

Item No.10

Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

i) Regularisation of HRA paid to Smt. Madhvi Vedula.

Smt. Madhvi Vedula has been working in NRRDA on deputation basis as Assistant Director since 24th July 2003. She has, in her written submission, stated that till May 2013 she was residing at Noida (UP) with her old aged ailing parents for their medical treatment and shifted with her husband in June 2013 in a Govt. flat allotted to him at New Delhi (since March 2009). The Executive Committee took note of these facts and came to the conclusion that the house rent paid to her from March 2009 to May 2013 is admissible and need not be recovered. However, house rent (if paid) after June 2013 would be inadmissible to her and would have to be recovered.

ii) Conducting of future Executive Committee meetings

The members expressed their desire that in future EC Agenda Items may accompany the meeting notice and the timings of conducting EC meetings may be around 12:00 noon.

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