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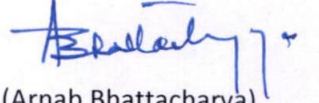
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Minutes

Subject: Minutes of Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee to consider project proposals submitted by Andaman & Nicobar Islands under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-II (PMGSY-II)-reg.

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee held on 9th September, 2020 through Video Conferencing (VC ID No. 302370) to consider the project proposals for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-II (PMGSY-II) is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action.



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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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Minutes of the meeting of the Pre Empowered committee held through VC on 9.9.2020 to consider the proposal of UT of Andaman and Nicobar Island under PMGSY-II Batch I of 2020-21.

A meeting of the Pre Empowered Committee held through VC on 9.9.2020 to discuss the proposal of UT of Andaman and Nicobar Island under PMGSY-II Batch I of 2020-21. The following officials were present during the meeting:-

S. No.	Name and Designation	Name of the Ministry/Office
1.	Shri Ashish Goel, JS(RC)	Ministry of Rural Development
2.	Shri K.M.Singh, Dy. Secretary	Ministry of Rural Development
3.	Shri Pradeep Aggarwal, Director (P-I)	NRIDA
4.	Shri B.C.Pradhan, Director (Consultant), Technical	NRIDA
5.	Shri D. A Kaul, Director (F&A)	NRIDA
6.	Shri Abhishek Dev, Secretary(RD)	Directorate of RD, PRIs and ULBs, A&N Administration,Port Blair
7.	Shri D Balaji, Chief Engineer	Directorate of RD, PRIs and ULBs, A&N Administration,Port Blair
8.	Shri Tej Bahadur, SE	Directorate of RD, PRIs and ULBs, A&N Administration,Port Blair
9.	Shri S. Subramaniam, SE	Directorate of RD, PRIs and ULBs, A&N Administration,Port Blair
10.	Shri Arun Kumar, EE	Directorate of RD, PRIs and ULBs, A&N Administration,Port Blair

2. Details of current proposal:

As per State's letter dated 04.09.2020					As per OMMAS as on 07.09.2020			
Item	No of roads	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/km (Lakhs)	No of roads	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/km (Lakhs)

Up-gradation	52	117.86	58.80	49.89	52	117.86	58.80	49.89
Total	52	117.86	58.80	49.89	52	117.86	58.80	49.89

Target :118 km.; MoRD share : Rs.58.80 Crores(100%); UT share : 0

3. General and DPR issues

- 10% of the proposals need to be scrutinized by PTA.
- As per DPR proposed ROW is 5.5 meter. It should be 6.00 meter and UT will modify DPR accordingly before EC meeting. Geometry of road will also undergo change consequent to change in the RoW from 5.5 meter to 6 m .UT has to ensure that there is provisions in the DPRs to accommodate the same else fresh DPRs will have to be prepared.
- UT informed that there is no forest clearance or land issue involved in these proposals. If any, they should be identified clearly at this stage. They have to give a certificate in this regard.
- MP-I, MP-II and MP-III formats and consent letters of Hon'ble MPs needs to be provided by the UT Administration.
- Transect walk photographs, Transect walk summary/Minutes and copy of Gram Sabha approval have not been found attached to the DPRs.
- UT has made a provision for the construction of earthen shoulder with 150 mm thickness with a rate of Rs. 945/Cum. The hard shoulders should be proposed 100 mm thick as per clause 9.2 of IRC: SP: 72:2015.
- Typical X-section of the proposed and existing road should be attached with the DPR.
- Certified test results for GSB material indicating LL, PI, MDD, OMC, and CBR have not been found attached to the DPR.
- GSB has been proposed for 6.35 m width in majority of the DPRs. It should be restricted to 3.30 m for 3 m carriageway width road and 4.05 m for 3.75 m carriageway width roads. It is not clear how GSB width was taken to be 6.35m when ROW was only 5m.
- Overlay thickness over existing BT layer should be proposed as per Clause 2.2.3 of IRC: SP: 72:2015. GSB proposed over existing BT surface needs to be deleted (AN01HB12, AN01HB19, AN1HB08).
- The UT has added cost towards 'Cost Index' over DSR 2018. However, the UT has prepared the rate analysis based on the local rates of materials with actual conveyance. In such cases, the Cost Index is not applicable.
- The UT has made a provision of 14.05 % for GST and 15% for contractor profit in rate analysis. GST should be at the rate of 12% and overhead and contractor's profit should be at the rate of 12.5% as per norms.

- LS provisions made for Admin charges (2%), fluctuation of rate in BT, steel, cement, unforeseen items & Utility shifting (Water supply line and electric pole shifting) etc. It should be borne by the UT Administration and should be updated under higher specification cost.
- UT has mentioned that out of proposed 118 km, cost of soil stabilization work of 30 km would be done through MGNREGA. They have been asked to reconsider this proposal and include this work under the present proposal of PMGSY-II to obviate the delay and difficulties of execution and local coordination.

(B) Maintenance and Quality issue

- Committee has observed that the proposed 5 years routine maintenance cost and 6th year's renewal cost which are to be borne by the State Govt. are on the higher side. Proposed 5 years maintenance cost w.r.to construction cost is 26.77% which ideally should not be more than 10%. UT has agreed to correct it accordingly.
- UT does not have adequate number of SQMs. They have been asked to hire retired officials after imparting them training through NRIDA.

C) R & D proposal

- Committee has observed that technology wise data uploaded on OMMAS is not correct and it needs to be rectified. Committee has also observed that UT needs to propose adequate length using mainstream technology and IRC Accredited Technology/Materials as per New Technology initiative guidelines. They did not propose anything under mainstream technology (should be minimum 10%) or IRC Accredited Technology (minimum 5%). Proper justification for selection of a particular technology should be given.

D) Pending work

- While reviewing performance of PMGSY in A&N, the Committee has observed that out of sanctioned 70 roads, 52 roads of 75.63 km are still unawarded. Remaining 18 works were awarded and then terminated. They have been reminded to award these works immediately. UT Administration has promised to award these works within the next one month.
- It is also observed that updation of data in OMMAS is required as far as performance of PMGSY in A&N is concerned. There is no data about completed length, connected habitations etc. in OMMAS. From April to August 2020 cumulative target was 22 km. However as per OMMAS, actual achievement is nil. This should be done before the EC.

E) **Governance Issue**

- It is observed that for proper implementation of PMGSY in A&N, the governance system need to be improved, strengthened and made more result oriented. Most of the PMGSY-I work in UT was implemented through PWD. There is lack of regular officials at SE,EE, AE level in Rural Development Department of UT to implement proposed PMGSY-II works. UT needs to settle this issue before EC and provide justification in EC.

Decision taken

Subject to the observation of the Pre-Empowered Committee and concurrent action/compliance by the UT of A&N Island as stipulated in the foregoing paras, the Committee decided that the proposals can be submitted to EC for consideration.

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