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Minutes

**Sub: Minutes of the Meeting of the Empowered Committee to discuss the project proposals of the State of Bihar for left-out Bridges under PMGSY-I -reg.**

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 through Video Conferencing to discuss the project proposals of Left Out Bridges submitted by Government of Bihar under PMGSY-I (Batch-I, 2020-21) is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action.



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- (iii) Shri Bhagwat Ram, Nodal Officer (PMGSY), BRRDA, Govt. of Bihar, Vishveshwariya Bhavan, Bailey Road, Patna- 800015.
- (iv) The Adviser (RD), Niti Aayog, Niti Aayog Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi.
- (v) The Chief Scientist, Central Roads Research Institute, Mathura Road, New Delhi.
- (vi) All Directors in National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA), 15 NBCC Tower, 5th Floor, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020 AT 10:30 AM TO CONSIDER THE PROJECT PROPOSALS OF LEFT OUT BRIDGES SUBMITTED BY GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR UNDER REGULAR PMGSY-I, (BATCH-I, 2020-21)**

A Meeting of the Empowered Committee (RC) was held through Video Conference on **8<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at 10:30 AM** under the Chairmanship of Secretary (RD) to consider the project proposal Left Out Bridges submitted by the State of Bihar under Regular PMGSY-I (Batch-I, 2020-21). Following officials were present in the meeting.

Shri Nagendra Nath Sinha	Secretary (RD)
Smt. Alka Upadhyaya	Addl. Secretary (RD)
Dr Ashish Kumar Goel	Joint Secretary, (RC) & DG, NRIDA
Shri K.M.Singh	Deputy Secretary (RC), MoRD
Shri. B C Pradhan	Consultant (Tech), NRIDA
Shri Deepak Ashish Kaul	Director (F&A), NRIDA
Dr. I.K.Pateriya	Director (P.II&III), NRIDA
Shri Pradeep Agarwal	Director (P.I), NRIDA
<b>State Govt. Representatives</b>	
Shri Pankaj Kumar Pal	Secretary, RWD
Shri Bhagwat Ram	Nodal Officer/ CE, RWD, Bihar
Shri Anand Prakash	AE/BRRDA

**2. Details of Proposal**

As per Pre EC Dated 01.05.2019					As per OMMAS dated 07.09.2020			
Item	No of LSBs	Length (in m)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/km (Lakhs)	No of LSBs	Length (in m)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/m (Lakhs)
Left out LSBs on roads sanctioned under PMGSY-I	166	10,137.32	511.89	5.05	166	10,137.32	493.38	4.87
<b>Total</b>	166	10,137.32	511.89	<b>5.05</b>	166	10,137.32	493.38	<b>4.87</b>

\*MoRD Share : Rs. 253.94 Crores

State Share : Rs. 239.43 Crores (This includes Rs. 22.56 Crore higher specification cost due to additional length and 10 nos of LSBs with 7.5 m carriageway))

**3. General & DPR issues**

(i) The issue of Institutional framework of BRRDA was discussed in detail. The Committee observed that there is no bridge expert in position under BRRDA for supervision/monitoring and inspection of the large number of bridge works in the State. The State was advised to work out the requirement of bridge experts in consultation with NRIDA and engage the required number of bridge experts both for supervision and monitoring of planning, design and construction works and separately (as SQMs) for inspection purposes. The instant proposal of the State shall be further considered for approval only after the State put in place the desired Governance



framework for proper execution of the proposal within the time-line of the scheme. It was also observed that state already has more than 500 LSBs under construction. Any governance framework should include the requirement of these and the prospective sanctions of LSBs.

ii) All the proposals of left-out bridges in pipeline for sanction under PMGSY-I & II are required to be completed latest by March, 2022. The projects which are not completed by the said date would be frozen on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 for any activity under PMGSY and the expenditure on such works will then have to be borne by the State Government. The State was advised to chalk out plan of execution accordingly with sufficient execution capacity in place.

iii) Completion of bidding process in the State takes considerable time. The State was advised to complete the bidding process within the specified time line. The state needs to put in place a system to award the work in the in minimum possible timeline. The state should come up with a concrete plan so as to award these projects withing a tight time-line so that works can be completed by March 2022 positively.

iv) Steel quantity in the DPRs, which were found abnormally high at the time of the meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee, has been reduced by the State by around 1085.07 MT. The State was advised to get DPRs re-checked by the STA to ensure that reduction in steel quantity is in accordance with the requirements and will not affect the overall strength. NRIDA was also asked to get it checked from an independent agency/ experts. NRIDA should also investigate as to how the STA has passed these DPRs with irrational quantity of steel.

v) DPRs have not yet been scrutinized by the PTA. State was asked to ensure that atleast 10% of the DPRs are scrutinized by the PTA.

#### **4. Quality**

Attention of State was invited especially to the large number of observation of NQM pending for want of ATR from the State, besides the other issues of Quality like establishment of QC lab, inspection by SQM, U% in ongoing, completed and maintenance works based on NQM inspections. It was observed that 93 ATRs of NQM observations in respect of Completed works and 166 ATRs of Ongoing works are pending with the State. Out of these, 2 ATRs of completed work and 11 ATRs of ongoing work are pending for more than 5 years. State assured immediate action on quality issues.

#### **Recommendation of the Committee**

Subject to the above observations and concurrent action stipulated in the foregoing paras, the Empowered Committee recommended the proposals at Para 2 above.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to and from the Chair.

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