

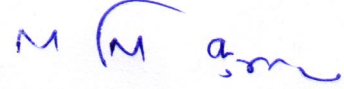
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Minutes

Subject: Minutes of Meeting of Pre-Empowered Committee to discuss the project proposals under PMGSY-III submitted by the State Government of Tamil Nadu for the 2022-23 (Batch-I) -reg.

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Pre- Empowered Committee held on 22nd June, 2022 through VC to consider the project proposals for Batch-I of 2022-23 under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III (PMGSY-III) is forwarded herewith. It is requested that compliance of the State Government on the observations of the Pre-EC may be forwarded to this Ministry on priority.



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Sr. PPS to Secretary (RD)/ PSO to AS&FA (RD)/PPS to JS (RD)/ All Directors, NRIDA, New Delhi.

Minutes of the Meeting of Pre- Empowered Committee held on 22nd June, 2022 at 11:00 am under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary, DoRD & DG, NRIDA through Video Conferencing to discuss the project proposals of Long Span Bridges under PMGSY-III for the year 2022-23 (Batch-I).

A meeting of the Pre-Empowered Committee was held on **22nd June, 2022 at 11:00 am** under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (RD) & DG (NRIDA) **(through Video Conferencing)** to discuss the project proposals of Long Span Bridges for the year 2022-23 (Batch-I) on the roads already sanctioned under PMGSY-III.

2. The following officials were present in the meeting: -

Government of India representatives	
Shri Karma Zimpa Bhutia	Joint Secretary (RD) & DG, NRIDA
Shri KM Singh	Deputy Secretary (RC)
Shri BC Pradhan	Director (Technical) NRIDA
Dr. I.K Pateriya	Director (Projects-III), NRIDA
Shri N.G. Yirmayai	Assistant Commissioner, DoRD
State Government representatives	
Shri Chandra Sekhar Sakhamuri	Joint Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj
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Smt. K. Sumathi	Additional Director, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj department, TNSRRDA
Shri A. Kuttalingam	Chief Engineer, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj department, TNSRRDA
Smt T. Sujatha	Assistant Executive Engineer/ITNO, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj department, TNSRRDA
Shri K. Ganesh Sankar	Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj department, TNSRRDA

3. The details of the project proposal of Long Span Bridges submitted by the State of Tamil Nadu under PMGSY-III, Batch-I of 2022-23 are as under: -

As per Pre EC dated 22.06.2022					As per OMMAS as on 21.06.2022			
Item	Nos	Length (in m)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/m (Lakhs)	Nos	Length (in m)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/m (Lakhs)
LSBs	55	3831.75	225.48	5.88	55	3831.75	225.48	5.88
Total	55	3831.75	225.48	5.88	55	3831.75	225.48	5.88

*MORD share: 125.20 Crore

State Share: Rs. 100.28 Crore

- I. The State of Tamil Nadu has been allocated target of 7,375 Km under PMGSY-III, against which 4,452 Km road length has already been sanctioned. The current proposal of LSBs is on the roads already sanctioned under PMGSY-III.
- II. All Proposals scrutinized by STA on OMMAS. The PTS scrutiny is yet to be finalized. The State was asked to get the PTA scrutiny completed on priority and in any case before the EC meeting.
- III. The average cost of bridges has increased from Rs. 4.28 lakh/m under PMGSY-II (2018-19) to Rs. 5.88 lakh/m in the current batch. The State representative attributed increase in average cost to increased price of steel and cement.
- IV. While analyzing the proposal district-wise, the Committee observed that the average cost is abnormally high in Nagapattinam, Sivaganga and Tiruchirapalli districts. The State representative attributed the higher cost to lead distance. The State was advised to furnish a proper justification.

4. **Compliance on the observations of NRIDA on sample DPRs**

- i. **Package No. TN-25-113-** The State has proposed Slab Bridge over circular column pier with open foundation. The State was advised to compare the cost analysis and check the compatibility of provision according to site condition.
- ii. **Package No. TN-33-12:** The State was advised to submit clear photographs and other supporting documents for high level bridge to cross Kalpadai river. The State was also advised to reduce the number of spans by increasing the span length.
- iii. **Package No. TN-22-190:** The approach length is 90m on one end and 95m on other. The provision for this bridge needs to be relooked as per site condition. The State was also advised to re-examine for adoption of longer span.
- iv. **Package No. TN-04-241:** The proposed bridge is a replacement of vented causeway. The State was asked to submit detailed justification in support of the

proposal alongwith photographs. The State was also asked to submit Inspection report along with Geotag Photographs with regard to retaining wall.

- v. **Package No. TN-28-127:** The proposed length and width of the bridge is 323.40 m and 12.00 m respectively. In terms of para 5.8 of the Programme Guidelines of PMGSY-III, the overall width of the bridge shall be 8.40 m. The pro-rata cost for bridge width over and above this shall be entirely borne by the State. Further, as per provisions of para-5.9 of PMGSY-III guidelines, Long Span Bridge on only the roads proposed under PMGSY-III would be covered under the Scheme (150 m in normal areas and 200 m in special category states). The State was also asked to submit inspection report alongwith Geotag Photographs.
- vi. **Package No. TN-34-04:** The proposed length and width of the bridge is 323.40 m and 12.00 m respectively. Attention of State was invited to provisions of the programme guidelines, as per which, the entire cost of the bridge over and above 8.40 m width and 150 m length shall be borne by the State Government. The State was also advised to re-examine for adoption of higher span to reduce the number of span.

5. General Observations

- i. State should ensure that all proposed 55 LSBs are on PMGSY III roads.
- ii. State should also ensure that all 55 LSBs are uploaded on Geo-Sadak.
- iii. State has proposed 3 bridges of length more than 150m (Package Numbers: TN21349, TN3404 and TN28127). As per para 5.8 & 5.9 of Programme Guidelines of PMGSY-III, the cost of length over and above 150 m and width 8.40 m shall be entirely borne by the State.
- iv. State has proposed more number LSBs with smaller span and more no of vents. State needs to reduce the number of spans by increasing the length of span to achieve economy in cost of construction. They have to attend such issue in all the LSBs.

6. Progress of PMGSY works

TYPE OF WORK-ROADS

S.No	SCHEME	SANCTIONED		COMPLETED		BALANCE		UNAWARDED	
		Nos.	LENGTH (Km)	Nos.	LENGTH (Km)	No. of Roads	Length (km)	No. of Roads	Length (km)
1	PMGSY I	7,678	16,320	7,678	16,168	0	0	0	0
2	PMGSY II	860	2,940	860	2,936	0	0	0	0
3	PMGSY III	1,155	4,452	683	2,721	472	1,716	275	1,254
	Total:	9,693	23,711	9,221	21,825	472	1,716	275	1,254

TYPE OF WORK-LSBs

S.No	SCHEME	SANCTION (Nos.)	COMPLETED (Nos.)	Balance (Nos.)	Unaward (Nos.)
1	PMGSY I	97	97	0	0
2	PMGSY II	34	34	0	0
3	PMGSY III	0	0	0	0
	Total:	131	131	0	0

State was advised to expedite the tendering process for the unawarded works under PMGSY-III.

7. Physical Progress 2022-23

The State has made an achievement of 260 Km, against target for construction of 1,000 Km during FY 2022-23.

8. Maintenance Abstract

The Committee observed that the funds released and expenditure status for roads under DLP has not been updated on OMMAS. The State was advised to update the same on OMMAS.

9. Renewal Length Status (Km)

State was advised to update renewal length and expenditure data on OMMAS.

10. e-MARG

Under e-MARG, 17 (1%) pending for locking, 25 (1%) pending for MEE. Out of total 1100 roads eligible for Routine Inspection in May, 2022, 26(2%) roads missed Routine Inspection. 49 packages are pending for payment for more than three months (Out of packages on which MEE Done) and total 8(16%) packages pending for first payment in e-MARG. The State was advised to saturate payment on e-MARG.

11. Quality Control

I. 199 Packages are in Progress and in 03 Package Quality Control Lab is not yet established.

II. The target for SQM inspection during 2022-23 is 3,068, against which 342 inspections have been carried out. The State was asked to expedite pace of inspection to achieve the target.

III. Unsatisfactory % based on NQM inspections (June'2019-May'2022)

- Completed Works - 1.29% - 309 Completed works inspected
- Ongoing Works - 1.74% - 689 Ongoing works inspected

- Maintenance works – 7.24% - 221 Maintenance Works Inspected

IV. Pending ATRs at State level-

- Total – 05 (Completed works-02, Ongoing Works-03)

The State was asked to submit ATR on priority.

V. Anomalies of SQM Inspections:-

- No gradation, volumetric and density Tests have been conducted on the road to check the structural strength of the pavement, casual inspection by the SQM (Package No. TN05119).
- Laboratory is not fully equipped as major equipment of volumetric analysis is missing in the laboratory (Package No. TN12166 , TN27301, TN03106).
- While checking the Carriageway width, roadway width and camber of the road, SQM has clicked the photographs from a very far distance which does not justify at all (Package No. TN03135).
- Return wall of the box culvert is in the poor condition, recommendation of grouting and plastering is not provided by the SQM and grading does not reflect (Package No. TN05119).

VII. It was noticed during the meeting that SQMs empanelled by the State have graded very few works 'Unsatisfactory' out of the large number of projects inspected by them. The State was advised to scrutinize and find out whether the performance of such SQMs satisfactory.

12. Financial issues

- The State has not submitted Manual Audited Balance Sheet of Administrative Expenses and Maintenance Fund of FY 2020-21. The State representative assured submission of the same within 10 days.
- The State has not submitted Interest verification report for FY2004-05 to 2009-10 & FY 2020-21.
- 4 works pending for financial closure for more than 180 days as on 20-06-2022.

13. The State was asked to furnish the compliance report on the observations of the Pre-Empowered Committee urgently so that the proposal could be placed before the Empowered Committee at the earliest possible.

Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to and from the chair.
