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Government of India Ministry of Rural Development Department of Rural Development (Rural Connectivity Division)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi Dated the 17th February, 2022

To,

The ACS/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of Nodal Department implementing PMGSY (including RCPLWEA) in the States/ UTs

Subject: Amendment in the programme guidelines of PMGSY and RCPLWEA for release of second and subsequent installments for the year 2022-23.

Sir/Madam

As you are aware the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has helped immensely in improving mobility and increased access to economic opportunities, thus triggering a structural transformation in rural India. Under PMGSY, assets of 6,87,481 km of road network has been created with an investment of Rs. 2,66,684 crore. It is imperative that these assets are maintained properly so that they continue to serve people for a longer period. It is therefore incumbent upon the States/ UTs to pay sufficient attention to their maintenance.

- 2. Towards effective implementation of the scheme, the Ministry has taken many initiatives. However, their effective implementation largely depend on the active cooperation and participation of the states. To bring transparency in the expenditure of maintenance funds, e-Marg has been introduced and it is incumbent upon states to take all the necessary steps in this regard for its successful implementation. Similarly, quality of construction of roads is another important aspect for which sufficient attention is required. Financial reconciliation and the interest verification work are the other areas which require focused attention during the year 2022-23.
- 3. The existing conditions/ requirements for release of second installment of Programme Fund in a year, as mentioned in para 19.3 of the programme guidelines of PMGSY are as follows:
 - I. Utilisation Certificate for the funds released earlier, year-wise in the form prescribed.
- II. Certificate by the Bank Manager indicating the balance amount on date of issue of the Certificate and the interest credited.
- III. A Certificate regarding the requisite physical completion of works.
- IV. For all releases after October of a year, production of an Audited Statement of Accounts and a Balance Sheet and related Statements, duly certified by the Chartered Accountant for the accounts of the previous financial year.
- V. Outputs of the relevant modules of the OMMAS, duly certified by the SRRDA as being correct.
- VI. A certificate from CEO of SRRDA that maintenance funds required as per maintenance contracts in force had been spent during the previous financial year. For release after May of an year, the certificate should also include that 50% of such maintenance fund requirements for the current Financial Year has been released by the State, whereas for releases after November the certificate should be for 100% of such fund.

- 4. In order to ensure better compliance of the issues relating to maintenance, quality, and financial discipline, some additional conditions are being added under Para 19.3 of the programme guidelines of PMGSY besides the existing ones for the release of second and subsequent installments during the year 2022-23. The release of second and subsequent installments during FY 2022-23 will be incumbent on complying with these additional conditions also and submission of the related documents thereof. These additional conditions are as under:
 - I. Pushing of all the *eligible* works on on e-Marg. A certificate to this effect duly certified by CEO will have to be given while submitting the proposal of fund release. The same should also be reflected on e-Marg portal.
 - II. A statement indicating year and batch-wise financial reconciliation carried out of the funds released to the state since inception of PMGSY till 2019-20, with the actual expenditure along with the expenditure incurred on account of higher specification have been carried out.
- III. A statement indicating that bank interest verification have been carried out for the ten financial years (2010-2021).
- IV. A statement to the effect that no action taken report (ATR) on NQM observation is pending for submission, for a period more than one year from the date of NQM inspection. The same situation should reflect on OMMAS.
- V. A declaration that scanned copies of Quality Control Registers (QCR) part-I along with grades awarded to these registers by Superintending Engineer (SE) of the circle (or similar senior officer) and the State Quality Coordinator (SQC) have been uploaded in OMMAS for all the ongoing projects, including the projects which have been physically completed within the last six months. The same situation should reflect on OMMAS.
- VI. A certificate that the concerned Chief Engineer (CE) of the area (or of the HQ) has examined at least 20% of the Quality Control Registers (QCR) part-1 and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the SRRDA has examined 10% of the QCR part-1, and the same (along with the observations of CE and CEO) have been uploaded by the SQC in OMMAS. The same situation should reflect on OMMAS.
- VII. A certificate that all the SQM reports has been uploaded on OMMAS within a period of one month from the date of inspection.
- VIII. A certificate that all SQM reports have been scrutinized by the Quality Monitoring Cell (QMC) of SRRDA, within a month from the date of uploading in OMMAS. The same situation should reflect on OMMAS.
- 5. All States/UTs are requested to comply with the above conditions at the time of fund release for the second and subsequent installments for the year 2022-23. All may, therefore, kindly take note of the same and take necessary actions accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

Copy for similar action to:-

- 1. The Chief Executive Officers/ Engineers-in-Chief/ Chief Engineers of PMGSY (SRRDAs) and RCPLWEA in the States
- 2. All Directors in NRIDA.