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Subject:-Timely award of the projects sanctioned under PMGSY-III-regarding.

As per para 13.2 of the Programme guidelines of PMGSY-III, the average tendering time for projects sanctioned under PMGSY-III has been stipulated as 45 days. However, the State Governments often seek more time citing provisions of para 8.1.2 of Operational Manual of PMGSY, wherein a time-line of 71 days has been indicated for completion of the tendering process.

2. In order to ensure that the provisions of the Operational Manual on PMGSY are in sync with the programme guidelines, I have been directed to convey that the following amendments have been made in the Programme Guidelines of PMGSY-III as well as in Operational Manual of PMGSY, so as to clarify the issue of timeline of procurement process:-

(i) Programme Guidelines of PMGSY-III

Existing provision: Para No. 13.2: With the above schedule and considering 45 days as the average tendering time, all cleared works should be able to be reported as completed at the end of 20th month from clearance by the Ministry. The eligibility for release of second installment of subsequent year's cleared works will be determined accordingly (refer to para 19).

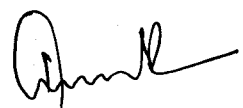
Amended provision: Para No. 13.2: With the above schedule and considering 45 days as the average tendering time, as per the time-frame for various activities given in Para 8.1.2 of the Operational Manual of PMGSY, all cleared works should be able to be reported as completed at the end of 20th month from clearance by the Ministry. The eligibility for release of second installment of subsequent year's cleared works will be determined accordingly (refer to para 19).

(ii) Operation Manual of PMGSY

Para 8.1.2 of the Operational Manual of PMGSY will now be read as follows:

"8.1.2 All the States shall follow the State specific Standard Bidding Document, prescribed by the NRIDA, for all the tenders. The Standard Bidding Document, inter-alia, provides for:

- A two envelope tendering process consisting of the Technical Bid and Financial Bid (except in the case of some World Bank works). The Technical bids to be opened first and evaluated and the financial bids of only those bidders to be opened whose technical bids are found responsive after evaluation.
- Time frame for various activities in the tendering process.
- Clear qualifications for the contractor to qualify for Bidding.
- Evaluation of Bidding Capacity in each case.

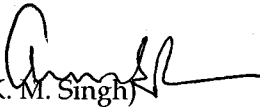


The time frame for various activities in the tendering process is given below:

Particulars of Action	Days	Cumulative Total Days	Remarks
Issue of administrative, financial approvals, technical sanction and preparatory work for issue of tender notice	10 (Time count starts)	10	
Advertising the Press Notice/ NIT	10 th day	10	After integration of OMMAS and GePNIC, NIT can be published by pushing sanctioned work data from OMMAS to GePNIC
Last Date for submission of bids and opening of Tenders (Opening of outer envelope and Technical Bids)	21	31	
Evaluation of Technical Bids and notification of result of Technical Bids including resolution of complaints , if any	10	41	As per SBD, there is a provision of 5 days to resolve any representation from bidders.
Opening of Financial Bids, evaluation and approval of financial bids, communication of approval/ letter of intent to the bidder	7	48	Tender process gets completed in 38 days from the publication of NIT
Submission of Performance Security, Signing of Agreement and issue of Work-Order	17	65	Tendering process from publication of NIT to issue of work order gets completed in 55 days (i.e. less than two months), and in 65 days from issue of sanction order by Gol.
Commencement of Work	07	72	Time from sanction to commencement of works is 72 days

3. All formalities starting from the publication of advertisement/ NIT to the award of works (issuing to letter of intent/ acceptance etc.) shall be completed within a period of 38 days. In case works are to be re-tendered, instead of 21 days initially given for submission of bids, 15 days time should be given.

4. All States/UTs are requested to take note of the aforesaid amended provisions, and adhere to the time-line scrupulously for award of works sanctioned under PMGSY.


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