

**F.No. P-17023/5/2005/PI/NRRDA**  
**National Rural Roads Development Agency**  
**Ministry of Rural Development**

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**Date: 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2017**

To,

**All Principal Secretaries / Secretaries dealing with implementation of PMGSY in the States.**

**Sub: Preparation of a Common Schedule of Rates (SoRs) for the Road & Bridge work in rural areas by different departments within the State.**

Sir,


This is in continuation of my previous letter No.P-17023/5/2005/P-I dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 & subsequent reminder from Director (Projects-I), NRRDA vide letter of even no. dated 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. The States were advised to make use of the Standard Data Book (SDB) published by Indian Roads Congress (IRC) for Ministry of Rural Development, in preparation of a common Schedule of Rates for the road and bridge works of rural areas, by different departments within the State. You agree that this would avoid the problem of inconsistency of rates being used for same items of work by the different departments of the State for preparation of the cost estimates for construction and maintenance of rural roads.

2. As you are well aware, the Hon'ble Prime Minister chaired a meeting to review the performance of PMGSY in the month of February, 2016, in which the issue of increase in average cost of construction per km of PMGSY, as well as the method of preparation of Schedule of Rates (SoRs) by the States was discussed. Following this, a national workshop was organised on 23.09.2016 at Udaipur to deliberate on such Common Schedule of Rates.

3. In view of the above, I would, therefore, again request you to review the matter with the concerned Engineers-in-Chief, Chief Engineers of PWD, RD, RES etc. and other concerned departments for adopting a common Schedule of Rate in the State for all works in rural areas.

4. I would be grateful, if a line on the action taken by the State on this subject is reported to the Ministry at the earliest, for onward submission to PMO.

Yours sincerely,

  
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**(Rajesh Bhushan)**