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Sub: Implementation of Geographical Information System (GIS) under PMGSY

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is being implemented with the objective of providing all-weather road connectivity to all the unconnected habitations and the programme also funds the upgradation of the rural roads in the States. The successful maintenance and management of the huge rural road network lies in the optimal use of the resources available. The availability of data handling tools and a qualitative data base is a pre-requisite for ensuring proper management of these roads. For this purpose, the National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) has entered into an MoU with the Centre for Development of Advance Computing (CDAC), Pune on 27.10.2015 for the implementation of web based GIS on PMGSY.

The National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) is providing guidance and financial support for the states for the digitisation work and CDAC is entrusted with the responsibility of creating the requisite software and Hardware for running the project in a designated website to be created by CDAC for this purpose. The creation of web based GIS for PMGSY is a time bound project and the Ministry of Rural Development intends to launch this project fully in early 2018. So far, only 6 states have completed the GIS work and are ready for launching.

The status of the project is being monitored by NRRDA/MoRD from its inception. A review meeting was recently chaired by the Secretary, RD on 18.08.2017 and subsequently the status of certain states was reviewed through VC on 28.08.2017 and 06.09.2017. The status of NE states was reviewed on 05.09.2017 in the RRM held in New Delhi. During these reviews many issues were discussed and states were asked to address them suitably. The minutes of the above meetings have been shared with the states.

However, it is observed that while some of the states have made progress, a few states are still lagging behind their schedule or are not following the action plan indicated in the above meetings. Some states seem to have been bogged down by other issues and have made limited progress in the last 2 months. Similarly, few states have so far not indicated a clear timeline for completion.

It is also observed that some states are still struggling to identify consultants for the above project. I have already written to such states on 21.09.2017 to take pro-active efforts to sort out the issues, but not much progress seems to have been made. The status in respect of your State is given in the annexure for reference.

I am to reiterate that creation of Web GIS is a priority item for MoRD/NRRDA and the pace of the implementation of GIS needs to be expedited. I would also request you to personally follow up and review the implementation of this project and also monitor the progress at your level.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Alka Upadhayaya)

To:

Principal Secretary/Secretary in-charge of PMGSY in all the States (except Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Sikkim and Uttarakhand)