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Sub: Formulation and notification of State Policy on Maintenance of Rural Roads.

Ref: Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India's letter of even number dated 19th January, 2018.

Dear Me. Vasara

As you are well aware that the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has created a substantial rural road infrastructure in the country to improve rural connectivity and access to socio-economic services. It is necessary to maintain this huge network in a good condition, at all times, if these rural roads are to contribute towards sustainable poverty eradication in our villages.

- 2. In this context, the Ministry has repeatedly emphasized the need to formulate and notify a dedicated Maintenance Policy for Rural Roads at State level, which will not only ensure adequate and regular stream of maintenance funds but would also specify the outcomes in terms of physical standards of well-maintained rural roads and financial progress.
- 3. The Ministry has formulated and circulated among all the States a standard template for Rural Roads Maintenance Policy (RRMP) and a Guidance Note on how to formulate and implement RRMP. During the last two years, 23 States have formulated and notified such policy. Your State has not yet notified Rural Road Maintenance Policy and several letters/reminders have been written to the State for formulation of a Rural Road Maintenance Policy.
- 4. You are, therefore, once again requested to kindly facilitate expeditious formulation and notification of State Policy on Maintenance of Rural Roads.

with Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

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