

Dr. Ashish Kumar Goel, IAS

Additional Secretary, MoRD
Director General, NRIDA



राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण अवसंरचना विकास एजेंसी
(ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)

National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency
(Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India)

5th Floor, 15-NBCC Tower, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066

F. No.:NRRDA-T015(14)/3/2018-Dir(P-II) (360858) / 1532 20 July 2023

To,

**The Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries
of Nodal Department implementing PMGSY and RCPLEWA in the
States/ UTs.**

**Sub: Improvement in existing eMARG (DLP) module in compliance to
NRIDA SBD.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

NRIDA has been actively monitoring the progress of states in eMARG since its inception. Through interactions with the states, it has been noticed that there are concerns in compliance with NRIDA SBD provisions. To address these concerns, certain changes in eMARG are being implemented to align it with NRIDA SBD. The details of these changes are outlined below:-

1. As per SBD clause 38.2 (f) the contractor shall submit monthly bills by the 10th day of the next month (on web-based software utility e- Marg) and if the bill for a month is not received from the Contractor, he forfeits his right for the payment and no payment shall be due to the contractor. It is observed that in many cases, despite the district officials having conducted all the required activities on their part i.e., Routine Inspection and Performance Evaluation, due to the non-submission of bills by the contractor, PIU cannot proceed with the billing process. As of now, there are 61,440 bills pending for submission by the contractor, amounting to Rs. 179 crore. This leads to the display of a huge pendency on the part of States.

To resolve this issue **"eMARG is being configured so that after the stipulated 10 days allowed to submit bills, a final notice will be sent to the contractor on mobile app, giving the last chance of 10 days for submission, failing which the bill will be automatically submitted by the system. Since these bills would in any case be late submissions, irrespective of RI or PE, these bills will be construed to be zero by the system in compliance of the SBD clauses as mentioned above and no payment for that period will be admissible to the contractor"**.

2. As per SBD clause 38.2 The payment for routine maintenance of roads to the Contractor is performance based. The performance of roads is assessed on e-Marg, through regular Routine Inspection (RI) and Performance Evaluation (PE) by the engineer. However, it is noticed that in some cases RI and PE are not being carried out by PIUs regularly. In compliance with the NRIDA SBD, eMARG is being configured so as not to allow PE, if RI is missed for more than one time in a DLP year for the work. **In all such cases where RI is missed (except for maximum one in a DLP year), the bill for that month will be made zero by the system. Maximum relaxation of one missed RI per DLP year would be available, provided consecutive RIs are not missed from one DLP year to the other.**

3. There is a provision in NRIDA SBD that the balance performance security, security deposit can be released only after satisfactory completion of defect liability period. Further, SBD section 4 Part 1 GCC clause 32.1 states that "The Engineer shall give notice to the Contractor of any Defects before the end of the Defects Liability Period, which begins from the Completion Date and ends after five years. The Defects Liability Period shall be extended for as long as the Defects remain to be corrected".

In compliance with the above, e-MARG is being configured to ascertain the satisfactory performance of roads during the 5-year Defect Liability Period i.e. having secured at least 80% marks for the entire period. Accordingly, e-MARG will calculate the period of non-satisfactory performance of road while generating Defect Liability Certificate. The non satisfactory period will be added to determine the extended period of DLP. The release of performance security, security deposit shall be allowed only when eMARG generated defect liability completion certificate mentions no extension of defect liability period based upon the satisfactory performance of the road. **The finance wing of SRRDA shall ensure compliance of the same and release the deposits only after eMARG system generated Defect Completion Certificate. The format of Defect Liability Certificate as generated in eMARG is enclosed as Annexure-I.**

In view of the above, it is advised that all concerned, including contractors, are suitably apprised.

Encl: As Above

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Dr. Ashish Kumar Goel)

Copy for information to:-

1. The CEOs/E-in-Cs/Chief Engineers, Finance Controllers of the SRRDA/ Departments dealing with PMGSY & RCPLWEA.
2. Mrs. Geetanjali Mehta, Senior Director (IT), Head GIS & OTG Division National Informatics Centre, Bhopal, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. You are requested to implement all the above changes in eMARG system with immediate effect and report completion.

**Defect Liability Completion Certificate
(Generated by eMARG)
eMARG Road ID**

1. The (Package No., road name, ID, Contractor name, Name of PIU, District State, date of start of DLP, Date of completion of DLP) has performed during DLP as per eMARG record as follows:

a. Satisfactory Performance of road i.e. more than 80% marks in PE

For the Period/Periods

TotalMonths

b. Unsatisfactory Performance of road i.e. less than 80% marks in PE for the **Period/Periods**

TotalMonths

2. In view of above, it is noticed that non satisfactory performance of road has been for a total period of months.

3. The defect liability period is thus extended to months and now the DLP will complete on (original Date plus extended Date 1+ Extended Date 2+.....)

4. The Performance Security/ Security Deposit is to be released only when the full defect liability period of 5 years is satisfactory either in extended period s/ original period.

5. Finance to release deposit only when DLP period is satisfactory for total 5 years.

Sign
PIU/Incharge

Date:
Place: