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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of Nodal Department implementing PMGSY (including RCPLWEA) in the States/UTs

Sub: Provision of Maintenance funds required as per the maintenance contract-regarding

Sir/Madam

As you are aware the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has helped immensely in improving mobility and increased access to economic opportunities, thus triggering a structural transformation in rural India. Under PMGSY, assets of more than 6,38,700 Km has been created with an investment of more than 2,36,400 crore. It is, therefore, incumbent upon the States/ UTs to pay sufficient attention for their maintenance in order to ensure that they continue serve the public for a longer period.

2. Maintenance of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is the responsibility of the concerned State/UT Government. However, it has been observed that the State/UT Governments are not making adequate provisions in their budget for maintenance of the rural roads constructed under PMGSY. As a result, the roads constructed with huge investment of public money get deteriorated in the absence of the proper maintenance and require replacement/relaying with huge cost. It has also been seen that in many States, though the funds are allocated for maintenance purpose but they are not utilized adequately by the concerned agency.

3. As per the provisions of para-19 of the programme guidelines, the release of 2nd installment of programme fund in a year shall be subject to submission of, among others, a certificate from CEO of SRRDA that maintenance funds required as per maintenance contracts in force had been spent during the previous financial year. For release after May of an year, the certificate should also include that 50% of such maintenance funds requirements for the current financial year have been released by the State, whereas for release after November the certificate should be for 100% of such funds. However, it has been observed that the above provision of the guidelines is not complied with by the State Governments while sending proposals for release of funds. Hitherto, on the request of the States/ UTs, this Ministry used to solicit the relaxation from the higher authorities in all such cases in the interest of the implementation of the programme.

4. However, it has been seen that many states have not credited/spent maintenance funds as require under the programme. In accordance with the provisions of the programme guidelines, **it has been decided that with effect from 1st April, 2021, only such proposals which are compliant to para-19.3(vi) of the programme guidelines shall be considered for release of 2nd installment of programme funds.** Thus, all the States/ UTs are requested to make sufficient provision for maintenance of rural roads in their budget, so that the same may be made available to the implementing agency, and the flow of PMGSY funds to the State/ UT is not obstructed for this reason.

5. All may kindly take note of it and take necessary action accordingly.

Yours faithfully



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Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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1. The Chief Executive Officer and Engineer-in-Chief/Chief Engineers of PMGSY in the States
2. All Directors in NRIDA.