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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development
Rural Connectivity (RC) Division

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 23rd June, 2023

To,

All Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries In-Charge of PMGSY of all States/UTs.

Subject: Role of Hon'ble Members of Parliament in planning and selection of road works under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III-reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to subject cited above and to say that the PMGSY has an inbuilt mechanism for consultation with public representative at various stages of planning and implementation of the programme. Advisories have been issued and reiterated from time to time to the State Governments/State Rural Road Development Agencies, giving emphasis, *inter-alia*, on strict compliance of these provisions. The last such advisory was issued vide this Ministry's letter No. P-17025/37/2013-RC dated 2nd June, 2020.

2. As per the above communications, the States/UTs were to strictly comply with the stipulations made under the PMGSY-III programme guidelines for consultation with the Member(s) of Parliament on all related issues by giving due cognizance and consideration of their views/suggestions. Various provisions of the PMGSY-III guidelines, which provide detailed procedure for consultation with the Members of Parliament during the process of planning and selection of roads are reproduced below:

Para 3.6. The suggestions given by the Members of Parliament are to be given full consideration while finalizing the District Rural Roads Plan (DRRP).

Para 5.5. The Annual proposals will be based on the CUCPL following the Order of Priority (subject to PCI). However, it is possible that there are inadvertent errors or omissions, particularly in the selection of Through Routes. Accordingly, it is desirable to also associate public representatives while finalizing the selection of road works in the annual proposals. The proposals of the Members of Parliament are required to be given full consideration, for this purpose:

i. The CUCPL should be sent to concerned Members of Parliament with the request that their proposals on the selection of works out of the CUCPL should be sent to the District Panchayat. It is suggested that at least 15 clear days may be given for the purpose.

ii. In order to ensure that the prioritization has some reference to the funding available, the size of proposals expected may also be indicated to the Members of Parliament while forwarding the CUCPL list to them. District wise allocation may be indicated to enable choice with the requisite geographical spread. It would be ensured that such proposals of Members of Parliament which adhere to the Order of

Priority would be invariably accepted subject to consideration of equitable allocation of funds and need for upgradation.

iii. The proposals received from the Members of Parliament by the stipulated date would be given full consideration in the District Panchayat which would record the reason in each case of non-inclusion. Such proposals that cannot be included would be communicated in writing to the Members of Parliament with reasons for non-inclusion of such proposals in each case. It would be preferable if the communication is issued from the Nodal Department at a senior level.

Para 7.1: After approval by the District Panchayat, the proposals would be forwarded by the PIU to the SRRDA. The PIU will at that time prepare the details of proposals forwarded by the Members of Parliament and action taken thereon, in Proforma MP-I and MP-II and sent it along with proposals. In all cases where the proposal of an MP has not been included, cogent reasons shall be given based on the reasons given by the District Panchayat.

Para 7.3: The State Level Standing Committee (SLSC) would scrutinize the proposals to see that they are in accordance with the Guidelines and that the proposals of the Members of Parliament have been given full consideration.

3. All States/UTs are again advised to adhere to the guidelines relating to consultation with the Members of Parliament in letter and spirit, and the following needs to be ensured:

- i. Hon'ble Members of Parliament may be briefed about the PMGSY-III planning process, overall allocation and inter-se Block/District allocation etc. at the beginning of the planning exercise.
- ii. Hence, it is reiterated that final list of proposals, in order of priority, would be communicated in writing to the Member of Parliament with reasons for non-inclusion of such proposals in each case. It would be preferable if this communication is made by a senior official and their recommendation/consent be obtained in writing on the overall proposed list. It should be ensured that the Members of Parliament receive such communication and a reasonable time of 15 days is given to them to respond with their recommendations.
- iii. Such recommendations should also be included along with MP-I and MP-II formats. If such response/recommendation is not received in 15 days, a clear note to this effect is to be recorded in the proposal. The proposal to the Ministry may be sent by SRRDA along with a note regarding the process adopted by the State in dealing with the recommendations of Members of Parliament.

4. The Ministry has vide letter No. P.17025/24/2022-RC dated 3rd February, 2022 (copy enclosed) also reiterated instructions regarding invitation to the Public Representatives for foundation laying and inauguration ceremonies of PMGSY works. The States/UTs are advised to strictly adhere to the guidelines and ensure there is no grievance from the Hon'ble Members of Parliament in this regard.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,


23/6/23
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Copy to: All CEOs/Chief Engineers of PMGSY implementing States/UTs.

File No.P-17025/24/2022-RC (FMS-378848)

Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development
Rural Connectivity Division

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 3rd February, 2022

To

All Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries In-Charge of PMGSY of all the States/UTs.

Subject: Invitation to the Public Representatives for foundation laying and inauguration ceremonies of PMGSY works - reg.

Sir/Madam,

PMGSY has an inbuilt mechanism for consultation with public representatives at various stages of planning and implementation of the programme. It has already been advised to all the States/ UTs that in the matter of selection of roads to be taken up under PMGSY, the suggestions of elected representatives, including MPs and MLAs, are expected to be duly taken into account and given full consideration. Besides, all the elected representatives associated with the programme should be duly invited to the foundation laying and inauguration ceremonies of PMGSY works. Advisories have been issued in this regard and reiterated from time to time to the State Governments by the Ministry. However, it has come to the notice of the Ministry that despite the above advisories, numerous complaints are being received from the various MPs about not inviting them to foundation laying and inauguration ceremonies of PMGSY works.

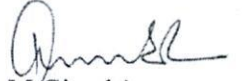
2. In this regard an advisory was issued by this Ministry to all states/UTs on 28.7.2011 (copy enclosed). The abstract of the above advisory is once brought to the notice of states/UTs for strict compliance:

- i. All elected representatives associated with the programme should be duly invited to the foundation laying and inauguration ceremonies of PMGSY works;
- ii. The function should be held in a manner befitting official function with due regard to protocol requirements, particularly in relation to Hon'ble Union Ministers and Hon'ble Ministers from States;
- iii. The foundation stone for a PMGSY road should be laid and the road should also be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) with the function presided over by the local Hon'ble Minister or other dignitary as per the State Protocol;

3. States are once again advised to strictly adhere to the above guidelines and ensure that no such complaints are received from the Hon'ble Members of Parliament in this respect. **Further, a good quality photograph (each) of the inauguration and foundation laying ceremonies, containing clear picture of Hon'ble M.P along with the plaque must be uploaded on OMMAS.**

4. All concerned may kindly take note of it and do the needful.

Yours faithfully,



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Copy to:

1. **All CEOs/Chief Engineers of PMGSY implementing States/UTs.**
2. **All Directors, NRIDA**

No. P-17017/1/2010-RC
Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
Dated: 28th July, 2011

CIRCULAR No. 10 /2011

Subject: Participation of Hon'ble Members of Parliament in selection of eligible proposals, joint inspections and Foundation Laying Ceremony under PMGSY.

The role of Hon'ble Members of Parliament in successful implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is extremely important. PMGSY envisages an important role for them in planning and monitoring of Rural Roads.

2. With a view to ensure wider participation of the elected representatives at various levels of decision making, PMGSY guidelines, *inter alia*, provide for consultation with the Hon'ble Members of Parliament. Some of them are:

- a. The Core Network and District Rural Roads Plan are to be finalized by the District Panchayat after giving full consideration to the suggestions of the Hon'ble Member of Parliament.
- b. Suggestions of the Hon'ble Members of Parliament are to be taken while finalizing the Comprehensive New Connectivity Priority List (CNCPL) and Comprehensive Upgradation Priority List (CUPL).
- c. The Annual Plan proposals are to be finalized in consultation with the Hon'ble Members of Lok Sabha in respect of their constituencies and Hon'ble Members of Rajya Sabha in respect of that district for which they have been nominated as Vice-chairman of the District Vigilance & Monitoring Committee.
- d. The proposals received from the Hon'ble Members of Parliament by the stipulated date have to be given full consideration by the District Panchayat. The Hon'ble Member of Parliament should be informed of the inclusion/non-inclusion of their proposals along with the reasons given in each case in the event of non-inclusion.

3. In continuation of the earlier letter No. P-17025/11/2010-RC dated 11th March, 2010 regarding participation of Hon'ble MPs in inspections of PMGSY Projects and Foundation Laying Ceremony under PMGSY, Hon'ble Union Minister for Rural Development has written to all the Hon'ble Members of Parliament vide D.O. letter No. P-17025/11/2010-RC dated 21st April, 2010.

4. The State Governments have also been reminded to ensure a system of joint inspections of PMGSY projects. The procedure of inspections should be as under:-

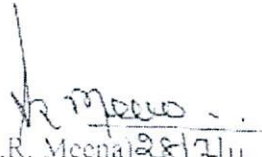
- i. The Superintending Engineer incharge of the zone will request the Hon'ble MP and Chairman Zila Panchayat representing that zone once in six months for

joint inspection of PMGSY road works as per the convenience of the MP and Chairman, Zila Panchayat.

- ii. The Executive Engineer in-charge of the Division will request the MLA/Chairperson of the Intermediate Panchayat concerned once in three months for joint inspection as per their convenience.
- iii. The Assistant Engineer in-charge of the subdivision will request the concerned Chairman, Gram Panchayat once in two months for joint inspection.

5. In spite of above stipulations, some States are not adhering to these instructions as reported by many Hon'ble Members of Parliament. They have also pointed out that they are not being invited to lay the foundation stone or to inaugurate the PMGSY roads. Hence, the following stipulations are again issued for strict compliance by State Governments:-

- (a) All elected representatives associated with the programme should be duly invited to the foundation laying and inauguration ceremonies.
 - (b) The function should be held in a manner befitting official functions with due regard to protocol requirements, particularly in relation to Hon'ble Union Ministers and Hon'ble Ministers from States; and
 - (c) The foundation stone for a PMGSY road should be laid and the road should also be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) with the function presided over by the local Hon'ble Minister or other dignitary as per State Protocol.
 - (d) While sending new project proposals for consideration, digital photographs of the recent foundation laying ceremony or the Inauguration of a road by the concerned Hon'ble MP should invariably be enclosed. In case, the Hon'ble Member of Parliament could not attend any foundation laying or inauguration function, copies of the letters inviting him for foundation or inauguration ceremony should also be appended with the new DPRs.
6. Please ensure action as per paras 2,4 and 5 above.


(S.R. Meena) 28/7/11
Director (RC)

To

All State Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries dealing with PMGSY .

Copy to:

- (i) PS to Secretary (RD)/ PS to JS (RC)
- (ii) Directors of RC Division and NRRDA (A + C F & P)
- (iii) Technical Director (NIC)
- (iv) Guard file

No.P-17025/11/10-RC
Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
Dated the 11th March, 2010

To

All Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of States/UTs In-charge of PMGSY

Sub: Foundation laying/inauguration of Projects under PMGSY

Sir

Some Hon'ble Members of Parliament have complained before Hon'ble Minister, Rural Development that they are not being invited on the occasion of laying of foundation stones or inauguration of road works being constructed under PMGSY.

2. It had been instructed earlier that Executing Agencies and District Administration must ensure that-

- (a) All elected representatives associated with the programme are duly invited to the foundation laying and inauguration ceremonies.
- (b) The functions should be held in a manner befitting official functions with due regard to protocol requirements, particularly in relation to Central Ministers and Ministers of States; and
- (c) The foundation stone is laid by the local Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) with the function presided over by the local Minister or other dignitary as per state protocol.

3. An expenditure of up to Rs. 5,000/- per project has also been permitted for these events, which can be met out of administrative funds sanctioned as per para 12.2 of the guideline vide this office letter no. P-17023/9/2007-RC dated 7th April, 2008. However, the amount of 0.5% earmarked for independent quality monitoring by the second tier should not be used for this purpose.

4. Kindly inform all concerned Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) to take necessary steps and invite Hon'ble Members of Parliament for the foundation laying and inauguration ceremonies of PMGSY works.

Yours' faithfully

P. K. Anand 11/3/2010
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