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To

1. Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries /Secretaries of the nodal department implementing PMGSY and RCPLWE projects in States/ UTs.
2. Chief Executive Officers of SRRDA in all States / UTs.
3. Engineer-in Chief / Chief Engineer handling PMGSY in all States/UTs.

Sub: Professional competency test for State Quality Monitors- regarding


NRIDA, in collaboration with IIT Bhubaneswar, is organising on-line professional competency test for NQMs and SQMs periodically. The objective of these tests is help quality monitors to brush-up their technical knowledge and to be up-to-date in the existing code of practices for construction of rural roads, particularly with reference to new materials and technologies. The questions are more on the practical approach focusing on the topics pertaining to basic road engineering/ QC testing procedures/ contract conditions of PMGSY bid document including the systems and procedures prescribed under PMGSY.

2. Besides all NQMs, the test for SQMs has been carried out for the States of Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal. Test of SQMs in the remaining States would be conducted shortly. After each test, IIT Bhubaneswar shares the score card with the individual monitor and the NRIDA shares the consolidated list of score of all SQMs, with the concerned State Quality Coordinator (SQC).

3. Scores obtained by SQMs in the above mentioned States was analyzed in NRIDA. It emerged that performance of several SQMs in a few States was very poor. It emerged that some of the SQMs may even do not have the basic understanding of engineering practices.

4. It has, therefore, been decided that for all SQMs who score less than 35% marks in the on-line proficiency test shall not be allowed to take-up the inspection assignments till they improve their score in the next proficiency test. It would be the personal responsibility of the SQC to ensure that inspection assignment is not issued to such SQMs who have scored less than 35 % marks in a proficiency test, till they obtain qualifying % of marks in next proficiency test.

Yours sincerely,

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