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The undersigned is direct to forward herewith proceedings of Regional Review Meetings held on 16.01.2020 at New Delhi for the States of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh and Uttarakhand for information and necessary action.

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Minutes of the Regional Review Meeting for the States of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarkhand and Union Territories Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on 16th January, 2020 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

A regional review meeting was held on 16th January, 2020 at New Delhi under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (RD), MoRD & DG, NRIDA for Himachal Pradesh, Uttarkhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to have an intensive discussions on issues like Progress Monitoring, Planning, New and Green Technology, Contract Management, Finance & Accounts, Quality, Maintenance Management etc. The meeting was attended by State officials, Director (RC), MoRD and Director(s) from NRIDA.

At the outset, Director (Projects-I) welcomed the AS(RD), MoRD and DG, NRIDA, Directors of NRIDA, and State representatives who have come to attend this Regional Review Meeting of PMGSY. He informed that this is the 2nd review meeting of the States during this FY 2019-20. The workshop was inaugurated by lighting the lamp.

AS (RD), MoRD and DG, NRIDA also thanked the SRRDA, officials for attending this Regional Review Meeting at New Delhi. She informed that we are nearly on the completion stage of connectivity under PMGSY-I. Recently Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development has taken intensive review of various schemes of Rural Development and desired to reach connectivity status to 100% from 97%. **Hon'ble MRD also desired to identify such roads which are more than 4 years old and not yet awarded, no further funds shall be released for these works, if it is not completed by March, 2020, States shall bear all the cost from the State budget on these roads, if not completed by March 2020.** The SRRDAs should emphasis more on completion of PMGSY I and PMGSY-II targets. DG, NRIDA informed that Secretary, RD, Government of India prepared teams of officers who will visit SRRDAs to get the figures which we have to chase. We may also foreclose the Roads which are upto to the WBM level. SRRDAs should pay more attention to the awards of works since this is method of pushing the Governance agenda. **DG, NRIDA desired that the 3 participating states should concentrate more on finishing the in-progress work and the states may start preparation of PMGSY-III during rainy season so that they may join PMGSY-III Project in next financial year. IT Nodal officer of SRRDA plays a key role in regular updation of data on OMMAS therefore there is need that ITNOs should regularly be in touch with PIUs for updating the completion data and there is a need that one officer of the level of Superintending Engineer/ Executive Engineer should be with ITNO to speed up the progress.** GIS mapping is to be given high priority as it is primary criteria for sanction of PMGSY-III. DG, NRIDA informed that no further sanctions will be given under PMGSY-I as the cut off date was March 2019. She further informed that the cut off date for PMGSY-II will be March 2020.

DG, NRIDA also presented a brief overview of performance by States with regard to progress, achievement of targets, quality, finance, green technology, maintenance monitoring, etc. In her address, emphasize was given on upkeep and maintenance of roads. **States need to focus on maintenance budget planning, monitoring system etc.** The comparison was also shown to the States w.r.t the achievement in the quarter of 2018-19 and 2019-20 (upto Dec. 19) Himachal Pradesh (1,335 km in 2018-19 & 815 km in 2019-20), J&K (1,622 km in 2018-19 & 1,265 km in 2019-20) and Uttarakhand (1,757 km in 2018-19 & 960 km in 2019-20). Pace of constructions are relatively slow with comparison to the achievement made during last year upto

Dec. 2019. States have been advised to increase the pace of work in the remaining period.

DG, NRIDA desired to expedite the completion of works under PMGSY-I and the States should have a completion plan to complete the works latest by June, 2020. Participating States were requested to focus on completion of ongoing works on priority, so that the States may switch over to PMGSY-III by next financial year.

States were also advised to submit proposals for dropping of roads which are not feasible. DG, NRIDA further stressed the necessity of close monitoring of physical progress and bringing down the time gap between tendering and awarding of works. Approximately, 8081 km of road length (PMGSY-I & II) is lying unawarded against the total balance length of 21,628 km across the country with these four States/UTs. Against the total 8,081 km unawarded road length, majority of the length remains to be awarded by the States of Himachal Pradesh (608 km PMGSY-I and 1,251 km PMGSY-II), Jammu & Kashmir (1419 km PMGSY-I and 705 km under PMGSY-II), Ladakh (32 km PMGSY-I and 79 km PMGSY-II), and Uttarakhand (3,081 km PMGSY-I and 906 (PMGSY-II). Out of total balance length under PMGSY (all schemes), maximum road length to be constructed under PMGSY-I by these States. **There is a need for improvement in execution capacity in the State of Himachal Pradesh.**

AS (RD) briefed about pending roads, especially that are more than 4 years old need to be completed by March, 2020. Out of total 2,797 works pending for 4 years nationally covering a 7075.24 km length, 66 roads (216 km) pending with Himachal Pradesh, J&K (341 nos. roads covering length 1,490 and 18 nos. bridges) and Uttarakhand (50 nos. roads covering a 222 km road length and 18 nos. of bridges). States were advised that in case, it is not feasible to complete these works by March, 2020 due to forest clearances, court cases or other reasons, the State should send the proposal for dropping now, with the reasons against each dropping. States were also advised by DG, NRIDA to submit realistic month-wise completion plan for old works more than 4 years which may include dropping proposals along with the reasons for delay in completion including multiple retendering. There is need to closely follow up with concerned PIUs and contractors. Keeping in view that beyond March 2020 the State would have to build the road of its own resources. States were advised to reduce the percentage of 'Unsatisfactory' grading in maintenance works as it is constantly being reviewed by NITI Aayog.

AS (RD) in her presentation briefed about pending works held up for completion due to forest clearance. States were advised to resolve the matter with the concerned department for early completion of these road works otherwise dropped these works.

AS (RD) further highlighted progress made by the States under Green Technology during the year 2019-20 and overall length sanctioned and achieved. She informed that out of the overall sanctioned length of more than 65,000 km under R&D more than 36,800 km has already been constructed. States were advised to speed up the progress of works under R&D, so that targeted length allotted to the States can be achieved by end of March, 2020, as the progress in the year 2019-20 is not up to the mark. **Further, States were advised to submit the performance evaluation report for the good practices under R&D.** Further, DG, NRIDA informed that under PMGSY-III, it is mandatory to propose 15% of the total road length proposed using waste plastic. **Regular review at micro level should be conducted to achieve the target under R&D.**

	<p>this, agreement preparation in process for 25 works (141 km), sent to GoUK for sanction of tender premium for 15 works (113 km), 21 works (168 km) LoA Stage, 74 works (539 km) under Technical & Financial Evaluation Stage, NITs published for 112 works (683 km) and NITs to be published for 164 works (1306 km) on 20.1.2020.</p>	<p>Development for further follow up with Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF).</p>	
<p>Pending works of >4 years old</p>	<p>Timely completion of works which are more than 4 years old.</p> <p>The State of Himachal Pradesh has 66 roads covering a length of 216 km, Jammu and Kashmir has 341 roads covering a length of 1490 km and 18 bridges, Uttarakhand 50 roads covering length of 222 km and 18 bridges which are pending for > than 4 years.</p>	<p>States were advised to give immediate attention towards completion of roads which are more than 4 years old and it was informed that the spill over financial liability of such works beyond March 2020 will have to be borne by the State. States were also advised to submit the proposal for dropping to Ministry, if any.</p>	<p>All SRRDAs</p>
<p>Pending works due to Forest Clearance</p>	<p>140 works having length of 1153.59 km held up due to non-availability of permission from Forest Department in Uttarakhand, 18 roads covering length of 111.52 km in Himachal Pradesh and 204 works having length of 958.02 km in Jammu & Kashmir.</p> <p>Chief Engineer, URRDA informed that out 140 works, 71 works (570.08 km length) pertains to Kumaun Region and 69 works (583.51 km length) of Garhwal Region. Out of 140 works, 35 works pending with Forest Department, 46 works with PIUs, 15 works each with State Govt. and GoI and 14 works with Nodal officers of Forest Deptt. 6 works approved under REC and remaining 9 works under Wildlife Century. Chief Engineer of Jammu informed that out of 204 works, clearance has been received</p>	<p>All Chief Engineers have been advised to take up the matter with forest departments, proposal should be submitted for dropping, if works not feasible.</p>	<p>All SRRDAs</p>

	for 149 works and NIT also floated for these works. Chief Engineer, HPPWD informed that out of 18 works, approval has been received for 16 works remaining 2 works, proposed for dropping.		
PMGSY-II	Under PMGSY-II 1251.16 km road length, 783.88 km and 905.83 km length has been sanctioned to Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand. Chief Engineer, URRDA informed that tenders have been invited for all 112 works (905 km length) for which technical bids opened on 6.1.2020 and technical evaluation is in progress.	All Chief Engineers of SRRDAs have been advised to expedite the award process.	All SRRDAs
Physical Progress	<p>Year-wise project sanctioned, completed and balance yet to be completed under PMGSY was discussed with participating States on the basis of data uploaded on OMMAS.</p> <p>It is observed that larger number of incomplete works particularly those roads which are more than 4 years.</p> <p>As per the data uploaded on OMMAS, 5930 km of length covering 1045 roads and 51 bridges is available with the State of Himachal Pradesh against the total sanction of 22,007 km length, the State has completed 15,812 km. State has 288 habitations to be connected,. State has 216.41 km of length (66 roads) pending for more than 4 years which is a cause of concern. The perusal of the physical progress showed that 815 km has been achieved against the target of 3015 km and as against the target of 115 habitations, 75 habitations have been provided connectivity. State was asked to expedite the progress.</p> <p>UT of Jammu & Kashmir has balance length of 8296.97 km (1518 roads and 162 bridges) against the sanctioned length</p>	<p>States were asked to ensure quick award of unawarded works. Submit the realistic stage-wise completion plan of the pending road works. States were also advised to complete these works by March, 2020 after that no further funds would be released to States for completion of these old road works. Dropped proposals should be submitted to MoRD</p> <p>States should increase pace of execution of works within remaining period for achieving the target by March 2020.</p> <p>States were also advised to focus on layer-wise length in progress. Data needs to be entered very carefully and updated on OMMAS on regular basis. States were</p>	All SRRDAs

	<p>of 19,277 km. UT of Ladakh has balance length of 496.03 km (49 roads and 1 bridges) against the sanctioned length of 1207.44 km. Jammu & Kashmir has 1490.36 km of length (341 roads and 18 bridges) pending for more than 4 years which is a cause of concern. Against the target of 3,000 km road length the State has so far completed only 1,265 km and as against the target of 467 habitations, only 112 habitations have been provided connectivity.</p> <p>State of Uttarakhand has balance length of 6957 km (1054 roads and 141 bridges) against the sanctioned length of 19,154 km. State has 221.62 km of length (50 roads and 18 bridges) pending for more than 4 years which is a cause of concern. Against the target of 2,500 km road length the State has so far completed only 960 km and as against the target of 507 habitations, only 62 habitations have been provided connectivity. The very slow pace of works with an achievement of only 960 km in the current year was pointed out as a major course of concern.</p> <p>States were advised to speed up the execution of works in the remaining period of this financial year and all efforts should be made to achieve the annual targets. States were asked to submit the committed month-wise plan for construction of balance road length against the target length to be constructed during 2019-20 as well as LSBs by end of March, 2020.</p>	<p>advised that all feasible works should be awarded at the earliest and non-feasible works should be proposed for dropping.</p>	
Maintenance status	<p>Maintenance fund required as per Contract, amount credited in account of SRRDA and amount utilized by SRRDA during the last five years and current year.</p> <p>% Expenditure with respect to maintenance fund required by the states</p>	<p>States have sufficient fund for maintenance of roads but utilization percentage was very less. It was reiterated that maintenance of built assets is of utmost</p>	<p>All SRRDAs</p>

	<p>of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, 59%, 35% and 74% respectively. Based on NQM inspections, 34.35%, 41.98% & 49.73% Unsatisfactory works found respectively in these States.</p>	<p>importance and the State needs to take a serious view of the same.</p> <p>Director (P-I) further asked to all the states to look into the issue of reduction in maintenance expenditure and also ensure upload of maintenance renewal length on OMMAS.</p>	
Physical Progress on R&D	<p>Number of road works and length sanctioned and completed under R&D for the participating states were discussed.</p> <p>The States were requested to upload the progress of New Technology works regularly on OMMAS.</p>	<p>Director (Technical) advised the participating States to take appropriate action to achieve the R&D targets as the achievement made so far till Dec. 2019 is not up to the mark.</p> <p>DG, NRIDA emphasized that the Performance evaluation reports of the technologies successfully implemented in the state can also be submitted to NRRDA and also uploaded on the OMMAS website.</p>	All SRRDAs
eMARG	<p>With respect to status of eMARG, Director (P-I) desired for complete roll out of all the states by 31st March, 2020 and all maintenance related payments should start from 1st April, 2020 using eMARG. State officials of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir were asked to verify the packages which were pending for verifications and upload missing agreements in OMMAS. Chief Engineer, HPPWD informed that all contractor's registration will be completed by 15th February, 2020 and all 21 pending for verification will be done</p>	<p>States were advised to make sample payment through eMARG. eMARG workshop will be organised for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at Jammu shortly.</p>	All SRRDAs

by 5 th February, 2020. Further, Chief Engineer assured that all missing maintenance agreement details will be uploaded on eMARG by 28 th February, 2020.

Month-wise commitment for the remaining period (January to March, 2020) in terms of length to be constructed was also discussed with the participating States. States agreed to achieve the length as per details given below:-

State(s)	Annual Length Target (km)	Progress till 16.1.2020 (km)	January 2020 (Cum)	February 2020 (Cum)	March 2020 (Cum)
Himachal Pradesh	3015	815	1032	1832	3015
Jammu & Kashmir	3000	1265	1665	2165	2685
Uttarakhand	2500	960	1300	1800	2500

Further, commitment of participating States in connection with completion of length and requirement of funds for 2020-21 is as follows:-

State(s)	Length Target (km)	Fund Requirement (Rs. in crore)
Himachal Pradesh	4300	2015
Jammu & Kashmir	4500	2000
Uttarakhand	5000	2000

During the review meeting, Director (P-III & CQC) highlighted about the details of works sanctioned vis-a-vis field laboratories not established. The State-wise bifurcation is given below:-

State	Detail of Sanction Works			Field Lab not established			
	Total Sanctioned works	In progress awarded works	Packages Involved in awarded works	Total		More than 6 months	
				Nos	%	Nos	%
HP	3711	848	838	123	14.67%	44	5.25%

J&K	3649	1301	1292	513	39.70%	483	37.38%
UT	2502	588	560	102	18.21%	32	5.71%

CQC informed that as per Guidelines field labs should be established before start of work and percentage should be within 10%. SQCs of participating States were advised for close monitoring and ensuring all pending field laboratories shall be established at the earliest and uploaded on OMMAS also. State should take action against those contractors not establishing field laboratory at the site before start of work, no payment should be paid to the contractor without establishing the field laboratory.

In Himachal Pradesh, 36 works out of 258 works are such in which payment of more than one lakh has been made when the work has not been inspected even once by SQMs. In Jammu & Kashmir it is 47 out of 365 and in Uttarakhand it is 89 out of 187. Director (P-III) instructed all the SQCs of the participating States to look into this and assign these works for inspection on priority.

With respect to comparison of Grading of works by NQMS and SQM during 2019, Director (P-III)/ CQC informed that in the state of Himachal Pradesh total no. of roads inspected by SQM and NQM are 413 out of which no. of roads with same grading from NQM as well as SQM are 264 and no. of roads with mismatch grading are 149. In case of Jammu & Kashmir, total no. of roads inspected by SQM and NQM are 221, out of which no. of roads with same grading from NQM as well as SQM are 180 and no. of roads with mismatch grading are 41. For Uttarakhand, total no. for roads inspected by SQM and NQM are 391 out of which no. of roads with same grading from NQM as well as SQM are 264 and no. of roads with mismatch grading are 127.

CQC further highlighted details of works assigned and inspected by NQMs in December, 19 in respect of completed, in progress and roads under maintenance. In case of Himachal Pradesh, no. of works assigned were 47 and no. of works inspected by NQMs were 34; for Jammu & Kashmir, no. of works assigned were 20 and no. of works inspected by NQMs were 7 and for Uttarakhand no. of works assigned were 14 and no. of works inspected by NQMs were 13.

It was observed that for the project sanction year 2013-19, in the State of Himachal Pradesh 48 number of contractors, 131 contractors in case of Jammu & Kashmir and 45 contractors in Uttarakhand whose works have not been inspected even once by NQMs. SQCs were advised to assign these works for inspection on priority.

Director (P-III & CQC) further highlighted about pending ATRs w.r.t. Completed as well as ongoing works in the States. He informed that in case of Himachal Pradesh in completed works 13 ATRs and in ongoing works 83 ATRs are pending with States. In case of Jammu & Kashmir, in completed works 17 ATRs and in ongoing works 52 ATRs are pending with State. In case of Uttarakhand in completed works 7 ATRs and in ongoing works 59 ATRs are pending with State.

States were asked to resolve the issue of pending ATRs for both completed as well as ongoing works. It was reiterated that delay in submitting ATRs which were more than 5 years old recovery would be done for such works from the State Govt. States should give priority for SRI nature ATRs and submit within one month's time to NRIDA.

CQC pointed out that the poor maintenance of rural roads in these States is a cause of serious concern. He further informed about the % Unsatisfactory works in completed, ongoing and maintenance works category for the period (April 2011 to Dec. 2019) which are as follows:- The figures clearly points out that the quality of road deteriorated without proper maintenance. Hence the States were requested to spend the money allocated to them for maintaining of roads.

State (s)	Completed Works	Ongoing works	Maintenance works
Himachal Pradesh	9.68%	9.31%	34.35%
Jammu & Kashmir	6.14%	4.3%	41.98%
Uttarakhand	8.70%	11.52%	49.73%

In respect of pending complaints, it was discussed that for the State of Himachal Pradesh 2 Complaints are pending out of which 1 sent to State and for 1 ATR pending with State of NQM inspection. For the state of J&K only 1 complaint is pending for which ATR is pending with the State of NQM inspection. In case of Uttarkhand 3 complaints are pending and for all the 3 complaints ATR pending with State of NQM inspection. States were advised to submit the reports without further delay.

CQC further briefed about complaints received on Meri Sadak App. Most of the complaints of these 3 states received were of "Abandoned works" and 'Poor Quality' of road works. In case of Himachal Pradesh, percentage of complaints of abandoned work is 23.47% and 39.21% of poor Quality. In case of Jammu & Kashmir, percentage of complaints of abandoned work is 19.24% and 42.14% of poor Quality. In case of Uttarakhand, percentage of complaints of abandoned work is 20.31% and 34.50% of poor Quality.

During discussions, it was pointed out that the present formats of NQM/SQM reports are too bulky and therefore needs to be streamlined. DG directed that a committee is to be formed by NRIDA to evolve a better format, using AI based technology and shall be comprehensive but not bulky, which shall be filled by NQM/SQM personally. Meanwhile all SRRDAs are requested to send their comments/ suggestions for these NQM/SQM format. The format is to be evolved and first such consultative workshop be held sometime in April, 2020.

Director (F&A) in his opening remarks highlighted common observation found in Auditor Report and Balance Sheet. The issue of impact of GST for all the works individually for all category of works indicated in the advisory already issued to all the States vide which States were advised to work out the impact of GST and submit detailed proposals based on the same. Any cost excess shall be borne by MoRD and the state in the existing Fund sharing pattern of PMGSY as may be applicable to the states. In spite of the above guidelines, it has been observed that the State(s) have not assessed the impact of GST holistically as per the guidelines and

instead are referring proposals in a piecemeal manner seeking additional funds. Participating States were requested to follow the guidelines and demand additional funds from Ministry of Rural Development, if required, after a complete analysis of all the pending cases.

Director (F&A) further informed that SRRDAs are not verifying the amount of interest being credited by banks in the saving bank accounts as well as Corporate Liquid Term Deposits (CLTDs) despite the auditors' comments. There are instances where banks delayed transfer of PMGSY funds to CLTDs account and have credited less interest than what was due in the SRRDA account. All such cases need to be checked and loss shall be recovered from bank for the period of delay. Non-verification of the amount of interest being credited by the banks is an important matter as this may lead to a loss of revenue if not checked meticulously. States were advised to give attention to this important matter of monitoring the timely transfer of funds to FDs/CLTD Account as per the guidelines and verify the interest earned thereon in the bank accounts of Programme, Administrative Expenses and Maintenance Funds regularly on a quarterly basis. In case any discrepancy is found in the calculation of the amount of interest, the matter should be taken up with the bank and the requisite amount recovered from bank.

Further, Director (F&A) highlighted the following issues related to finance and accounts:-

- Tax deducted at Source in Programme, Administrative and Maintenance Fund Account (Himachal Pradesh). Tax Deducted at Source in Programme Fund (Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand). Large amount is pending as Stale Cheques which needs to be liquidated as early as possible (Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir). States were advised to look into the matter with concerned department.
- Store issued to Contractor (Himachal Pradesh). Finance Controller informed that Rs. 0.06 crore pertains to 2 PIUs and assure that this will be resolved by end of this FY.
- Non Segregation of Bank balance with investment balance (Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand). States were advised to pass the normal TEO entry on monthly basis.
- TDS has been deducted by Bank on the Interest Income (HP, J&K and UT). States were advised by the Director (F&A) to submit the exemption certificate to the bank so that the bank will not deduct the TDS amount on future income tax and States were also advised to follow up with IT Department for refund of earlier deducted TDS amount.
- Un-identified Difference in bank Account Balance and OMMAS (J&K).
- Payment to Contractor without deduction of GST-TDS (J&K)
- Cheques issued but not entered in OMMAS (HP).
- Liquidated damages not levied on the contractor for delay in completion of work (HP).
- Short deduction of security deposits in some cases (H.P).
- Pending Stale cheques (HP and J&K).

Director (F&A) further asked the States to take immediate action for dispose-off works pending for financial completion (Himachal Pradesh -104 out of which, 16 works are pending for more than six months; Jammu & Kashmir- 166 out of which, 82 works are pending for more

than six months and for Uttarakhand - 96 works out of 45 works are pending for more than six months). States were advised to provide detailed justifications with reasons (PIU name, package number etc.) duly signed by CEO/ENC/CE, if required in case of opening of lock for entry on OMMAS.

In respect of Fund Position for financial year 2019-2020, Director F&A informed that the percentage of Expenditure incurred in case of Himachal Pradesh is 48% in case of Jammu & Kashmir it is 80% and in case of Uttarakhand it is 49%.

Director (F&A) highlighted the status of PIUs registered on PFMS as on 14.1.2020. In case of Himachal Pradesh PIU as per OMMAS are 24 and registered on OMMAS are 24 similarly in case of Uttarakhand and Jammu & Kashmir PIUs as per OMMAS are 64 and 32 and registered on OMMAS are 53 and 30 respectively.

Training Programmes for the Financial Year 2019-20

Director (P-II) informed about the training programmes scheduled for the last quarter of FY 2019-20 (January-March) at IAHE (Noida), CRRI (New Delhi) and ESCI (Hyderabad). He further advised the States that only the officers with less experience should be nominated for basic training courses and for refresher /advanced courses, only officers with adequate knowledge should be nominated. It was informed that it is planned to train 2,880 officials at different institutes such as IAHE, Noida, ESCI, Hyderabad, CRRI, New Delhi, NICMAR, Pune and AITD, New Delhi. Director (P-II) requested States to ensure full presence of the engineers nominated by the States at the training programme. If the nominated officer(s) is not in a position to attend the training programme, then other officer(s) may be nominated as replacement to ensure full participation of the training programme, so that the expenditures made for the training programme can be fully utilized and officers from SRRDAs may take full advantage of the training programmes.

While closing the Regional Review Meeting (RRM), the following main action points for time bound compliance, for all States, were reiterated:

- i. States should prioritize completion of tendering process and award of balance works and also encourage local contractors for prompt bidding.
- ii. States should submit the consolidated proposal of road works held-up for want of forest clearance/ wild life sanctuary and land problem, if any to MoRD/NRRDA.
- iii. States must quickly utilize the available financial resources and submit the utilization certificates promptly to the Ministry, for facilitating further releases.
- iv. States should achieve 100% physical target by March, 2020 both in terms of length and habitations.
- v. PIUs should ensure constant and regular uploading of details of connected habitations against partially completed road length on OMMAS. This should be reviewed periodically at the level of SRRDA.
- vi. All R&D stretches or R&D road length must be shown in R&D Module of OMMAS.
- vii. States should prepare systematic plan/ strategy for post 5 year maintenance of PMGSY road works.

- viii. States should ensure that the roads constructed under the PMGSY are maintained properly. Adequate funds for this purpose must be provided in the budget of the State.
- ix. State of Himachal Pradesh and UT of Ladakh should immediate initiative action to strengthening the SRRDA for PMGSY.
- x. States to focus on completing, particularly those roads which are pending completion for more than 4 years. The States to submit month-wise completion plan for the ongoing works.
- xi. States should submit consolidated proposal of road works not feasible for dropping to MoRD.
- xii. States should review the maintenance works/ bills quarterly or monthly basis and also upload the expenditure on Maintenance Module of OMMAS regularly.
- xiii. SQC should carefully scrutinize the lab details/ photos uploaded by PIU, while validating through their OMMAS login.
- xiv. Proper monitoring of ATRs by SQMs and SQC on the observations of the NQMs to be carried out before submission to NRRDA.
- xv. In all States/UTs, there are no. of works, where substantial payments have been made but no SQM inspections have been done. All such works should be inspected by SQMs on priority.
- xvi. State Quality Coordinators (SQCs) will give special focus to liquidation of pending ATRs, which would go a long way in improving the "Satisfactory" grading of PMGSY roads in their States.
- xvii. States agreed to concentrate on the clearance of pending final bills of the contractors and financially close the works on the OMMAS

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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