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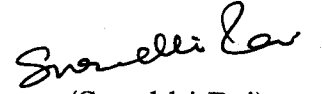
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Sub: Proceedings of Regional Review Meeting for the State of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal on 7th January, 2020 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha-reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith proceedings of Regional Review Meetings held on 7th January, 2020 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha for the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal for information and necessary action.



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**Minutes of the Regional Review Meeting for the State of Bihar, Chhattisgarh,
Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal on 7th January, 2020 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha**

A regional review meeting to review the progress of implementation of PMGSY programme was held under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (RD), MoRD & DG, NRIDA for Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal on 7th January, 2020 at Bhubaneswar. The meeting was attended by State officials, Deputy Secretary (RC), MoRD and Director(s) from NRIDA.

At the outset, Additional Chief Secretary, Rural Development Department, Govt. of Odisha welcomed the AS(RD), MoRD and DG, NRIDA, Directors of NRIDA, and State representatives & expressed gratitude on behalf of the Govt. of Odisha for having been given the opportunity to organize this Regional Review Meeting of PMGSY. He informed that Odisha is one of major progressive states of India. Under PMGSY-I, State has achieved 91.11% km of road length against the sanctioned length of 61,582 km. Under PMGSY-II, a total of 683 works (650 roads and 33 Bridges) covering 3,759.21 km road length has been sanctioned, out of which only 3 works covering 296 km length have been completed. Under RCPLWE scheme, out of total 486 km length (48 roads and 2 bridges) state has completed 7 roads covering a length of 134 km. The state would ensure that the target of 8,200 Km for the current financial year will be achieved. Right now, Odisha has achieved 1,442 km road length against the target of 8,200 km. Approximately, State has connected 17,000 habitations under PMGSY (under 250 + and 100-249 category).

AS (RD), MoRD and DG, NRIDA thanked the SRRDA, Odisha for organising Regional Review Meeting at Bhubaneswar at a very short notice. She informed that funds is not a constraint and the SRRDAs should emphasis more on completion of PMGSY I and PMGSY-II targets. GIS mapping is to be given high priority as it is primary criteria for sanction of PMGSY-III. DG, NRIDA also emphasized that all efforts should be made to achieve the targets of 50,097 km road length and 9,721 habitations fixed for the States for the year 2019-20. States should conduct regular review meetings with their PIUs and Contractors at ground level. States were also advised to speed up the progress of works sanctioned under PMGSY-II. 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.

AS (RD), MoRD & DG, NRIDA presented an overview of the progress made in the implementation of PMGSY by the participating States during last year and current fiscal year, including details of Contract Awarded, progress made under PMGSY-II, Green Technology, Finance Issues as well as quality and maintenance related issues of the programme. DG, NRIDA informed that last year (2018-19) only Odisha and West Bengal had achieved 100% road length against the targets. 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) Bihar (1263 km in 2018-19 & 340 km in 2019-20), Chhattisgarh (800 km in 2018-19 & 491 km in 2019-20), Jharkhand (1264 km in 2018-19 & 415 km in 2019-20), Odisha (2864 km in 2018-19 & 1442 km in 2019-20) and West Bengal (2026 km in 2018-19 & 1033 km in 2019-20). Pace of constructions are relatively slow with comparison to the achievement made during last year upto Dec. 19 of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha. **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. DG, NRIDA further informed that the total road sanction under PMGSY-I, II and RCPLWE is 7.03 lakh km out of which 6.10 lakh km of road length is already been completed and 78,527 km length is left for completion. Out of balance length of 78,527, the road length pending for completion for more than 4 years is 7,075 km. 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. She also stated that this is a good time for planning and start preparation of PMGSY-III proposals. It was also informed that the maintenance costs are to be fully borne by the State and MoU is to be signed with respective State before launch of the scheme.

On the issue of CPSUs, DG, NRIDA informed that in general the experience with CPSUs has not been as was expected. The works given to CPSUs have to be scrupulously supervised. States of Bihar and Tripura have of late taken all the works from CPSUs. It was advised that no work be awarded on CPSU in the future. It was decided to hold a meeting with NBCC officials working in Odisha at New Delhi where ENC, SRRDA Odisha will also be present.

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, 7,682 km of road length is lying unawarded against the total balance length of 27,060 km with these five States. Out of total balance length under PMGSY (all schemes), maximum road length to be constructed under PMGSY-I by these States. Against the total 7,682 km unawarded road length, majority of the length remains to be awarded by the States of Chhattisgarh (918 km), Bihar (713 km) and Jharkhand (397 km) under PMGSY-I. Under PMGSY-II out of total 4,013 km road length to be unawarded, Bihar (2,465 km), West Bengal (987 km) and Jharkhand (458 km) remains to be awarded. Under RCPLWE out of total 1,275 km length to be awarded, maximum road length remains for awarding in the States of Jharkhand (599 km) and Chhattisgarh (534 km). There is a need for improvement in execution capacity and coordination.

AS (RD) briefed about pending roads, especially the ones that are more than 4 years old need to be completed by March, 2020. Out of total 1,133 works consisting of 2,994.47 km length majority of works are pending with Bihar (611), Jharkhand (185) and Odisha (177). Similarly, in Bridge works, Bihar (97), Odisha (46) and Jharkhand (44) are pending for completion of more than 4 years. 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 drop now and may re-submit the proposals for consideration in the Ministry for future schemes of Rural Development. **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. **No further funds shall be released for these works, if it is not completed by March, 2020.** States were also advised to focus on maintenance of already constructed roads under PMGSY. **States were advised to reduce the percentage of 'Unsatisfactory' grading in maintenance works as it is constantly being reviewed by NITI Aayog.** During the discussions, AS (RD) briefed about observations of the Common Review Mission (CRM)

visited the States of Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Manipur. **In most of the States, members found the quality and maintenance of roads are not up to the mark especially the maintenance of shoulders and road furniture.**

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.

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 64,000 km under R&D more than 35,000 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. 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 construction of roads using waste plastic within the minimum limit of 15% for new and green technology. **Regular review at micro level should be conducted to achieve the target under R&D.**

With respect to status of eMARG, DG, NRIDA 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 were asked to verify the packages which were pending for verification and upload missing agreements in OMMAS.

DG, NRIDA stated that the maintenance of roads have to be taken on mission. It is about 5.20 lakh km of road length under maintenance. It is now required to initiate micro management maintenance contract. Maintenance funds required as per Contract, amount credited in account of SRRDA and amount utilized by SRRDA during last year and current year were also discussed. As per information received from the States, during the current fiscal year, no funds were credited in SRRDA account for maintenance of road works by the States of Bihar and Jharkhand. Full amounts were credited by Chhattisgarh and West Bengal against requirement of Rs. 44 crores and 105.27 crores respectively. The utilization percentage was also very less in Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha. It was reiterated that maintenance of built assets is of utmost importance and the State needs to take a serious view of the same. States were advised to look into the matter with their respective finance department for release of funds.

Addressing the meeting, Director (P-I), NRIDA informed that the time is good for construction of roads and advised to prepare monthly completion plan for remaining months with consultation with field engineers (PIUs). States were directed to expedite the physical progress of works and monitor PIU wise progress very closely. 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 advised that all feasible works should be awarded at the earliest and non-feasible works should be proposed for dropping.

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. Month-wise breakup of road length agreed to complete by the participating States is as follows:-

(Length in km, Roads, LSB in Nos.)

State(s)	Till Dec. 19	Jan. 20	Feb. 20	Mar. 20	Total
Bihar	341.55	230	285	535	1392
Chhattisgarh	274.54	280.74	292.91	1236.94	2085
Jharkhand	415.05	520	500	850	2285
Odisha	1441.84	1190	1428	2630	6689
West Bengal	1032.29	368	300	300	2000

As per the data uploaded on OMMAS, 5,602 km of length covering 2,584 works including 727 bridges is available with the State of Bihar. Against the total sanction of 58,978 km length, the State has completed 51,480 km. State has 1,622 habitations to be connected. The State has informed that maximum habitations will be connected by March 2020. State has 1,296.06 km of length (611 roads and 97 bridges) pending for more than 4 years which is a cause of concern. Out of 2,390.86 km balance with the State, State informed that 364.51 km length is held up due to forest/wild life clearance. Chief Engineer, RWD, Bihar informed that out of total 55 no. of roads covering 208.02 km length of more than 4 years old unawarded works, 4 roads of 6.57 km length proposal sent to MoRD for dropping, 26 roads covering 106.76 km length to be dropped/foreclose, 3 roads covering 22.63 km foreclose due to forest land, 8 roads covering length 12.54 km under land dispute/NOC, 14 roads covering 59.53 km under revision of DPR/Re-tender. 140 roads covering 583.51 km length are unawarded since 2016-17 to 2018-19, 17 roads of 27.31 km length proposal sent to MoRD for dropping, 34 roads covering 121.58 km length to be dropped/foreclose, 21 roads covering 261.93 km foreclose due to forest land, 10 roads covering length 18.84 km under land dispute/NOC, 39 roads covering 125.43 km under revision of DPR/Re-tender, bids pending at division/circle level for 13 roads covering length 22.53 km and LOA issued for 6 roads of 5.89 km length.

State of Chhattisgarh has balance length of 4,720 km (1077 roads and 123 bridges) against the sanctioned length of 38,199 km. State has 275.30 km of length (66 roads and 2 bridges) pending for more than 4 years which is a cause of concern. Chief Engineer, CGRRDA informed that out of the total sanction length of 1,238.78 km under RCPLWE (735 km Phase-I, 503 km Phase-II), 720 km of length has already been awarded and balance will be awarded by end of January, 2020. State further informed 454 km under RCPLWE will be completed by end of March, 2020. State assured that 2200 km road length (2,000 regular PMGSY and 200 km under RCPLWE) will be completed by March, 2020. State has further informed that out of total 1166 habitations to be connected, 590 habitations will be connected by March, 2020.

State of Jharkhand has balance length of 4,774 km (1440 roads and 284 bridges) against the sanctioned length of 28,779 km. State has 511.24 km of length (185 roads and 44 bridges) pending for more than 4 years which is a cause of concern. It was discussed that the State has total sanction length of 1,213.87 km under RCPLWE (115 roads and 97 bridges) out of which 148.86 km of length was completed upto March, 2019 and 231.69 km length completed upto December, 2019 and the total length to be achieved by March, 2020 is

504.71 km. It was informed to the State that the total habitations to be connected are 361 nos.

State of Odisha has balance length of 7,205 km (2213 roads and 273 bridges) against the sanctioned length of 65,827 km. State has 625.7 km of length (170 roads and 36 bridges) pending for more than 4 years which is a cause of concern. Chief Engineer informed that 204 km (91 works) will be completed by end of March, 2020. 25 works proposed for dropping, proposal of 7 road works already submitted to MoRD for dropping, 34 road works held up due to forest clearances. It was discussed that the State has total sanction length of 485.85 km under RCPLWE (48 roads and 02 bridges) out of which 53.30 km of length was completed upto March, 2019 and 133.57 km length completed upto December, 2019 and the total length to be achieved by March, 2020 is 341.39 km. Remaining unawarded length under RCPLWE will be awarded by end of February, 2020. It was informed to the State that the total habitations to be connected are 788 nos. State has requested to reduce the target of length to be constructed during 2019-20 to 8,059 km from 8,200 km and target habitations to 902 from 1,098 habitations. State has achieved 1441.84 km length against the target of 8,200 km during this financial year upto Dec. 2019. State has connected 129 habitations in this financial year till Dec. 2019. State informed that 5,229 km road length will be completed within next three months.

State of West Bengal has balance length of 4548 km (1329 roads and 37 bridges) against the sanctioned length of 37,288 km. State has 277 km of length (92 roads) pending for more than 4 years which is a cause of concern. Chief Engineer informed that out of 92 roads, 13 roads (76 km) has been proposed for dropping, 12 roads (27 km) lying with NPCC, 13 roads (71 km) is problematic due to land, forest problems etc and 52 roads (100 km) is in progress and will be completed by March, 2020. Against the total target of 2,600 km length to be constructed during 2019-20, state has completed 1,032.29 km till Dec. 2019. It was informed to the State that the total habitations remains to be connected are 272 nos. State informed that 2,000 km road length will be completed within next three months.

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	%
BR	19146	1730	1725	399	23.13%	244	14.14%
CG	8371	915	608	53	8.71%	53	8.71%
JH	8049	1249	1094	199	18.19%	104	9.50%
OR	17133	2389	2293	225	9.96%	126	5.58%
WB	7393	1170	1146	293	25.56%	133	11.60%

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 Bihar, 13 works out of 313 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 Chhattisgarh it is 69 out of 237, Jharkhand it is 13 out of 390, in Odisha it is 158 out of 555 and in West Bengal it is 60 out of 337 works. **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 Bihar total no. of roads inspected by SQM and NQM are 1245 out of which no. of roads with same grading from NQM as well as SQM are 855 and no. of roads with mismatch grading are 390. In case of Chhattisgarh, total no. of roads inspected by SQM and NQM are 801 out of which no. of roads with same grading from NQM as well as SQM are 705 and no. of roads with mismatch grading are 96. For Jharkhand, total no. for roads inspected by SQM and NQM are 1243 out of which no. of roads with same grading from NQM as well as SQM are 931 and no. of roads with mismatch grading are 312. For Odisha, total no. of roads inspected by SQM and NQM are 1721, out of which no. of roads with same grading from NQM as well as SQM are 1341 and no. of roads with mismatch grading are 380. In case of West Bengal, total no. for roads inspected by SQM and NQM are 1073, out of which no. of roads with same grading from NQM as well as SQM are 900 and no. of roads with mismatch grading are 173.

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 Bihar, no. of works assigned were 195 and no. of works inspected by NQMs were 83; for Chhattisgarh, no. of works assigned were 114 and no. of works inspected by NQMs were 59; for Jharkhand, no. of works assigned were 142 and no. of works inspected by NQMs were 58; for Odisha, no. of works assigned were 149 and no. of works inspected by NQMs were 67 and in case of West Bengal, no. of works assigned were 158 and no. of works inspected by NQMs were 42.

It was observed that for the project sanction year 2013-19, 371 no. of works (17.75%) of contractors in Bihar, 24 works (10.71%) in Chhattisgarh, 142 works (16.80%) in Jharkhand, 318 works (20.03%) in Odisha and 279 works (28.29%) in West Bengal, 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 Bihar in completed works 68 ATRs out of which 4 ATRs of >5 years and 180 ATRs in ongoing works out of which 31 ATRs are pending for >5 years. In case of Chhattisgarh, in completed works 7 ATRs out of which 5 ATRs of >5 years and 6 ATRs in ongoing works are pending. In case of Jharkhand in completed works 45 ATRs out of which 7 ATRs of >5 years and 94 ATRs in ongoing works out of which 15 ATRs are pending for >5 years. Chief Engineer, JSRRDA informed that all 7 ATRs of completed works will be submitted by March, 2020. In case of Odisha, in completed works

28 ATRs are pending with State and 121 ATRs in ongoing works out of which 3 ATRs are pending for >5 years. Chief Engineer, Odisha informed that 10 ATRs of completed works out of 28 ATRs will be submitted by end of January, 2020. In case of West Bengal in completed works 10 ATRs out of which 2 ATRs of >5 years and 51 ATRs in ongoing works out of which 1 ATR is pending for >5 years.

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. In case of Bihar, 41.45% U grading in Maintenance, 14.81% U grading in Ongoing works and 11.93% U grading in Completed works (average of last three years) were reported. In case of Chhattisgarh, 9.94% U grading in Maintenance, 1.61% U grading in Ongoing and 3.74% U grading in Completed works were reported. In case of Jharkhand, 37.09% U grading in Maintenance, 12.03% U grading in Ongoing and 10.71% U grading in Completed works were reported. In Odisha, 23.55% U grading in Maintenance, 7.48% U grading in Ongoing and 7.12% in Completed works were reported. In West Bengal, 25.82% U grading in Maintenance, 6.71% U grading in Ongoing and 25.82% in Completed works were reported. **Director (P-III) informed that NITI Aayog had set a target that maintenance upkeep of completed PMGSY projects should be such that not more than 15% of the completed projects, inspected for maintenance by NQM, should be of unsatisfactory grading level.**

CQC also pointed out that the ATRs pending with States of NQM inspection and complaints sent to the State Government pertains to 2018-19 and 2019-2020. States of Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha have 7 no., 1 no. and 1 no. of pending ATRs of NQM inspections respectively. States were advised to submit the reports without further delay.

CQC further briefed about complaints received on Meri Sadak App. Most of the complaints received were on 'Poor Quality' of road works. In case of Bihar, it is 44%, for Chhattisgarh it is 56%, for Jharkhand 51%, for Odisha 52% and for West Bengal it is 58%. **States were advised to focus on quality of the roads.**

Action to be Taken by (All States)

Director (F&A) in his opening remarks highlighted common observation. 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 exact 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:-

- Large amount is pending as Stale Cheques which needs to be liquidated as early as possible (Odisha, West Bengal).
- Interest Income has not been transferred to Programme Fund Account (Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal).
- There is heavy Balance in Saving Bank Account (as per Banker's Certificate) which is affecting the interest payable to the government (West Bengal).
- Non Segregation of Bank balance with investment balance in all the three Funds Accounts (West Bengal, Jharkhand).
- Separate EMD Account has been maintained by State and such account is not shown in OMMAS (West Bengal).
- Negative balance under Cash in Chest Account needs to be reconciled.
- Three Separate Bank Accounts have been maintained in Maintenance Fund Account (West Bengal).
- TDS has been deducted by Bank on the Interest Income (Chhattisgarh and Odisha).
- Inter-head mismatch in the Audited Balance submitted by State in comparison OMMAS Balance Sheet. Adverse balance under the head Central Administrative Expenses Fund Account (Odisha, Chhattisgarh). Adverse balance under the head State Maintenance Fund Account (Odisha, Chhattisgarh).
- Non submission of Balance Sheet of Maintenance Fund Account (Bihar, Jharkhand).

Director (F&A) further informed that State need to take necessary steps for appointment of Internal Auditor. **Internal Audit should be conducted timely which is mandatory as per Account Manual.** Participating States were advised to settle all the pending Statutory Liabilities (Income Tax, Commercial Tax, Goods & Services Tax etc); if any problem is faced by the respective State, please share the details with NRIDA for suitable action. **States were advised to keep an eye on the Bank Guarantee (BG) and that it should be timely renewed.** Director (F&A) further directed that these liabilities need to be paid in time, else penal interest needs to be paid. Secondly, he emphasized that audit report should be

generated through OMMAS. **Chief Engineer, Bihar informed that Balance Sheet of Maintenance Fund Account will be submitted by 15th January, 2020.**

Director (F&A) asked the States to take immediate action for rectification in respect of unauthorized head "Special works- Reparation of completed PMGSY roads" damaged by extraordinary calamities. States were also advised to resolve issues of outstanding advances to contractors, DPR preparation etc.

Director (F&A) further asked the States to take immediate action for dispose-off works pending for financial completion (Bihar-483 out of which, 297 works are pending for more than six months; Chhattisgarh – 120 out of which, 21 works are pending for more than six months; Jharkhand- 498 works out of 295 works are pending for more than six months; Odisha – 885 works out of which 212 works are pending for more than six months and for West Bengal it is 273 works of which 55 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.

Director (F&A) highlighted age-wise pendency of Grievances received on "CPGRAMS Portal" and advised to timely dispose-off these grievances (No. of grievances - Bihar:17, Odisha:1 and West Bengal:2).

Action to be Taken by (All States)

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 in 72 batches, covering 22 topics 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.**

Further, Director (P-II) highlighted the following issues about progress under ADB funded project in Chhattisgarh, Odisha and West Bengal in Loan No. 3306-IND:-

- Re-submit the missing claims vide CPD.
- Disbursement and CA projections for CY 2020 for all Loans to be submitted.
- Sanction of Posts for RCTRCs and RRNMUs and posting of dedicated staff.
- MoU of RCTRC with CRRI.
- Collection of RCI data for atleast one district.

- State to send proposals for evaluation of new technology works.
- Training of contractors including development of training materials.
- Proposal for funding GIS lab for RCTRC from World Bank fund.
- Certification of time sheet of consultant to be done timely.

Director (P-II) advised the States to speed up the progress under this loan. None of the participating States have submitted the proposals for evaluation of new technology works. State of Chhattigarh (Ambikapur, Bilaspur, Durg and Jagdalpur), Odisha (Behrampur, Sambhalpur, Balasore, Bolangir and Cuttack) and West Bengal (Medinapur, Burdwan, Jalpaiguri and Malda) were asked to complete all remaining works of RRNMUs. Chief Engineer, Odisha and West Bengal informed that all RRNMUs will be completed before April, 2020.

Action to be Taken by (All States)

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
