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Sub: Use of Rural Road Safety Manual, published by National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA), Ministry of Rural Development, for engineers of PMGSY.

Dear Sir,

Rural roads are critical for the rural development as they provide access to market, health, education and other related socio-economic services. With the objective of providing both mobility and access to rural communities, more than 5.13 lakh kilometres of good quality rural roads have been constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) connecting nearly 1,27,000 habitations so far. As the rural road network has gone on increasing, so also the number of accidents have seen an increase. As a result, death and serious injuries are also increasing causing considerable waste of national resources apart from causing anguish to the family and friends of those killed or injured.

2. Lot of initiatives have been taken at different levels to improve road safety including several advisories issued by National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) to the States regarding road safety issues in planning, execution, operationalisation etc., in respect of rural roads. Moving further ahead, NRRDA has prepared a comprehensive Rural Road Safety Manual which covers all engineering cum social aspects including community participation and behaviour change of the drivers. The Rural Road Safety Manual broadly covers data management, safer Road, Safer people, Road Safety Audit and Road Safety Management. Both the technical and as well as non-technical officers dealing with rural roads can easily make use of this manual during preparation of DPR, execution and maintenance management

3. The Rural Road Safety Manual, has recently been released by Hon'ble Union Minister of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Drinking Water & Sanitation and its soft copy has been uploaded on PMGSY website (www.omms.nic.in) in June, 2017. A few set of hard copies are being shared with the SRRDAs. I request you to please issue suitable directions to SRRDA to make available this manual to all PIUs and sectorial engineers of SRRDA.

With regards,

Sincerely Yours,

(Rajesh Bhushan)

To:

Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of Nodal Department dealing with PMGSY (All States and UTs)