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**Circular**

Subject: Re-inspection of selected projects previously inspected by Quality Monitors, through a team of identified SQM emeritus / SQM & SRRDA officials- regarding.

Please refer the NRIDA circular dated 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (*copy enclosed*), wherein an algorithm to identify the NQM inspection report for the purpose of internal scrutiny as also the course of action to be taken on the findings was formulated and communicated to Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary / Secretary of the nodal department handling PMGSY in all States & UTs and to all NQMs. The States were also advised to carry out 100% scrutiny of SQM reports and take corrective actions thereon. Prioritisation for scrutiny of SQM inspection reports may be done based on the above criteria.

2. Also, a long term analysis of the quality grading awarded by SQMs, as per OMMAS data, needs to be done. The data pertaining to award of 'unsatisfactory' grading by individual SQM should be analysed *vis-a-vis* the average 'unsatisfactory' quality grading awarded by the other SQMs, during the period, in the particular district/ State as a whole.

3. Based on the result of this data analytics, selected projects of identified SQMs should be re-inspected by a team comprising of SQM emeritus and/ or other SQM and SRRDA official. For the purpose of re-inspection, reports which are "ambiguous" in nature such that the quality of project can be inferred both as 'good' and 'bad', cases where the quality control test results are non-conforming to MORD specifications however, overall quality grading awarded by the SQM is 'satisfactory', should be taken on priority.

4. In case the result of data analytics about casual inspection of SQM substantially matches with the findings of the re-inspection exercise carried out by the team, the SQM should be put on hold and inspection assignments should be stopped with the approval of CEO SRRDA. The inspection reports of these SQMs should be put up for detailed scrutiny by the performance evaluation committee (PEC) constituted for scrutinising the reports of SQM. The final decision may be taken by the CEO SRRDA, based on the outcome of the evaluation by PEC.

5. Such periodic exercise would bring more professionalism and enhanced accountability in the quality monitoring system under PMGSY. The SQC may therefore be advised to carry out this exercise of data analytics, for all SQMs, re-inspection of selected works of identified SQMs and take necessary action with the approval of the CEO SRRDA. The findings of the data analytics and the SQMs put on hold after ground verification exercise may also be shared with NRIDA.



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