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Sub: Scrutiny of PMGSY DPRs by STAs/ PTAs

Dear Madam/ Sir,

PMGSY has an in-built mechanism to utilize the potential of Government-Academia collaboration for the scheme's benefit. The mutual knowledge and experience have been utilized for the planning process, scrutiny of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and R&D technologies for PMGSY works. The STAs and PTAs have been the supporting pillars of the scheme and are functioning since the inception of the programme. The Roles and Responsibilities of STAs and PTAs have been prescribed in the Operations Manual. The STAs are required to conduct Pre-DPR preparation meeting with the PIUs and DPR Consultants to discuss various issues related to design, provisions to be made in the DPRs, identify the new technologies and locations where these could be used, road safety, etc. This minimizes the time required for scrutiny of DPRs later on. As per PMGSY guidelines, 100% of the DPRs are to be scrutinized by STAs and 10% of these DPRs are to be vetted by PTAs.

2. During the examination of sample DPRs in NRIDA, submitted by the States after scrutiny of STAs, it has been observed that many of the points listed in the check list are not being verified by STAs. In many cases, the DPR template is simply reproduced without any customization, without providing requisite details related to the project and the same has been scrutinized without any objection/observations by STAs. NRRDA has already communicated the common DPR observations to all the STAs/PTAs vide DO letter no. PO17(12)/5/2019-Dir(Tech) (368882) dated 31.07.2020. Despite that, DPRs are being sent without proper scrutiny. In certain cases, Proforma C is only partially filled, missing various important details. The conclusion from performance evaluation of some STAs, which was carried out by an independent team, were not encouraging. The standard of DPR preparation and its scrutiny is a critical process and improper scrutiny may lead to failure of roads/structures, delay in execution of projects, over or under estimation, accidents, and ultimately affect implementation of the scheme.



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3. In view of the above, the STAs/ PTAs are requested to ensure that the PMGSY DPRs are scrutinized as per the relevant IRC Guidelines, Operations Manual, PMGSY Guidelines, and circular/instructions issued from time to time in true letter and spirit. Further, it is to inform that non-improvement in quality of DPR scrutiny will be viewed very seriously and may lead to curtailment of honorarium, including debarring of institutes from the STA/PTA list, which will be an unfortunate situation.

4. In case of any issues/clarifications during the scrutiny process, NRIDA may be contacted for addressing the same immediately.

*With regards,*

Yours sincerely,

  
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To

1. All Institute heads / Directors / Principals of PTAs / STAs
2. All Coordinators, Principal Technical Agencies (PTAs) / State Technical Agencies (STAs) of all States.

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All Chief Executive Officers/ Engineer-in-Chief/ Chief Engineers of SRRDAs with the request to ensure that the DPRs have been prepared as per guidelines before sending them to STAs / PTAs. It is their responsibility as well to ensure that proper scrutiny is done, and not just a mechanical forwarding of proposals.