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Sub: State Policy on Maintenance of Rural Roads.


Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a major Central Investment in the State sector as part of a broad sustainable poverty reduction strategy. PMGSY over the last 16 years has created a substantial rural infrastructure asset with massive investments and till date about 5,20,000 km of rural roads under PMGSY have been completed in the States, out of which 70% of the roads have completed its first five years defect liability period. Now, it has become imperative to maintain these roads in good condition so that the benefits of access, accruing from this substantial network of rural roads, is sustained over a long period of time.

2. To achieve this aim, the Ministry has formulated and circulated among all States a standard template for "Rural Roads Maintenance Policy" and a "Guidance Note" on how to formulate and implement such a policy. Further, the Ministry has constantly advised and requested the State Government time and again, to evolve State Specific Policy on Maintenance of Rural Roads. So far 21 States have notified such policies. However, your State has not notified such policy.

3. I may also mention that NITI Aayog is also aggressively monitoring the status of notification of such policy in the States. Further, the 36th Standing Committee of Rural Development (2016-17), of the Parliament in its report on PMGSY has also emphasised the need to put in place a well-articulated and implemented Rural Roads Maintenance Policy.

4. As you are well aware that from the year 2016-17, the Ministry has started giving financial incentives to the States based on their performance, which can be used for periodic maintenance of PMGSY roads and one of the eligibility parameters for receiving such incentives is to notify State Rural Road Maintenance Policy. I would, therefore earnestly request you to kindly facilitate expeditiously the formulation and notification of such policy in your State.

Yours sincerely,


(Alka Upadhyaya)

To,

The Principal Secretary / Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Telangana and Tripura

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