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Rural Connectivity (RC) Division

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Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated: 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

**MINUTES**

**Subject: Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at 12:00 Noon to discuss the proposal of 03 approach roads on Inter-State Bridges of Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra under RCPLWEA - reg.**

The undersigned is directed to **enclose** herewith the minutes of the meeting of the Empowered Committee held on **17<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at 12:00 Noon** under the Chairmanship of Secretary (RD) **(through Video Conferencing)** to discuss the proposal of 03 approach roads on Inter-State Bridges of Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh under RCPLWEA.

2. State is requested to furnish the the Compliance Report to the NRIDA/Ministry at the earliest.

  
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- i. The Secretary (PWD), New Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, New Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492002
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2023 AT 12:00 PM TO CONSIDER PROJECT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY STATE GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH FOR 3 APPROACH ROADS ON INTER-STATE BRIDGES OF CHHATTISGARH AND MAHARASHTRA UNDER RCPLWEA**

A Meeting of the Empowered Committee (RC) was held through Video Conference on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. under the Chairmanship of Secretary (RD) to consider the project proposal submitted by the State of Chhattisgarh for 3 approach roads on Inter-State bridges of Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra under RCPLWEA. Following officials were present in the meeting :-

<b>MoRD/ NRIDA Representatives</b>	
Shri Shailesh Kumar Singh	Secretary (RD), MoRD
Dr. Ashish Kumar Goel	Additional Secretary(RD), MoRD& DG (NRIDA)
Ms. Tanuja Thakur Khalkho	JS & FA (RD), MoRD
Shri Amit Shukla	Joint Secretary (RC), MoRD
Shri Shailesh Kumar	Director (IFD), MoRD
Shri K.M.Singh	Director (RC), MoRD
Ms. Anjali Yadav	Assistant Director (RC), MoRD
Shri. B.C. Pradhan	Consultant (Tech), NRIDA
Shri Nirmal Bhagat	Director (F&A), NRIDA
Dr. I.K.Pateriya	Director (P.III), NRIDA
Shri Pradeep Agarwal	Director (P.I), NRIDA
<b>MHA Representative</b>	
Shri Nishant Kumar Mishra	Deputy Secretary, MHA
<b>State Govt. Representatives</b>	
Shri Bhuvnesh Yadav	Secretary, PWD RCPLWEA
Shri K.K Pipari	Engineer-in-Chief, PWD
Shri G.R Rawate	Chief Engineer, Bastar Region
Shri Pawan Aggarwal	Superintending Engineer, Bastar Region
Shri D.L Tekam	Superintending Engineer, Bastar Region

**2. Details of Proposal**

Items	As per Pre-EC as on 12.06.2023				As per OMMAS as on 13.07.2023			
	Nos	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/km (Lakhs)	Nos	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost/km (Lakhs)
Approach Roads (Chhattisgarh side) to LSBs sanctioned in Maharashtra State under RCPLWEA	3	62.8	50.24	80.42	3	62.8	52.26	83.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>50.24</b>	<b>80.42</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>52.26*</b>	<b>83.23</b>

\*MoRD Share : Rs. 31.36 Crores      State Share : Rs. 20.90 Crores

3.75 m width road – 3 Nos & Length- 62.8 km , Average Cost : Rs. 83.23 lakhs/km



### 3. General Observations

- i) The current proposal is for 3 approach roads in Chhattisgarh for the inter-state bridges sanctioned to the state of Maharashtra under RCPLWEA.
- ii) All the 3 roads have been scrutinized by STA on OMMAS.
- iii) State was asked to upload all the roads under RCPLWEA on GeoSadak so that the same is available on GatiShakti as well. State assured to expedite the same.

### 4. Average Cost (lakh/ km)

- i) The average cost for 3.75 m wide roads sanctioned in 2021-22 under RCPLWEA was Rs. 60.39 lakh/ km, the average cost for the roads in the current proposal during pre-EC was Rs. 80.42 lakh/ km. The average cost for these roads during EC meeting is Rs. 83.23 lakh/ km. State representative mentioned that the increase in cost is due to revision of SoR, increase in GST and high non-pavement cost for the proposed roads, due to the requirement of CD works etc.
- ii) The increase in cost from Pre-EC meeting to EC meeting is due to the fact that the state had earlier adopted OGPC with seal coat, but under RCPLWEA, usually SDBC is adopted so that less maintenance is required on the roads. State was asked to change the provisions from OGPC with seal coat to 30 mm SDBC. Accordingly, State has changed the provisions.

### 5. Distribution of roads based on traffic category

- i) All the three proposed roads are of T6 traffic category.

### 6. Road wise cost details

Sl. No	Road Name	Length	As per OMMAS as on 13.07.2023		
			Average pavement Cost	Average Non pavement Cost	Average Total Cost
1	O-BEDRE NUGUR KONDE ROAD	8.6	55.08	29.90	84.98
2	O-Construction of Approach (Chhattisgarh state side) of Proposed inter state Bridge on Nagil Nalla on WangeturiPakhanjore Road	3.2	64.49	44.10	108.60
3	O-PHARSEGARG SENDRA CHERPALLI	51	55.85	22.47	81.34
<b>Total</b>		<b>62.8</b>	<b>58.63</b>	<b>24.59</b>	<b>83.23</b>

## **7. Pre-EC Compliance**

- i) During the pre-EC meeting, the State was asked to get the road alignments approved from MHA, after conducting joint inspection from the officials of both Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. State representative mentioned that, joint inspection has been conducted for the alignment in the state of Maharashtra. However, the inspection could not be done for the alignment of 51 km in Chhattisgarh area, as the area is too sensitive and difficult to access.
- ii) During Pre-EC meeting, state was also asked to get the approval of alignment from state Forest Department and state Home Department. State representative mentioned that the approval for alignment has been accorded by the State Home department and the State Forest Department will also give the approval by the end of July. State was asked to take the in-principle approval of forest department and after clearance of the proposal, apply for wildlife clearance.
- iii) State was asked to get the alignment approved from MHA after taking in-principle approval from forest department.

## **8. Physical Progress**

- i) It was observed that, 101 roads of 690.45 km and 63 bridges under RCPLWEA are still unawarded in the state. State representative mentioned that now only 59 roads and 63 bridges are un-awarded. State was asked to award these works at the earliest as the timeline for completion of RCPLWEA is till March, 2024.
- ii) Against the annual physical target of 812 km, state has so far completed only 76 km. State was asked to expedite the pace of completion.

## **9. e-Marg**

- i) NRIDA mentioned that, training on e-Marg has been conducted for the RCPLWEA implementing agency in the state many a times and it was conducted recently as well, but the compliance of the state on e-Marg is still unsatisfactory.
- ii) NRIDA further mentioned that, Chhattisgarh SRRDA is performing well in e-Marg. So, the officials of RCPLWEA implementing agency may seek their assistance in improving the progress on e-Marg.
- ii) Routine Inspections have been missed on 42 out of 193 packages. 30 packages are pending for locking. State was asked to improve the progress on e-Marg. Secretary, PWD, Chhattisgarh assured that performance on e-marg would get improved in the coming months. State was asked to ensure that before the next review meeting, there is marked improvement in the implementation of e-marg.

## **10. Maintenance Abstract**

- i) It was observed that during 2022-23, against the maintenance liability of Rs. 5.67 crore, expenditure of only Rs. 84 lakhs was incurred and during the current financial year 2023-24, against the maintenance liability of Rs. 11.21 crore, an expenditure of only Rs. 1 crore has been incurred so far. State was asked to incur required expenditure against the maintenance liability.



## **11. Quality Grading**

- i) During the NQM inspections conducted during July 2020 to June 2023, 7.69% completed works, 11.69% ongoing works and 25% maintenance works have been graded as Unsatisfactory.
- ii) During SQM inspections conducted during the same period, 0% completed works, 0.74% ongoing works and 1.42% maintenance works have been graded as Unsatisfactory. There is a lot of difference in grading of NQMs and SQMs. State was asked to look into the quality aspects seriously. State was also asked to monitor the grading pattern of SQMs.
- iii) 11 ATRs (3 of completed works and 8 of ongoing works) of NQM inspections are pending from the state. State was asked to submit the ATRs at the earliest.

## **12. Financial issues**

- i) Interest amount of Rs. 7.81 crore is pending to be recovered from bank. State was asked to get the interest recovery done at the earliest.
- ii) 12 works are pending for financial closure for more than 180 days as on 14-07-2023. State was asked to take necessary action at the earliest.

**13.** MHA representative mentioned that, MHA may be kept in loop while considering dropping/ foreclosure of any work under RCPLWEA, as some of such works are also recommended by security forces. Committee mentioned that this is already in practice and MHA is kept in loop while considering any proposal of dropping/ foreclosure by the state.

Subject to the compliance of the observations/recommendations as discussed above, the Empowered Committee approved the instant proposal of the state of Chhattisgarh.

Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to and from the chair.

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