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Government of India  
Ministry of Rural Development  
Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi

Dated: 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2021

To,

The Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of Nodal Department implementing PMGSY/ RCPLWEA in the States/UTs

Subject: Extension of time line for completion of works pending under PMGSY-I & II request regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

As you are aware, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) was launched in the year 2000 with an objective to provide connectivity to all the eligible unconnected habitations as per core-network through all-weather roads in a time-bound manner. Later on, PMGSY-II was launched in May, 2013 with an aim to cover upgradation of existing selected rural roads based on their economic potential and their role in facilitating the growth of rural market centers and rural hubs. The sunset date for completion of works sanctioned under PMGSY-I was 31.03.2019 whereas for PMGSY-II, it was 31.03.2020. Despite that, a large number of works under these two verticals of PMGSY is still incomplete which is a matter of serious concern and proving to be an impediment in launch of PMGSY-III in many States/UTs. As the works cannot continue in perpetuity, a clear time line needs to be fixed for finishing the pending works of PMGSY-I & II and formally winding up these two verticals.


2. Also, it has been seen that a large number of works of PMGSY- I & II and RCPLWEA are still pending due to forest clearance, land and other legal issues. Considering the above facts and numerous requests received particularly from North Eastern and Himalayan States to extend the time line due to lock down imposed for containment of Covid-19 and other reasons, the matter was carefully considered. It has been decided to give the State/ UTs a last and final chance to complete all the pending works of PMGSY I & II and RCPLWEA.

3. Accordingly, States/ UTs are hereby given a last and final chance to complete all the pending works of PMGSY-I & II by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. All the works under RCPLWEA need to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. It would also be in the fitness of things that when India celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> year of Independence we can formally wind up and dedicate PMGSY- I & II to the nation. States/ UTs are accordingly requested to complete these pending works by the deadlines given above. Any works/ portion of works under PMGSY- I & II, which remain pending as on 01.04.2022 (or 01.04.2023 in case of RCPLWEA) will be frozen on OMMAS for incurring any further progress/ expenditure out of the funds sanctioned by Govt. of India and State/ UTs will have to complete those works from their own resources.

4. Further all works which are pending due to forest clearance may be reviewed at State/UT level and such works, for which forest clearance is not likely to be received by 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021, should be considered for dropping and proposal in this regard may be sent to this Ministry at the earliest. All such works, which remain pending as on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021, due to forest clearance, land and other related issues will be frozen on OMMAS and States/ UTs will not be allowed to make any expenditure on such works out of the programme fund of PMGSY.

5. You are therefore requested to kindly take personal interest in monitoring the progress of PMGSY-I & II and RCPLWEA at your level and expedite action on the issues mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,



31.5.21

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1. The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Engineers of PMGSY/ RCPLWEA in all the States/ UTs
2. OSD to MRD/ PS to MoS/ Sr. PPS to SRD/ PPS to AS (RD)
3. All Directors in NRIDA/ Dir & DS in RC Division