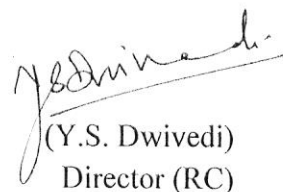


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A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 27th February, 2012 for considering proposals of Saranda Development Plan, LWE/IAP districts, proposals assisted by World Bank, RRP-II and Left out Bridges on already sanctioned roads of the State of Jharkhand under PMGSY is forwarded herewith for further necessary action.


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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE FOR PMGSY

HELD ON 27th Feb, 2012

STATE: Jharkhand

A Meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) was held on 27th Feb, 2012 at 10.00 AM in the Chamber of Secretary, Department of Rural Development to consider the proposals of the State of Jharkhand under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. List of participants are as below:

Sh. S. Vijay Kumar	Secretary (RD)	Chairman
Dr Arvind Mayaram	AS & PA	Representative II/D
Sh Nitin Chandra	Joint Secretary (A)	Member
Sh. Y S Dwivedi	Director (RC)	
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Sh R Chaudhan	Director (P&A), NRRDA	
Sh I K Patra	Jt Dir NRRDA	
State Representatives		
Sh S K Satpathy	Pri Secy cum CEO JSRRDA	
Smt P Anjana Devi	Tech Secretary JSRRDA	
Sh Arbind Pandey	EE, JSRRDA	
Sh Manish Keshri	IT Nodal Officer	
Sh Shashi Shankar	MD, JINFRA	

2. Proposals for Saranda Development Plan (Dist: West Singhbhum Block: Manoharpur)

(a) NRRDA presented the proposals of Saranda Development Plan in district West Singhbhum as under:

Item	New Connectivity	Long Span Bridges	Total
Value in Rs. Crores	66.74*	1.262**	68.002
No. of Road works / Bridges	9	1	9 road works 1 Bridge
Length	103.48 Km	59.16 mts	103.48 Km road works 59.16 m Bridges
Average Cost in Rs. Lakhs / Km	64.49	2.13	
No. of Habitations	0 of 1000+ 2 of 500+ 14 of 250+	-	0 of 1000+ 2 of 500+ 14 of 250+

*MoRD Share: Rs. 62.54 Crore

State Share: Rs. 4.2 Crores.

** MoRD Share: Rs. 1.032 Crore

State Share: Rs. 0.23 Crores.

(b) Dir (YSD) put up the letter No. 18015/16/2011-NM dated 14th Oct, 2011 from Ministry of Home Affairs (Naxal Management Division) before the EC. As per this letter, the villages of the Saranda forest were not taken up under the Core Network plan of PMGSY, since the area was out of bounds for development agencies. Hence, it has been requested by the Ministry of Home Affairs to consider these leftout villages in PMGSY programme.

(c) Dir (YSD) also put up the Prime Minister's Office note no. 670/75/C/14/2011-ES.I dated 03rd Jan, 2012 in connection with the implementation of IAP for LWE affected districts and the Saranda Action Plan before the EC. As per para-(i) in Annexure, the Ministry of rural Development and Planning Commission has to prioritize the implementation of PMGSY works as per the recommendations of the District Level Committee in IAP districts.

(d) NRRDA informed that out of 9 roads proposed, 2 roads are in existing core-network. The remaining 7 roads will also become eligible after inclusion of leftout habitations of Saranda forest area.

(e) All the roads proposed are cement concrete roads keeping in view the requirements of the Security Forces who are going to provide all necessary help during construction as explained by the State in meeting.

Recommendation of EC

(f) In view of letters received from Ministry of Home Affairs and the Prime Minister's Office, the EC considered the proposal of the State as a special case and recommended approval of these 9 roads proposed by the State along with one bridge in Saranda forest area.

3. Before considering the other proposals of the State, the implementation and progress of PMGSY in the State was discussed by the EC as under:

Updating data on OMMAS website :

4. Secretary (RD) reviewed the OMMAS data of the State online and the following deficiencies were observed in it :-

(i) The proposals are not being verified fully by the NRRDA/ Ministry before issue of clearance letter by the Ministry.

Action by NRRDA – Director (Tech)

Secretary instructed Director (Tech) to complete all entries of the proposals cleared by the Ministry. The proposals not cleared are also to be parked in DPR bank.

- (ii) There is variation in figures of MPR being submitted by the State and OMMAS figures.

Action by the State and Director (P-I), NRRDA

Secretary instructed the State to complete all the entries of progress on OMMAS as per manual MPR being submitted to NRRDA. Director (P-I) shall verify the entry on OMMAS with reference to manual MPRs and report completion to the Ministry.

Quality

5. The State informed that the SQC duties are being looked after by the Chief Engineer himself. Secretary asked the State to appoint an independent SQC to monitor the quality at 2nd tier and 1st tier.
6. The State informed that it has engaged 15 nos. of SQMs to monitor the quality at 2nd tier. As per MPR, there are works worth Rs.1,600 crore in hand and another Rs.1,500 crore are likely to be sanctioned soon. Hence, Secretary asked the State to increase the number of SQMs in order to ensure checking of work at least at three stages of construction.
7. AS & FA advised that there should be some specified norms for engaging SQMs by the State based on volume of works in hand and being proposed. The Secretary asked Director (P-III), NRRDA to frame the norms for engaging SQMs by the States. He also proposed that in future new proposals will only be sanctioned if the adequate number of SQMs are engaged by the State.
8. Soft approach by the SQMs in inspection: As per details presented by Director (P-III), there is large divergence in NQM and SQM grading in reports. The number of unsatisfactory grading given by SQMs is much less compared to unsatisfactory grading as per inspections carried out by NQMs. Secretary asked the State to look into the matter.

Maintenance

9. NRRDA brought out the year-wise maintenance commitment of the State, funds deposited in maintenance account and expenditure carried out. The Secretary observed that the expenditure on maintenance is very meager. Hence, Secretary asked the State to submit the month-wise expenditure planned for maintenance of roads during 2012-13.
10. The Secretary observed that the road-wise expenditure is not being captured on OMMAS. He instructed Director (F&A), NRRDA to place a module on OMMAS to enable the States to enter month-wise planned and actual expenditure on maintenance of each road separately.
11. AS & FA suggested to study the joint-venture partnership of State Govt. and private enterprise for maintenance being adopted by the State of Rajasthan.

Long Span Bridges

12. Secretary observed the large number of Long Span Bridges (LSB) are being proposed by the State. He suggested that possibility of providing causeways should be explored and bridge requirement shall be kept to minimum.

13. Secretary also desired that the site of proposed bridges having span more than 25 mtrs shall also be visited by the PTA and broad features of the bridge should be decided by him before preparation of DPRs by the States.

14. The instruction to all States as per para- 12 & 13 above shall be issued by Director (Tech), NRRDA.

Conduct of Regional Review Meetings in States

15. The Secretary instructed that Regional Review Meetings shall be conducted by the JS (RC) in detailed manner with all the officials of the State including SQCs, IT Nodal Officers, Financial Controllers, STAs, PTAs, etc.

Dedicated Financial Controller for PMGSY

16. AS & FA asked the State to appoint dedicated Financial Controller for controlling the accounts of PMGSY.

Proposals of the State (other than Saranda Action Plan)

17. NRRDA presented the proposal of the State as under:

(a) LWI/IAP district proposals

Item	New Connectivity	Bridges	Total
Value in Rs. Crores	122.78	18.98*	141.76
No. of Road works / Bridges	74	10	74 road work 10 Bridges
Length in Km.	358.478	752.70 mts	358.478 Km road works 752.70 m Bridges
Average Cost in Lakhs / Km	34.25	2.57 Lakh/ m	
No. of Habitations	0 of 1000+ 70 of 500+ 69 of 250+	-	0 of 1000+ 70 of 500+ 69 of 250+

*MoRD Share Rs.13.49 Crore,

State Share Rs. 5.49 Crore

(b) World Bank RRP-II proposals:

Item	New Connectivity
Value in Rs. Crores	262.36
No. of Road works	217
Length in Km.	750.68
Average Cost in Lakhs / Km	34.95
No. of Habitations	0 of 1000+ 182 of 500+ 134 of 250+

(c) Proposals for Left out bridges on already sanctioned roads

Item	Bridges
Value in Rs. Crores	226.79*
No. of Bridges	64
Length	7457.51 mts
Average Cost in Lakhs / m	3.07 Lakh/m

*MoRD Share Rs. 129.61 Crore,

State Share Rs. 97.18 Crore

18. NRRDA also brought out the following issues with regards to DPRs for above proposals:

- The certificates of recommendation from the Hon'ble Members of Parliament (MPs) have not been provided by the State.
- Soft copies of the DPRs in DVD form desired by MoRD, not provided by the State.
- Proposals have been entered on GIMMAN, but to be corrected in respect of design parameters and cost based on observations of NRRDA.
- The roadway width proposed is 7.5 m with carriageway 3.75 m. These needs to be corrected to 6 m and 3.75 / 3 m.
- In case of bridges, the pro-rata cost for length beyond 50 m (75 m in IAP areas) and width beyond 4.25 m / 5.5m needs to be furnished.
- None of the proposals are with the provision of non-conventional /new materials under R&D as pilot project.
- The DPRs need to be verified in the field by the officer not below the rank of Superintending Engineer before according the Technical sanction.

Recommendations of EC

19. The EC recommended proposals of the State subject to compliance with following issues:
- (a) The State and NRRDA shall comply with all the observations of the EC as per Para-(4) to (17) above.
 - (b) The State will correct all the DPRs submitted to NRRDA and comply with observations of the NRRDA as per para- (18) above.
 - (c) The clearance of the EC does not imply approval for release of funds. Funds will be released only when observations as per para (4) to (18) have been complied with.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
