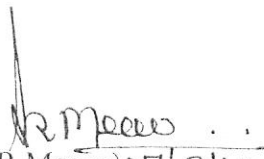


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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE
HELD ON 23rd January, 2012**

STATE: - Karnataka

The Meeting of the Empowered Committee regarding clearance of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) project proposals under Technology Demonstration and Jute & Coir Technology of Phase-X in Karnataka was held on 23rd January, 2012 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (RD) in his chamber at New Delhi and was attended by the following :-

Shri B.K. Sinha	Secretary (RD)	Chairman
Dr. Arvind Mayaram	Addl. Secretary & FA	Member
Dr. P.K. Anand	Joint Secretary (RC)	Member
Shri S R Meena	Director (RC)	
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State Government Representative		
Shri Mahesh Hiremath	Chief Operating Officer, KRRDA	
Shri Purushottam Das Hegde	State Quality Coordinator, KRRDA	

2. A brief presentation was made by NRRDA on the present status of implementation of PMGSY in Karnataka. The presentation, inter alia, brought out that:

- 4 road works of Phase VI (out of 244 works sanctioned in December, 2006) and 26 road works of Phase VII (out of 313 works sanctioned in December, 2007) and 95 road works out of sanctioned 732 road works are still incomplete.
- The State Government has submitted only Sample DPRs to NRRDA. All DPRs at least in soft copy to be sent by the state to NRRDA as per the Ministry's advisory dated 9th January, 2012.
- Being pilot project, all DPRs need to be scrutinized and corrected as per observations of scrutiny.
- The provision of pilot material should be at least in more than 50% of road length.
- The DPRs need to be verified in the field by the officer not below the rank of Superintending Engineer before according the Technical sanction.
- Mandatory certificates to be provided by State Government to NRRDA.
- The State Government has uploaded 1191 digital photographs as against 1270 photographs of the SQM's inspections.

- Quality trend in Karnataka from January, 2007 to December, 2011 is on the higher side i.e. 13% in completed works and 14% in ongoing works.
- The State Government has submitted 356 (75%) Action Taken Reports (ATRs) out of 475 required ATRs.
- In the State, 117 works (22%) were properly maintained, 232 works (45%) were poorly maintained and no maintenance observed in 174 works (33%).
- The difference between OMMAS data and MPR figures was observed by NRRDA in the figures of Value of Proposals, Length cleared, expenditure incurred and length completed.
- Issues on Bank Reconciliation, diversion of fund from Programme Fund to Administrative Fund, Outstanding Advances and TDS on interest recovered by Bank were observed by NRRDA.

3. Details of current proposals – All Upgradation works under Technology Demonstration and Jute & Coir Technology

S.N.	Category	Date of Receipt	No. of Roads	Value in Cr.	Length in Km
1	Jute Technology	04.10.2011	23	43.02	105.17
	Coir Technology	04.10.2011	18	16.98	49.51
	Total		41	60.00	154.68

Maintenance Cost for 5 Year maintenance – 4.08 Crores (6.8 %)

4. After detailed discussion, the Committee recommended the above projects mentioned in para 3 subject to the condition that after submission of mandatory certificates and soft copies of the DPRs in DVD form as per advisory issued to the State Government including entries of data in OMMAS modules.

5. While recommending these proposals, the Committee also made the following observations:

- i) There is substantial data gap in the OMMAS as a result of which there is considerable variation between physical and financial progress shown in the MPR vis-à-vis progress uploaded in the OMMAS. Data gaps in the OMMAS need to be filled in and OMMAS needs to be fully uploaded by 15th March, 2012.
- ii) The State Government should upload at least 10 digital photographs of each inspected road by State Quality Monitors (SQMs).
- iii) The State Government should complete 24 road works sanctioned under Technology Demonstration Project of Phase-IX in 9 districts

of the State and current status of above 24 road works should be expedited.

- iv) The State Government should put in place Maintenance Management System to upkeep the rural roads in the State and adequate funds for maintenance of these roads may be deposited in the account of SRRDA.
- v) The financial and account issues raised by NRRDA should be resolved in month's time.
- vi) All efforts should be made to award all works of the current batch of proposals within the time period prescribed in the guidelines.
- vii) Citizen Information Board should be displayed in the local language and the Board should be placed in a prominent location in the benefited habitation for each road works being executed under the programme.
- viii) Release of funds for these projects will be as per the provisions contained in PMGSY Programme Guidelines and clarifications issued thereon.
- ix) The Executing Agency should recheck the BoQs and Estimates while giving technical sanction before inviting tenders for these projects.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
