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Subject: Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 10th May, 2012 under the Chairmanship of Secretary(RD) – Minutes thereon.

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 10th May, 2012 for considering the project proposal of Bharat Nirman, Stage-I & II, PMGSY (International Border Blocks) Stage-I & II, PMGSY Stage-II and Long Span Bridges submitted by the State of Jammu & Kashmir is forwarded herewith for necessary action.

Encl: As above

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1. Shri K.B. Aggarwal, Principal Secretary, Public Works Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar.
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE HELD
ON 10th MAY, 2012**

STATE: Jammu & Kashmir

The Meeting of the Empowered Committee was held on 10th May, 2012 at 1.00 pm in the Chamber of Secretary, Rural development. List of participants are as below :-

Sh. S. Vijay Kumar	Secretary (RD)	Chairman
Dr.P.K.Anand	Joint Secretary (RC)	Member
Shri S.R. Meena	Director (RC)	
Dr. I.K. Pateriya	Director(Technical),NRRDA	
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Sh.K.B.Aggarwal	Principal Secretary, R&B& CEO JKSRRDA ,J&K	
Sh. A.H.Seikh	Chief Engineer, PMGSY,J&K	
Sh. D.L.Sharma	Chief Engineer, PMGSY,J&K	
Sh. Ram Gupta	State Quality Controller/ITNO, J&K	
Sh. Ashwani Mehra	Nodal Officer, Jammu	

2. A brief presentation was made by NRRDA on the present status of implementation of PMGSY in Jammu & Kashmir, which brought out the following:-

- (i) The STA has not cleared the proposals online in the OMAMS. However, the checklist of Proforma C has been signed by the STA.
- (ii) In a specific proposal of Rajouri district, Bhawani to Seir Makri, the target habitation is connected. This road is to be deleted.
- (iii) Transect walk Certificates with Photographs not included in the DPRs.
- (iv) Traffic reported is on higher side. Also the traffic survey details not attached in DPR. In a sample case, for a new connectivity and connecting only one habitation 16 trucks, 5 buses and 10 MCVs as mentioned in the Proforma C appear rather high. However in pavement design these figures are written as 8 Trucks, 5 Buses and 5 MCVs.
- (v) For connecting single habitation also, CC Pavement length has been proposed, which is not as per guidelines.
- (vi) Provision of CDs could not be justified from the long and cross sections at some places.
- (vii) Score Sheet of DPR to be provided by STAs is not enclosed with the DPR. In some proposals there is provision for excavating hard rock requiring blasting. These excavated rocks and even excavated ordinary rocks can be used in back filling, RR masonry etc.

- (viii) Extra 10% added for curves and bus bay in all items on Lump sum basis, which cannot be agreed to.
- (ix) An item costing 30.52 lacs for 'E/W @10% of stage I (cutting)'. This Lump Sum provision cannot be agreed to.
- (x) CBR value is obtained on a single test result for entire length of road and the other properties of Soil does not show correlation with CBR.
- (xi) Kitchen water disposal pipe line provision is made in the DPR, which needs to be deleted.
- (xii) As per para 19.2 of PMGSY Guidelines, State has not completed 100% of works of Phase II to Phase VII under PMGSY. Out of 885 sanctioned roads up to 31st March, 2010, only 479 road works (54%) have been completed up to 31st March, 2012.
- (xiii) Expenditure on the maintenance of roads under PMGSY is not adequate (Being Rs.0.87 crore against requirement of Rs.6.31 crore).

3. Details of proposals considered by the Committee:

Details of Current Proposals –Jammu & Kashmir

Bharat Nirman Stage- I & II, PMGSY(International Border Blocks) Stage- I & II, PMGSY Stage II and Long Span Bridges

Item	Bharat Nirman Stage- I & II	Normal PMGSY 250+ (Border Blocks) Stage I & II	Stage II (PMGSY)	Long Span Bridges *	Total
Value in Crores	220.26	68.17	254.53	5.84	548.80
No. of Road Works/bridge works	20	11	90	5	126
Length In km	193.07	69.02	593.41	-	855.50
Average Cost per km in Lakhs	114.08	98.77	42.89	-	
No. of Habitations	6 of 1000+ 25 of 500+ 12 of 250+ 6 of <250 (incidental)	10 of 250+ 1 of <250+ (incidental)	Already covered in Stage -I schemes	-	6 of 1000+ 25 of 500+ 22 of 250+ 7 of <250 (incidental)

*MoRD share: Rs. 5.84 Crore State share: Nil

4. After detailed discussion, the Committee recommended the above projects mentioned in para 3 subject to the condition that the clearance letter will be issued after submission of revised DPRs by State in view of higher average cost per km and scrutiny by NRRDA

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

(i) (a) The State should put in place adequate institutional arrangements and make provision of funds for ensuring proper upkeep and maintenance of the projects completed under PMGSY. The State should deposit the prescribed/requisite amount for maintenance of road in SRRDA's Account before tendering the works. In this connection, it was reiterated that as per para 17 and 19 of programme guidelines, adequate funding of maintenance is key to continuous of PMGSY programme in the States.

(b) The following conditions stipulated earlier have not yet been fulfilled:-

- (i) Adequate institutional arrangements to upkeep and maintain projects completed under PMGSY
- (ii) The second tier of quality monitoring mechanism needs to be strengthened.
- (iii) The State Government should establish field laboratories for all sanctioned packages
- (iv) The State should ensure that OMMAS data must be updated immediately.
- (v) ATR on accounting and financial management issues raised in the presentation of NRRDA should be furnished immediately.
- (vi) Mandatory certificates and Soft Copies of the DPRs in DVD form should be provided by the State immediately.

(c) As per para 19.1 of PMGSY guidelines, release of the first instalment would be dependent on fulfillment of the above conditions.

(d) The pending road works from Phase-II to Phase-VII should be completed on priority basis and a booklet showing list of sanctioned road works under PMGSY from Phase-I to Phase-VIII should be sent to the Ministry. As per para 19.2 of PMGSY guidelines, second installment would be released only if all awarded works more than 2 years are completed and 80% of works awarded 1-2 years back are completed.

(ii) (a) The State Government should establish field laboratories for all sanctioned packages. Since non establishment of the laboratory involves fundamental breach of the contract, payment for the first running bill should not be made until and unless the requisite laboratories have been established.

(b) The second tier of quality monitoring mechanism needs to be strengthened. The State Government should increase the inspection of SQMs in the State.

(c) The reports of NQMs/SQMs along with digital photographs of inspected road works and laboratories should be uploaded on the PMGSY web site.

(iii) (a) The State should ensure that OMMAS data must be updated immediately and regularly since it is linked with release of funds to the State. It is reiterated that both with respect to expenditure and completion of works, only the data on OMMAS would be recognized for purposes of release of installments.

(b) ATR on accounting and financial management issues raised in the presentation of NRRDA should be furnished at the earliest.

(c) The hard copies of Core Network maps along with data have been received from the State. However, the State needs to send the soft copies of the maps and data to NRRDA for record, to verify the compatibility of the proposals in future phases.

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