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**MINUTES OF THE 22nd MEETING OF THE GENERAL BODY (GB) OF
NATIONAL RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (NRRDA) HELD
ON 22ND AUGUST, 2016 AT NRRDA, NEW DELHI**

Item No. A	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 21st meeting of the General Body of NRRDA and action taken thereon. (held on 8th February, 2016)	
	Item No. 4	Research work undertaken under PMGSY by NRRDA in collaboration with STAs and PTAs.
	Decision of 22nd GB	The General Body took note of the three on-going research and development projects sanctioned to NIT, Raipur, NIT Silchar and IIT, Bhubaneswar, in 2015-16. The General Body was informed that NIT, Raipur will submit final report by November 2016. Similarly, NIT Silchar will also submit report by October 2016 and IIT, Bhubnehsvar within 6 months.
	Action taken	<p>Technical Division is regularly following up with the Institutes i.e. IIT, Bhubaneswar, NIT, Raipur and NIT, Silchar for completion of the Projects and submission of the reports. All three Institutes have submitted the Status report on their respective Projects. NIT, Raipur and NIT, Silchar have submitted the Interim Progress Report. NIT Silchar has requested for extension of 6 months till April, 2017 and the likely date of completion of project by NIT, Raipur upto by April 2017 end.</p> <p>For the Project with IIT, Bhubaneswar, the equipment have already been purchased. Construction of roads using Cement Stabilized base/sub base is being carried out by SRRDA after which performance will be evaluated at least for a period of 1 year.</p>

	Item No. 6	Use of environment friendly "Green" technologies in PMGSY roads
	Decision of 22nd GB	<p>Director General pointed out that in the year 2016-17, 3,825 kms of PMGSY roads would be constructed using waste plastic and 3,900 km using cold mix technologies. Against this target, till July, 2016, about 1,200 kms of roads using these technologies have already been completed. He further informed that from inception of PMGSY to the year 2014, only 806.93 km was constructed using green technologies, this substantially increased to 2,634.02 km in two years i.e. 2014-16. New Technology Initiatives Guidelines issued in May 2013, are being revised in the light of the feedback received from the States, STAs and other stakeholders.</p> <p>The General Body appreciated this initiative and advised that States be encouraged to make greater use of such non-conventional material, local material and green technologies.</p>
	Action taken	<p>In 2016-17, till date, 2974 Km of road using Waste Plastic and 4203 Km of road using Cold Mix and 3398 km using other technologies / materials have been Sanctioned and 1700 km have been completed till December, 2016.</p> <p>The States are regularly advised to submit the proposals under new technology and by using locally available materials as per CRRl Recommendations.</p>
	Item No. 8	Use of IT enabled/mobile technology for monitoring of PMGSY roads
	Decision of 22nd GB	<p>General Body took note of the Application of Space Technology in Rural Road Projects under PMGSY. In order to create a mechanism to detect the variance between the</p>

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actual progress of PMGSY (as revealed by Remote Sensing) and the progress reported by the States through manually/electronically, sent progress reports. NRRDA had entered into a MoU with Centre for Geo-Informatics Application in Rural Development (CGARD) of NIRD & PR, Hyderabad by using Remote Sensing and Satellite Imageries. At present, five States (Assam, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Telangana, 2 districts each) have been selected in the first phase of the project. In 5 States (covering 10 districts), after analysing the satellite imageries, 31% variation has been found in road lengths. The reports received from the CGARD have already been shared with the respective States for their comments on the discrepancies in terms of length of the road works.

It is proposed to universalize this intervention in remaining States in near future.

President, NRRDA advised that these States should, on priority basis, submit the status of road length actually constructed and payments made in respect of each PMGSY road.

Report of 5 States (Assam, Chattisgarh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Telengana) have been received from CGARD (Centre for Geo-Informatics Application in Rural Development).The reports are already shared with the States for their comments. States have submitted their comments and action taken reports which are being reviewed. A video conference was held with above states except Odisha on the action taken reports of the States.

	Item No. 12	Contractual services of retired officers engaged in NRRDA and HR Policy for NRRDA
	Decision of 22nd GB	<p>Director General informed about the status of the compliance. He also pointed out that in respect of retired officers appointed against regular vacancies in NRRDA, who have attained the age of 65 years, an internal committee of NRRDA, had examined the matter and made certain recommendations.</p> <p>The General Body deliberated on the issue taking into account the comments of Internal Finance Division of the Ministry and decided that the matter be settled on file.</p>
	Action taken	The Report of Internal Committee appointed by the MoRD for evaluation of HR policy for NRRDA has been received in MoRD, and forwarded to IFD for their analysis & concurrence.
	Item No. 13	e-payments to contractors for all PMGSY works in all States
	Decision of 22nd GB	<p>General Body took note of the endeavours of NRRDA to shift to electronic payments (through OMMAS), to contractors executing PMGSY works. At present 21 States have implemented e-payment system. Training to SRRDA officials has already been done. Remaining 7 States (AP, Telangana, Goa, Kerala, J&K, Arunachal Pradesh & Nagaland) are yet to start e-payments. President NRRDA advised that special attention needs to be given to Kerala as average construction cost in the State is substantially higher as compared to other States.</p>
	Action taken	e-payment under Programme fund has been operationalized in all the states except Jammu & Kashmir as the MoRD has exempted them till 31st March, 2017, in view of disturbed conditions in some parts of the State.

	Item No. IV	Assessment of the actual no. of NQMs required, average no. of annual inspections done vis-a-vis their quality
	Decision of GB	It was explained that the absolute number of NQMs has increased substantially since the last two years. The present no. of 108 active NQMs is sufficient to meet the annual inspections targets fixed by NRRDA for NQMs. Hon'ble Minister and President, NRRDA advised that NRRDA should also consider utilizing the services of fresh graduates from IIT's & NITs for this purpose. Such infusion of fresh blood & fresh ideas in inspection would be beneficial for the quality of PMGSY road works.
	Action taken	At present, there are 95 active NQMs excluding those de-empanelled on disciplinary grounds and poor performance. In addition, the Selection Committee Meeting during its meeting held on 10th November, 2016 recommended empanelment of 35 NQMs. Out of these 16 NQMs have been empanelled after undergoing the Orientation-cum- training programme, mandatory for newly empanelled NQMs, at IAHE, Noida during 27 – 29 December, 2016.
	Item No. VIII	Setting up of the NTSA as a separate unit within NRRDA and renaming of NRRDA as NRRHDA
	Decision of GB	The General Body took note of the information regarding the background and justification for setting up of the NTSA within NRRDA. The General Body deliberated on the issue and reiterated that the character of NRRDA should not be diluted. GB also advised that the matter be reconsidered within the Ministry, before a final decision is taken.
	Action	This issue was examined in the MoRD and Hon'ble Minister vide

taken	note dated 15.10.2016 has agreed to set up NRRDA as NTSA, which requires renaming of NRRDA as National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA) with a Roads and Housing Wing. However, in the previous GB, it was proposed to rename as NRRHDA.
Item No. IX	Progress of ADB Projects
Decision of GB	The General Body was apprised of the progress of ADB assisted Rural Roads Sector I Project (RRSIP), RRSIP and Rural Connectivity Investment Program (RCIP). Further the General Body was also apprised of the current status of Rural Connectivity Investment Program (RCIP) (Supplementary) of US \$ 500 Million which aims to construct / upgrade 6,000 km of rural roads in Assam, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal. The General Body appreciated the fact that all targets of ADB assisted projects have been achieved/are being achieved.
Action taken	<p>(i) Rural Roads Sector I Project for USD 400 Million financed by ADB has been completed in the States of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh. 9574 km of rural roads has been constructed in these States. (ii) Rural Roads Sector II Project for USD 750 Million has been completed in the States of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal.</p> <p>(iii) Rural Connectivity Investment Program of USD 800 Million has been financed in 3 tranches under Loan No. 2881-IND, 3065-IND & 3306-IND.</p> <p>Department of Economic Affairs and ADB have awarded first prize to the MoRD/NRRDA in the last TPRM under Loan No. 2881-IND as the fast moving project in India similarly. Other projects</p>

		<p>3065-IND and 3306-IND are also moving fast.</p> <p>(iv) As far as the Rural Connectivity Investment Program (Supplementary) for USD 500 Million is concerned, ADB has fielded the PPTA Mission to make the assessment of the System, Procurement, Road Safety and Road Maintenance in the States of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal. States have been requested to prepare the DPRs. PFR for Tranche 1 will be filed in September 2017 for approval of loan.</p>
	<p>Item No. XIV</p>	<p>Correction in fixation of remuneration of Shri Brij Mohan and Shri HS Saini engaged as Consultants in NRRDA</p>
	<p>Decision of GB</p> <p>Action taken</p>	<p>The General Body after due deliberations, approved the proposal.</p> <p>NRRDA vide Office Order No. 2016 dated 08.11.2016 has directed Shri Brij Mohan and Shri H.S. Saini, Consultants to deposit the excess amount. Shri H.S. Saini represented to this office against this order. As per directions, this office has sought views of CCA, MoRD and CCA, MoRD viewed that "any reduction in consultancy fee where the other party is not at fault is not tenable. Therefore, any recovery in the consultancy fee paid to the consultants due to the administrative reasons may not be appropriate. Hence, it will be appropriate to inform the consultants about the reduced consultancy fee and seek their confirmation whether they will like to continue at the reduced amount. If at all, it is felt that higher amount has been paid to the consultants because of administrative lapse, administrative action shall be taken against the officials responsible to decide the consultancy fee and not the consultants".</p>

		<p>Thereafter, it was decided that Shri H.S. Saini may give their consent in accepting remuneration at the reduced rate. However, Shri H.S. Saini vide his application dated 15.12.2016 has refused to receive remuneration at reduced rates retrospectively i.e. from April, 2016 and requested he may be continued on the contract on reduced rates w.e.f.1.1.2017.</p> <p>Consent of other consultant i.e. Shri Brij Mohan, Consultant could not be taken as he has left this office.</p> <p>It is proposed to resubmit this matter again to IFD for their concurrence.</p>
	Item No. XV	Enhancing the rate of increment to Shri Arun Trivedi, Consultant (CA) on Contract
	Decision of GB	<p>The General Body after due deliberations agreed to an interim increase of only 10% at present.</p> <p>The General Body also desired that such proposal should not be presented in a piece meal fashion, rather all such proposals, in future, should be integrated, keeping in view the remunerations of similarly placed professionals in similar Govt. Organizations.</p>
	Action taken	Proposal is under process and will be submitted to IFD for their concurrence.
	Item No XVII	Other matter
	Decision of GB	All out efforts should be made to construct the targeted road length of 133 km /day during 2016-17.
	Action taken	As of now at the National level 64.37 percent target has been achieved. The states are requested through RRM's on regular

		basis and by D.O. letters from Secretary, RD, JS(RC) & DG, NRRDA to achieve the targeted length of 48812 Km. at National level during 2016-17.
	Decision of GB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State specific specifications and designs for rural roads should be in place. • Need to reduce the average cost of construction of PMGSY roads and the need for the Ministry to issue guidelines to States to fully utilize State wise locally available construction materials.
	Action taken	<p>Report on mapping of locally available construction material including waste materials, on GIS platform has been submitted by CRRI, New Delhi. The report consists of two districts of Bihar and two districts of Madhya Pradesh. Few road works have already been sanctioned in the State of Bihar as per recommendations of CRRI whereas Madhya Pradesh has been requested to propose some roads using report of CRRI in PMGSY-II.</p> <p>In Aug 2016, Ministry has issued guidelines to facilitate the use of Fly Ash in PMGSY Works as per the Notification of MoEF. As per Gazatte Notification, dated 27th Jan 2016 of Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), the coal and lignite based thermal power plants within a radius of 300 Km would bear the entire cost of transportation of ash to the site of road construction projects under PMGSY and asset creation programme of Govt. involving construction of building, roads, dams and embankments.</p>

Decision of GB	For better quality assurance mechanism, Centre should increase its presence and focus on quality and time bound completion/monitoring of PMGSY through SRRDAs and NQMs.
Action taken	<p>Recent Efforts made to strengthen the quality control mechanism :</p> <p>A. <u>Third Tier</u></p> <p>I. National Quality Monitors (NQMs)</p> <p>(i) NQM inspections:</p> <p>The total no. of NQM inspections in the year 2015-16 was 6516. The target of NQM inspections for year 2016-17 has been fixed at 7,500. Against this target, 4962 NQM inspections have been conducted till the month of December, 2016, which is 66% of annual target.</p> <p>(ii) Strength increased:</p> <p>The total NQMs as on date is 95. Some more NQMs are likely to join shortly.</p> <p>(iii) Performance evaluation :</p> <p>The performance evaluation of the existing NQMs is conducted by Performance evaluation committee from time to time. During the last meeting of PEC, 18 NQMs were removed from the panel on the basis of the poor performance.</p> <p>B. <u>Second Tier</u></p> <p>II. State Quality Monitors (SQMs)</p> <p>(i) Increase in no. of inspections:</p> <p>The SQMs conducted 34606 inspections during the year</p>

2015-16. In 2016-17, as on Dec, 2016, 22057 inspections have been conducted against annual target of 34759 inspections.

(ii) Maximum limit of inspections:

In order to ensure that the requisite no. of field test for quality are conducted during inspections by SQMs, the following upper most limit of inspections by SQMs has been fixed :

- Max 1-2 inspection per day for Ongoing / completed works.
- Max 2-4 inspections per day for maintenance works

(iii) SQMs working for more than one State:

Instructions issued for SQMs to work only for one State at a time. This has been done with a view to ensure availability of the SQM for the particular State.

(iv) Age limit :

The Age limit of SQMs has been fixed at 70 years at par with NQMs.

(v) De-empanelled NQMs not to be appointed as SQMs:

NQMs de-empanelled on the basis of poor performance and disciplinary matters are not permitted to be appointed as SQMs in the State.

(vi) Performance Evaluation of SQMs:

On the pattern of NQMs, instructions have been issued to State Govts. for constituting Performance Evaluation Committees to evaluate the performance of the existing SQMs. States have also been asked to remove those SQMs from the panel whose performance has not been found upto the mark.

Decision of GB	The need for the States to focus on regular maintenance of PMGSY roads assets and put in place mechanism to ensure that overloaded vehicles do not damage PMGSY roads.
Action taken	16 States, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal have formulated their own Rural Road Maintenance Policy with assured budgetary provisions every year for maintenance of rural roads. Apart from this, the states of Karnataka, Meghalaya and Odisha are in the final stage of their Road Maintenance Policies.

Item No. C	Agenda points for 23 rd G.B. Meeting	
	Item No. 1.	<p>Approval of Annual Accounts of NRRDA for 2015-16:</p> <p>The annual accounts for the financial year 2015-16 have been audited by M/s. Agarwal A. Kumar & Associates and are placed at Appendix. During the year an expenditure of Rs.273.80 crores was incurred from the funds received as grant from MoRD. The General Body is requested to consider the Audited Balance Sheet. Income & Expenditure statement and to adopt the same. The same are incorporated in the Annual Report for the year 2015-16.</p> <p>The Annual Accounts of NRRDA are submitted for GB's ratification.</p>
	Item No. 2.	<p>Approval of Annual Report for the year 2015-16</p> <p>The Annual Report for the year 2015-16 of NRRDA has been prepared and is placed on the table of General Body Meeting for approval. The report will be placed in both houses of Parliament.</p> <p>The Annual Report of NRRDA is submitted for GB's ratification.</p>
	Item No. 3.	<p>Extension of deputation term of following Officers in NRRDA for a period of one year:</p> <p>This office has extended the deputation period of following officers for further one year with the approval of Hon'ble Minister, RD: -</p>

		<p>1. Shri R. Basavaraja, Director(P-II) w.e.f. 1.8.2016</p> <p>2. Dr. I.K. Pateriya, Director(Tech) w.e.f. 26.11.2016</p> <p>This is submitted for kind information of GB please.</p>
	<p>Item No. 4.</p>	<p>Appointment of Director, Dy. Director and Asstt. Directors in NRRDA</p> <p>Shri Mahesh M. Hiremath has joined NRRDA as Director (P-I) on deputation w.e.f 11.4.2016 to 30.04.2016.</p> <p>The following officers have joined NRRDA on deputation for initial period of one year: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shri Parveen Kumar – Dy. Director(F&A) w.e.f. 10.06.2016 2. Ms. Shalini Das, Asstt. Director (Tech) w.e.f 13.03.2015 3. Ms. T. Sujatha, Asstt. Director (Tech) w.e.f. 11.07.2016 4. Ms. V. Madhavi, Asstt. Director(P-III) w.e.f. 01.07.2016 5. Shri Kailash Kumar Bisht, Asstt. Director (F&A) w.e.f. 06.11.2015 <p>After retirement on 30.04.2016 Shri Mahesh M. Hiremath has joined NRRDA as Consultant w.e.f 01.05.2016 for two year period.</p> <p>This is submitted for kind information of GB please.</p>
	<p>Item No. 5.</p>	<p>Resignation/joining of following Young(C) Engineers:</p> <p>The following young civil engineers have resigned/joined NRRDA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shri Vasanth Reddy - Resigned on 31.10.2016 2. Shri Hashim Khan – Resigned on 9.9.2016 3. Shri Ashish chhachhia - joined 8.12.2016 <p>This is submitted for kind information of GB please.</p>

<p>Item No. 6.</p>	<p>Extension of contract period of consultants above 65 Years – Ex post facto sanction from 1.7.2016 to 31.12.2016</p> <p>In the 21st GB meeting, it was decided that contract period of those consultants, who have attained age of 65 years, their contract be extended for a period of 6 months i.e. from 01.01.2016 to 30.06.2016. As such, contract period of following consultants expired on 30.06.2016:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shri B.R. Dhamija 2. Shri H. Bharadwaj 3. Shri.K. Kapoor 4. Shri K.L. Bagga 5. Shri S.S. Bhatia 6. Shri Brij Mohan (upto 30.09.2016 as he has left this office) 7. Shri S.C. Mathur <p>This office has advertised all the posts of JD/DD/AD during the year twice. However, against the first advertisement, only two ADs joined. But majority of posts could not be filled up. Against the second advertisement, we have received few applications for the aforesaid posts and the selection process is under consideration. Since these posts were not filled up with the regular incumbents, extension of deputation of these consultants necessitated and it was decided to extend the contract period for further six months i.e. 01.07.2016 to 31.12.2016.</p> <p>The matter is therefore placed before the GB Meeting for ex-post-facto approval from 01.07.2016 to 31.12.2016.</p>
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<p>Item No. 7.</p>	<p>Extension of contract period of all consultants in NRRDA w.e.f 1st of January, 2017</p> <p>The contract of following retired officers working in different divisions in NRRDA has expired on 31.12.2016.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sh. B.R. Dhameja 2. Sh. Ashok Shah 3. Sh. S.S Bhatia 4. Sh. H. Bhardwaj 5. Sh. A. Kapoor 6. Sh. K L. Bagga 7. Sh. S.C. Mathur 8. Sh. H.S. Saini 9. Sh. S.D. Singh 10. Sh. Randhir Singh <p>Out of ten consultants, seven persons (Sl. No. 1 to 7 above) have crossed the age of 65 years. The contract was last renewed on 30.12.2015. In the case of persons who have completed 65 years they were given extension for six months only upto 30.06.2016 and those who were below 65 years their contract was extended for one year upto 31.12.2016. But keeping in view the paucity of staff and vacancy in NRRDA the persons above 65 years have been given extension upto 31.12.2016 vide this office order No. 151 dated 9.11.2016.</p> <p>As per the terms and conditions of engagement of retired employees on contract basis in NRRDA, which were approved in the minutes of 16th General Body Meeting, the period of contract would be for one year which would be extendable on year to year basis upto the age of 65 years subject to</p>
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		<p>satisfactory performance and certified job requirements. The matter regarding continuance of persons attained the age of 65 years was also placed in the minutes of 22nd G.B. Meeting held on 22nd August, 2016 and it was deliberated that the matter be decided after taking into account the comments of Internal Finance Division. The comments of IFD are still awaited as HR policy is under analysis and concurrence with them.</p> <p>To fill up the vacant posts of JD, DD & ADs, this office has advertised these posts twice during the year but in the absence of suitable candidates the posts are still remaining un-filled. In response to recent advertisement dated 20.7.2016, we have received 20 applications (7 for JD, 6 for DD (F&A) & 7 for AD Tech./Pro). The selection process is in process.</p> <p>In the absence of regular incumbents, It is proposed that the contract of retired persons below 65 years be renewed for one year and those who are above 65, based on their performance appraisal and need of their services to NRRDA, specific approval of Vice President and President would be sought for extension in specific cases.</p> <p>Submitted for kind consideration of GB please.</p>
	<p>Item No. 8.</p>	<p>Implementation of 7th Pay Commission in NRRDA:</p> <p>The matter has been referred to IFD for consideration. The IFD in its remarks has stated that all the deputationists who have opted for their respective states scale, will be given the benefits of 7th CPC only after implementation of 7th CPC in their states. However, in case of those officers who have opted for NRRDA</p>

		scale the benefits of 7th CPC can not be given at this juncture because Government of India has yet to notify the implementation of 7th CPC in autonomous bodies.
Item No. 9.	<p>1.Proceedings of 20th Selection Committee Meeting for empanelment of new NQMs and performance review of the existing NQMs held on 10th November, 2016</p> <p>The Selection Committee made the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the modified Selection criteria for empanelment of new NQMs. • Out of 53 candidates, recommended empanelment of 35 candidates. • In the Performance evaluation of existing NQMs, out of 56 NQMs, 18 were removed. • 4 NQMs were de-empanelled for violation of code of conduct • 01 NQM de-empanelled for taking more than 7 month's time to join after empanelment • 01 NQM issued warning for violation of NQM guidelines. <p>An Orientation-cum-training programme was held at IAHE, Noida for the newly empanelled NQMs. Out of 26 NQMs invited, 16 attended the programme.</p> <p>Details given in Annexure- I</p> <p>This is for kind information of General Body.</p>	
Item No. 10	<p>Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Affected Areas</p> <p>1) The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister has approved a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely "Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Affected Areas" to improve the rural road connectivity in the worst LWE affected districts from security angle.</p>	

		<p>2) The project will be implemented as a vertical under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to provide connectivity with necessary culverts and cross-drainage structures in 44 worst affected LWE districts and adjoining districts, critical from security and communication point of view. The roads will be operable throughout the year irrespective of all weather conditions.</p> <p>3) Under the project, construction/upgradation of 5,411.81 km road and 126 bridges/Cross Drainage works will be taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.11,724.53 crore in the above district. The fund sharing pattern of LWE road project will be same as that of PMGSY i.e. in the ratio of 60:40 between the Centre and States for all States except for eight North Eastern and three Himalayan States (Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand) for which it is 90:10. Ministry of Finance will have to allocate to Ministry of Rural Development Rs. 7,034.72 crore for this project during the period of implementation 2016-17 to 2019-20.</p> <p>4) Ministry of Rural Development will be the sponsoring Ministry as well as the implementing Ministry of this project. The nodal department for implementation has to be decided by the respective states and the implementation of the road / bridge works will be as per PMGSY guidelines. The likely duration of implementation of the project is four years from 2016-17 to 2019-20.</p> <p>Details given in Annexure- II</p> <p>This is for kind information of General Body.</p>
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Proceedings of 20th Selection Committee Meeting for empanelment of new NQMs and performance review of the existing NQMs.

The Selection Committee during its meeting held on 10th November, 2016 approved the following Agenda Items:

1. Modification of Selection Criteria for empanelment of new NQMs

The Selection Committee, after detailed deliberations, approved the Selection Criteria.

2. Empanelment of new NQMs:

Service and experience details of 53 candidates were placed before the Selection Committee. The Committee after perusal of details made the following recommendations based on the Selection criteria prescribed for the purpose:

- 35 Candidates were recommended for empanelment.
- 18 Candidates were not recommended for non-fulfilment of various provisions of Selection Criteria.

3. Performance Review of the existing NQMs:

There is a Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC) to evaluate the performance of the existing NQMs. The PEC makes observations about the performance of the existing NQMs. These observations are placed before the Selection Committee for its recommendation. Accordingly, observations about 56 such NQMs made by PEC during its meeting held from 29-31 August, 2016 were placed before the Selection Committee in the meeting held on 10th November, 2016. After the perusal of the observations, the Selection committee made the following recommendations:

- 03 NQMs rated as outstanding may be retained.
- 27 NQMs rated as satisfactory may also be retained.
- 08 NQMs rated as marginal may also be retained.
- 02 NQMs rated Marginal for the second time will be removed from the panel of NQMs
- 16 NQMs rated as unsatisfactory may be removed from the panel of NQMs.

4. Violation of code of conduct by NQMs:

The Committee deliberated upon 4 cases of NQMs who also working as SQMs inspected / verified some of the road works inspected by them as NQMs.

The committee recommended de-empanelment of all 4 NQMs

5. Any other item with the permission of the Chair

a. Delay in joining by NQMs

There are instances where candidates recommended for empanelment as NQMs by various Selection Committees inordinately delay their joining. Keeping this in mind, the matter was placed before the 19th Selection Committee during its meeting held on 18th March, 2016, for its consideration. The Committee recommended that those candidates who have taken more than three months time to join as NQMs without any genuine reason (to be decided by the Competent Authority) may be de-empanelled.

As per the recommendation of the Committee, one candidate who had taken more than seven month's time to join, was de-empanelled.

b. Violation of NQM guidelines

NRRDA has issued instructions from time to time for NQMs not to take their spouse/ close relation along with them at the time of field inspections. Inspite of these instructions, one of the NQMs, Shri Hari Prasad Shivhare took his spouse during visits to the States of Rajasthan & Kerala.

The matter was placed before the Selection Committee and the Selection Committee, after detailed deliberations, recommended that Shri Shivhare may be issued a warning not to take his spouse/ close relatives in future during inspection visits as communicated through various advisories. The committee also recommended that the inspection reports of Shri Shivhare may be placed before the next Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC) for its observations and the observations of the PEC may be placed before the next Selection Committee.

Orientation-cum-training programme for newly empanelled NQMs.

DG, NRRDA, inaugurated an Orientation-cum-Training Programme focusing at Systems and procedures followed under 3rd tier of quality monitoring, sensitization about the critical issues concerning quality; and roles and responsibilities associated with 3rd tier of the quality monitoring for the newly empanelled NQMs held during 27-29 December, 2016 at Indian Academy Of Highway Engineers (IAHE), Noida.

During the 3-day sessions, presentations were made on important subjects like Programme Guidelines, Rural Road Specifications, Soil Stabilization and Use of New Technology, Quality Control Testing Process, Quality Assurance Handbook (QAHB) and Use of Mobile Application. On 29th December, 2016 (last day of the programme), a field visit was arranged in district Ghaziabad. During the practical demo, some tests relating to sieve analysis of WBM, in situ field density (sand replacement method) and volumetric analysis were conducted on the spot. From the feedback on the last day of the session, it emerged that all the NQMs appreciated the subjects covered, detailed discussions and practical demo held.

In all 26 candidates were invited for the Orientation/Training programme. Out of 26 candidates, 16 candidates attended the orientation/ training programme. As regards remaining 10 candidates, 04 have requested for some alternative date(s) due to their prior-commitments and the other 06 have not responded.

Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Affected Areas

1. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister has approved a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely "Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Affected Areas" to improve the rural road connectivity in the worst LWE affected districts from security angle.
2. The project will be implemented as a vertical under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to provide connectivity with necessary culverts and cross-drainage structures in 44 worst affected LWE districts and adjoining districts, critical from security and communication point of view. The roads will be operable throughout the year irrespective of all weather conditions.
3. Under the project, construction/upgradation of 5,411.81 km road and 126 bridges/Cross Drainage works will be taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.11,724.53 crore in the above district. The fund sharing pattern of LWE road project will be same as that of PMGSY i.e. in the ratio of 60:40 between the Centre and States for all States except for eight North Eastern and three Himalayan States (Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand) for which it is 90:10. Ministry of Finance will have to allocate to Ministry of Rural Development Rs.7,034.72 crore for this project during the period of implementation 2016-17 to 2019-20.
4. Ministry of Rural Development will be the sponsoring Ministry as well as the implementing Ministry of this project. The nodal department for implementation has to be decided by the respective states and the implementation of the road / bridge works will be as per PMGSY guidelines. The likely duration of implementation of the project is four years from 2016-17 to 2019-20.

5. The "Road Connectivity Project for LWE Affected Areas" is envisaged in LWE States including the 35 worst affected LWE districts which account for 90% of total LWE violence in the country and 9 adjoining districts critical from security angle as per the inputs and lists of roads / districts provided by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The roads taken up under the scheme would include Other District Roads (ODRs), Village Roads (VRs) and upgradation of the existing Major District Roads (MDRs) that are critical from the security point of view. Bridges up to a span of 100 meters, critical from security angle would also be funded on these roads.
6. The PMGSY guideline does not permit construction/upgradation of MDRs. However, keeping special circumstances of LWE areas in view, MDRs would be taken up under the scheme as a special dispensation. The National Highways and the State Highways would be excluded from this project. The roads to be constructed under the scheme have been identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs in close consultation with the State Governments and the security agencies, by following a process of extensive consultation.
7. The allocation for construction of roads and bridges would be required in a phased manner spread over four years as follows:

Year	Physical Phasing in Km (%)	Phasing of Total Project Cost in Rs. Crore (%)	Phasing of Govt. of India Allocation in Rs. Crore (%)
2016-17	250 (4.61%)	500 (4.26%)	300 (4.26%)
2017-18	1583 (29.24%)	2,617 (22.3%)	1570.2(22.3%)
2018-19	1,789(33%)	4,303 (36.69%)	2581.8(36.69%)
2019-20	1,790 (33%)	4,305 (36.7%)	2583(36.7%)
Total	5,412.00	11,725	7035.00

8. Difference in the Guidelines of the proposed project with the existing PMGSY Guidelines:

S.No.	Parameter	Provision in existing Guidelines	Provision in LWE Road Project
1.	Population of Habitation	As per existing Guidelines, only 267 most Intensive IAP blocks as identified by MHA with a population of 100 and above are also covered in PMGSY.	Population of Habitation is not a criterion and the roads identified by MHA in consultation with the states and Security Agencies are taken up.
2.	Road Category	It includes Rural Roads, Village Roads (VR) and Other Districts Roads (ODR). Major Districts Roads (MDR) are not covered under PMGSY Guidelines	It also includes some Major Districts Roads (MDR) which are critical from the security point of view.
3.	Composition of Inter Ministerial Committee (IMEC)	IMEC is Chaired by Secretary, (Department of Rural Development) MoRD, Gol.	Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee (IMEC) to be Co-chaired by Secretary (Home Affairs) and Secretary (Rural Development).
4.	Administrative Cost	2.25% of the total annual allocated fund is earmarked as Administrative cost.	Provision of 5 % of the total cost as Administrative cost.
5.	Damage to ongoing projects due to LWE violence.	There is no provision in the PMGSY guidelines to address this and the cost of salvaging the damage is borne by the states.	In case of damage to under construction roads / Bridges / CD works due to LWE violence, the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMEC) will consider the instances on a case to case basis and wherever found appropriate, Gol will bear this cost.

9. State wise details of Roads and bridges to be constructed: -

S.N.	Category of Road	Andhra Pradesh	Bihar	Chhattisgarh	Jharkhand	Maharashtra	Odisha	Telangana	Madhya Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh	Total
1	Roads (no.)	119	60	48	40	10	24	24	2	13	340
2	Bridges / Cross Drainage (CD) works (no.)	9	Nil	11	59	39	Nil	2	6	Nil	126
3	Total length (in KM)	1236.2	1052	891.3	833.57	132	375	572.81	50	269.06	5411.78
4	Value of Roads/Bridges (in crore)	1128.7	2869	2390.5	2163.75	270	657.1	1290	101.15	853.68	11724.18