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Department of Rural Development
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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 30th March, 2016

Subject: Minutes of the Empowered Committee meeting under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) held on 29th March, 2016 - Uttarakhand.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting the Empowered Committee held on **29th March, 2016** under the Chairmanship of Secretary (RD) to consider project proposals under PMGSY of the State of Uttarakhand under (Batch-I), 2015-16 for necessary action.

The State Government is requested that compliance report on the observations of the Committee may please be sent to the Ministry to enable this Ministry to issue formal clearance of the proposals.


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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EMPOWERED COMMITTEE OF PMGSY HELD ON 29th MARCH, 2016.

STATE: UTTARAKHAND

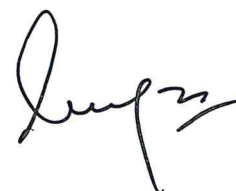
The Meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) was held on 29th March, 2016 at 9:15 AM under the Chairmanship of Shri S.M.Vijayanand, Secretary, Rural Development to consider project proposals of the State of Uttarakhand under PMGSY. List of participants is given as below:

Shri Rajesh Bhushan	Joint Secretary (RC)
Shri Priya Ranjan	Director (RC)
Shri I.K. Pateriya	Director (Tech), NRRDA
Shri Uttam Kumar	Director (P-III), NRRDA
Ms Anjali Singh	Director (F&A), NRRDA
State Govt Representatives	
Shri A.S. Hyanki	Chief Empowered Officer
Shri A.K. Dinkar	Chief Engineer

2. Details of proposals considered by the Empowered Committee for the State of Uttarakhand under PMGSY-I (Batch-I) for the year 2015-16 including bridges are as under:

Item	No of works	Length (in km)	Value (Rs in crore)	Habitations
Stage-I	113	949.739	575.09	4 of 1000+ 45 of 500+ 162 of 250+
Full Stage	27	272.414	170.10	
Stage-II	42	441.847	226.42	
LSBs (Conventional type)	5	0.15	18.35	
LSBs (Innovative Technology)	2	0.11		
Total	189	1664.26	989.96	211

The committee was informed that apart from these 211 habitations which are being considered in the current EC meeting, there are 755 other eligible habitations in the state of Uttarakhand, which presently don't have access to any kind of road link. The Chairperson asked the state government representative of the preparedness of the state for submitting the DPRs to the Ministry of the balance 755 habitations. It was decided that the DPRs of the eligible habitations may be prepared at the earliest so that the proposals may be considered by the Empowered Committee before the end of September, 2016. The state government would get the DPRs of these habitations prepared on a campaign mode so that the connectivity to all eligible habitations by the end of 2019 can be ensured.



3. **DPR Issues:** Director (Tech), NRRDA mentioned the following DPR issues before EC meeting:

- After scrutiny and advice of NRRDA the State has reworked the proposals and the total cost has been scaled down to Rs. **989.96** Crores after the Pre-EC meeting held on 26th February 2016 (the Pre-EC cost being s 1096.17 crore).
- As advised in the Pre-EC meeting URRDA has verified and certified that the proposed GSB for Stage II works has not been included in the already sanctioned Stage I DPRs.
- The State has proposed 165.63 Km under New technology which is 23.19% of total length. However, State has not proposed new technology length IRC accredited materials/Technologies (which should be 5% of the total length proposed) as per New Technology initiative guidelines.
- Cross drainage works proposed is on higher side and it needs to be justified wrt to L Section and X Section drawings. The state government representative responded that as the roads have been proposed in the hilly area, the alignment design requires higher numbers of CD works. The committee stressed the need for designing better quality CD works with Hume Pipes instead of traditional and high cost box type drainage.
- The SOR 2015-16 of Uttarakhand is with NRRDA for vetting, which would be completed within next one week.

4. **R&D proposals:** As per technology initiative guidelines 15% (10% with IRC specifications and 5% without IRC specifications) length have to be proposed under R&D technology. The State has proposed 165.63 Km under New technology which is 23.19% of total length. However, State has not proposed new technology length leading to 5% using IRC accredited materials/Technologies as per New Technology initiative guidelines. On the request of the State Government, it was decided to hold a workshop in the State for use of waste plastic in the 2nd week of April, 2016.

5. **Quality issues:** Director (P-III), NRRDA pointed out that inspections of two completed road works are yet to be carried out by SQMs, which are more than 12 months old. The state government representatives submitted that one of the item being shown as not inspected, though completed, pertains to a bridge, which was sanctioned prior to 2011 as an integrated work of road-cum bridge. The representative submitted that OMMAS does not allow the road & bridge sanctioned as one work to be inspected and entered on OMMAS as separate works that is why one item is being reflected as uninspected. The Chairperson observed that this anomaly should be rectified at the soonest. Director (Tech), NRRDA assured that anomaly will be rectified at the earliest.



Further the committee was informed that in the labs, although established, were not fully functional. The committee was also informed of 2 pending ATR's from the year 2014-15. The State is required to submit the compliance of the pending ATR at the earliest.

6. Maintenance issues: The URRDA has received 100% of maintenance fund against which expenditure is also 100%.

7. Financial issues: Director (F&A), NRRDA pointed out that the issues flagged in the Pre-EC meeting have been attended to by the URRDA and the state government. Further the issue of pending DPR advance was raised in the meeting to which the state government representative replied that some of the advance pertains to the DPRs under consideration by the EC and the advance for the DPRs not approved by the EC will be recovered and deposited back in the URRDA account. Director F & A also raised the issue of unsettled advance to staff members and unexplained deductions from programme fund of nearly 6.61 crores to which the state government representative replied that the issues will be attended to and the ministry and NRRDA will be informed at the earliest. Further the director mentioned that State needs to take action for financial closure of 118 numbers of physically completed works.

8. Recommendations:

After discussing the proposals in detail, subject to the compliance of the above observations, the Empowered Committee recommended the 189 proposed Road works / bridges connecting a total of 211 Habitations in the State of Uttarakhand amounting to Rs.989.96 Crore under PMGSY.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

