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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
Dated the 18th December, 2007.

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Secretary,
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Government of Uttarakhand,
Dehradun.

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Subject:- Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana - clearance of Phase VI proposals - regarding.

Sir,
I am directed to refer to your project proposals which were considered by the Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 11th December, 2007 and to say that the Ministry has cleared 79 number of road works amounting to Rs. 197.90 crore, as per details given below:-

Phase-VI Summary of proposals submitted - All New Connectivity.

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1.	Value (Rs. in crore)	197.90
2.	No. of road works	79
3.	Length in Kms.	675.35
4.	No. of Habitations	147

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While considering the project proposals, the Empowered Committee made the following observations. These may be kept in view:-

(i) All out effort should be made so that SRRDA is strengthened as per the organizational structure suggested by NRRDA. A dedicated Chief Engineer, two Supdt. Engineers and a trained Accounts Officer should be posted. In case Accounts Officer is not available, the work may be outsourced to a Chartered Accountant.

(ii) There should be adequate delegation of financial powers to the SRRDA and PIUs, as has been done by other States like Orissa.

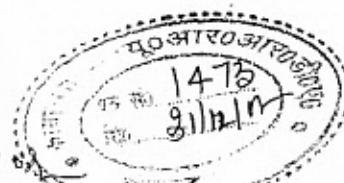
(iii) Quality control processes of the 1st and 2nd tier should be strengthened. It should be ensured that the contractors have established the requisite testing laboratories. Since non establishment of the laboratory involves fundamental breach of the contract, payment for the first running bill should not be made until and unless the requisite laboratories have been established. Adequate number of State Quality Monitors (SQMs) should be deployed in order to ensure that each project is inspected three times during execution. Stringent penal/disciplinary action may be taken against officials/contractors responsible in respect of completed projects having 'non-rectifiable defects'.

(iv) The State Government may make adequate arrangements for regular maintenance and upkeep of the projects completed under PMGSY as well as rural roads included in the Core Network. This requires adequate provision of funds as well as institutional arrangements at the State level and at the PIU level for regular Pavement Condition Survey, identification and

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ization of roads requiring maintenance and timely supervision and monitoring by the field officers. Action Plan and action taken so far for the maintenance of rural roads including GSY roads should be intimated to the Ministry.

(v) ATRs (Action Taken Reports) in respect of works graded unsatisfactory (U) or graded as requiring improvement (SRI) should be submitted by the State Government as per the prescribed procedure within the time frame prescribed by the NRRDA.

(vi) Data should be regularly entered into OMMAS and verified by SRRDA at regular intervals to ensure accuracy of data entered into OMMAS. The Ministry proposes to use physical and financial progress data uploaded in the OMMAS while scrutinizing the proposal for release of funds with effect from 1.4.08. Accordingly, State Government should make all efforts to ensure fully reliable and dependable OMMAS data base at the end of current financial year.

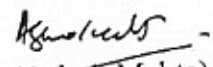
(vii) Citizen Information Boards should be displayed in the local language and the Board should be placed in a prominent location in the benefited habitation for each road works being executed under the programme

(viii) The Executing Agency should re-check the BoQs and Estimates while giving technical sanction before tendering the works. The DPRs should be verified in the field by the officer not below the rank of Superintending Engineer before according the technical sanction.

(ix) Tenders for Phase VI projects may be invited. However, before actual award of work, the above observations of the Empowered Committee should be adequately addressed and Action Taken Note submitted to the Ministry

(x) Release of funds for this batch of projects would be subject to the above and increase in absorption capacity of the State Government.

Yours faithfully,


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