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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development

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The Pr. Secretary,
Local Self Government Department,
Government of Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram-695001.

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Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated 27.11.2014

Subject: Role of Hon'ble Members of Parliament in Foundation Laying ceremony and inauguration of PMGSY works - reg

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's circular No.10/2011 dated 28.7.2011 regarding participation of Members of Parliament in selection of eligible proposals, joint inspections and foundation laying ceremony of PMGSY works. As you are aware, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) guidelines provide key role to the Hon'ble Members of Parliament in the implementation of the Scheme. With a view to ensure effective participation of Hon'ble Members of Parliament, the following stipulations have been made vide aforesaid circular with regard to laying of foundation stone and inauguration of PMGSY works:

- i. All elected representatives associated with the programme should be duly invited to the foundation laying and inauguration ceremonies.
- ii. The function should be held in a manner befitting official functions with due regard to protocol requirements, particularly in relation to Hon'ble Union Ministers and Hon'ble Ministers from States; and
- iii. The foundation stone for a PMGSY road should be laid and the road should also be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) with the function presided over by the local Hon'ble Minister or other dignitary as per State Protocol.
- iv. While sending new project proposals for consideration, digital photographs of the recent foundation laying ceremony or the Inauguration of a road by the concerned Hon'ble MP should invariably be enclosed. In case, the Hon'ble Member of Parliament could not attend any foundation laying or inauguration function, copies of the letters inviting him for foundation or inauguration ceremony should also be appended with the new DPRs.

2. It has been brought to the notice of the Ministry that State Government had issued an order dated 31.7.2013 with regard to laying of foundation stone and inauguration of PMGSY works, which, *inter alia*, stipulates that the State Minister will inaugurate such function, which will be presided over by the Local MP. The aforesaid order issued by the State is not in harmony with PMGSY guidelines and the advisories issued by the Ministry in this regard.

3. You are, therefore, requested that an immediate direction may be given to all Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) in your State to strictly comply with the stipulations as indicated in the circular issued by the Ministry dated 28.7.2011. You are also requested to send an Action Taken Report in this regard.

Yours faithfully,


(P. Manoj Kumar) 27/11/14
Director (RC)

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