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**Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the
National Rural Roads Development Agency**

The 12th meeting of the Executive Committee was held on 13th February, 2007 in Conference Hall, NRRDA, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Shri J.K. Mohapatra, Director General, NRRDA. The following members were present in the meeting.

1. Dr. Praveen Kumar, Associate Professor, Transportation Engineering Section, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT, Roorkee.
2. Dr. S.L. Dhingra, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Powai, Mumbai – 400 076
3. Sh. V.J. Menon, Deputy Secretary (Finance), MoRD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
4. Shri Jitendra Kumar, Director (RC), MoRD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Smt. Gargi Kaul, Director-(F&A), NRRDA

The following officers from NRRDA were also present:

1. Shri H.K.Srivastava, Director (P-I) , NRRDA

The meeting started with Director General welcoming all the members being the first meeting during the current year. The proceedings of the meeting were as follows:-

Item No. 1. Confirmation of the proceeding of the 12th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on the 28th July, 2006.

The proceedings of the previous meeting held on 28th July, 2006 were reviewed. Executive Committee confirmed the proceedings of the previous meeting.

Item No. 2 Review of the Annual Action Plan 2006-07.

The Director General informed the Committee that proposals valuing Rs. 15000 crores have been cleared during the current year which was above the targets set. Director (P-I) Shri H.K.Srivastava opined that the target for the proposals cleared should not be set only in value terms: but also in physical terms i.e. kilometers cleared.

Dr. Praveen Kumar brought out the issue that the distribution of work between the STAs nominated for the clearance of proposals should be decided by NRRDA. The States should not be allowed to decide how many proposals will go to which STA.

DG once again stressed that cost audit of Phase VI works on a sample basis should be carried out where the project cost is higher than the average. The Agency who will carry this work out and how will it be done needs to be sorted out.

Director (P-I) informed the Committee that five new STAs had been appointed in Andhara Pradesh, Punjab and Assam. The Executive Committee approved the appointment of the new STAs.

It was decided that the workshop with PTAs and STAs and officials of the executing Agency to discuss the deficiencies in noticed in the preparing of DPRs etc. would be held during the summer vacation of the Institutes.

The progress of the work of Technical Audit was slow and DG desired that the Agency be called for review of the work.

Director (P-I) told the Committee that on the basis of the experience gained in the first ADB Project, the performance in the second project regarding the Project proposals, submission of claims etc. was good.

Regarding Quality Management, the Executive Committee was informed that the guidelines had been modified comprehensively. Certain tests had been prescribed which the NQM have to conduct before grading the work as satisfactory/ unsatisfactory. In addition, a performance review of the NQMs would also be conducted.

Item No. 3 Approval of Revised Estimates for 2006-07 and Budget Estimates for 2007-2008

- (i) The revised estimates for the year 2006-07 were approved by the Committee. The deputy Secretary (Finance) Shri V.J.Menon advised that the Revised Estimate should normally be brought before the Committee in October- November. DG wanted to know reasons for increase in RE from Rs. 31.8 crores to Rs. 32.08 crores. Director Finance informed the Committee that the increase was on the account of increase in payment for consultancy

under ADB and increased in payments to STAs for checking of the proposal.

- (ii) Regarding the Budget Estimates in 2007-08 the Deputy Secretary (Finance), MoRD desired that expenditure for under foreign travel, hiring of vehicles and procurement of computers be reduced to bring it more in line with the current expenditure. In addition provision of Rs. 1 crore is to be made for capacity building under World Bank loan. With these amendments, the Budget Estimates for 2007-08 were approved by the Committee.

Item No. 4 Appointment of Consultants for World Bank Project-II

Director (P-I) briefed the members of the Committee on the appointment of Consultant for preparatory activities under the Second World Bank Project. The appointment of the Consultants was ratified by the Executive Committee.

Item No. 5 Item for Ratification

The Appointment of Director (P-II) was ratified by the Executive Committee.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair