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**MINUTES**

**Sub: Minutes of meeting of Empowered Committee to discuss the project proposals of Left out Long Span Bridges (LSBs) submitted by Government of Andhra Pradesh under Road Connectivity Project in Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (RCPLWEA) Batch-II, 2020-21.**

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 through VC to consider the project proposals of Left out Long Span Bridges (LSBs) under Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (RCPLWEA) Batch-II of 2020-21 is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action.



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3. The Director (LWE), Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block New Delhi-110 001.
4. All Directors in National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA), NBCC Tower, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2021 TO CONSIDER THE PROJECT PROPOSALS OF LEFT-OUT LONG SPAN BRIDGES (LSBs) SUBMITTED BY GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH UNDER ROAD CONNECTIVITY PROJECT FOR LEFT WING EXTREMISM AFFECTED AREAS (RCPLWEA) (BATCH II), 2020-21**

A Meeting of the Empowered Committee was held through Video Conference on **17<sup>th</sup> March, 2021** under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Rural Development consider the project proposals submitted by the State of Andhra Pradesh under RCPLWEA Left out LSBs (Batch II) of 2020-21. Following officials were present in the meeting.

Shri Nagendra Nath Sinha	Secretary, Deptt. of Rural Development, GoI
Smt. Alka Upadhyaya	Additional Secretary, Deptt. of Rural Development, GoI
Dr Ashish Kumar Goel	Joint Secretary (RC) & DG, NRIDA
Shri. B C Pradhan	Consultant/Director (Tech), NRIDA
Shri Deepak Ashish Kaul	Director (F&A), NRIDA
Shri I.K.Pateriya	Director (P.II &P.III), NRIDA
Shri Pradeep Agrawal	Director (P.I), NRIDA
Shri Lalit Kumar	Deputy Secretary (RC), MoRD
<b>State Govt. Representatives</b>	
Shri B. Subba Reddy	Engineer-In-Chief, PR
Smt. K. Vijaya Kumari	State Quality Controller Officer
Shri Md. Nishat Hussain	Executive Engineer, PMGSY
Shri K. Mallikarjuna	Financial Controller

**2. Current Proposal by the State:**

A detailed presentation on the proposal submitted by the State of Andhar Pradesh under under RCPLWEA Left out LSBs (Batch II) of 2020-21 was made by Technical Division, NRIDA before the Empowered Committee. The details of the proposal are as under:-

<b>As per Pre EC dated 22.12.2020</b>					<b>As per OMMAS as on 15.03.2021</b>			
Item	Nos	Length (in m)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost (Lakhs/m)	Nos	Length (in m)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost (Lakhs/m)
LSBs	4	281.72	19.68	6.99	4	281.72	19.00	6.74
<b>Total</b>	4	281.72	19.68	6.99	4	281.72	19.00*	6.74
<b>*MoRD Share : Rs. 11.07 Crores</b>					<b>State Share : Rs. 7.93 Crores</b>			

The instant proposals of left-out bridges pertain to road works already sanctioned under Batch I of 2020-21. All proposals have been scrutinized by STA on OMMAS. PTA has scrutinized only 02 bridges on OMMAS. State was asked to ensure scrutiny by PTA at the earliest possible.

The Committee wanted to know justification for proposing Long Span Bridges (LSBs) instead of other structure, e.g causeway, etc. The State Government should submit detailed justification for the same.

### 3. Progress of PMGSY works

The status of implementation of PMGSY-I, II, III and RCPLWEA in the State are as under:-

S.No	SCHEME	Road length in Km					
		SANCTIONED		COMPLETED		BALANCE ROAD LENGTH (Km)	UNAWARDED BALANCE LENGTH (Km)/Roads
		Nos.	LENGTH (Km)	Nos.	LENGTH (Km)		
1	PMGSY I	4,439	13,769.21	4,362	13,102.98	241.50 (77 Nos.)	10.50 (2 Nos.)
2	PMGSY II	174	1,330.95	170	1,269.80	21.07 (4 Nos.)	-
3	PMGSY-II I	299	2,314.38	0	89.42	2,224.96 (299 Nos.)	1,388.33 (171 Nos.)
4	RCPLWEA	192	1,533.40	48	465.82	1,057.31 (144 Nos.)	20.50 (3 Nos.)
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>5,104</b>	<b>18,947.95</b>	<b>4,580</b>	<b>14,928.03</b>	<b>3,544.85 (524 Nos.)</b>	<b>1,419.33 (176 Nos.)</b>

### Bridge (No.)

S.No	SCHEME	Sanction (Nos.)	Completed (Nos.)	Balance (Nos.)	Unawarded (Nos.)
1	PMGSY I	255	235	20	-
2	PMGSY II	2	2	-	-
3	PMGSY-III	2	0	2	2
4	RCPLWEA	30	7	23	6
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>8</b>

The Committee expressed deep concern over unawarded works (3 road works and 6 LSBs) under RCPLWEA. The state representative intimated that these works could not be awarded even after 7<sup>th</sup> call. The state representative was advised to take up the matter with the concerned Department of the State appropriately to get the issue of cap on bids resolved at the earliest so that the work could be awarded without further loss of time.

### 4. Physical Progress 2020-21 (as on 13.03.2021)

Only 473 Km (36 %) road length has been constructed against targeted length of 1,293 Km. State should accelerate the pace of execution to achieve the target.

## 5. Forest Clearance Issues

47 road works and 3 LSBs are pending due to forest clearance. State representative intimated that working permission in respect of 10 proposals is expected shortly and the remaining are under process.

## 6. eMARG: Onboarding

93% packages have been locked, 93% contractors have been registered, but there are only 51% packages where payment has started, Rs. 9.31 crore payment has been done through eMARG till date. The State should take action to enhance payment through eMARG and achieve saturation of eMARG.

## 7. Maintenance Abstract

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Year (s)	Maintenance Liability during Year (Rs. Cr.)	Fund Received (Rs. Cr.)	Expenditure (DLP) (Rs. Cr.)
2016-17	6.73	10.76	6.59
2017-18	9.99	-	16.52
2018-19	14.54	-	18.59
2019-20	19.72	-	9.53
2020-21 (13.03.2021)	17.91	-	3.90
<b>Total:</b>	<b>68.89</b>	<b>10.76</b>	<b>55.13</b>

It was observed that there are discrepancies in data available on OMMAS. State was asked to verify and update data on OMMAS. It was also clarified that funds received against DLP only should be entered for DLP in OMMAS.

## 8. Renewal Length status (km)

Year	Due for Renewal (Cumulative)	Renewal Done during the year	Expenditure during the year (Rs. Crore)	
			Center share	State share
2016-17	11,253.16	202.71	-	-
2017-18	11,362.50	193.90	3.51	6.09
2018-19	11,481.40	663.32	34.87	11.85
2019-20	12,022.12	55.20	9.72	4.92
2020-21 (13.03.2021)	12,994.86	3.30	29.48	1.88
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,118.43</b>	<b>77.58</b>	<b>24.74</b>

As per the presentation made before the Committee, a total of **12,994.86** km road length is due for renewal in the State, against which only 1,118.43 km has been renewed so far. The State was asked to check and update the renewal data on OMMAS. The State was also asked to undertake renewal work on priority.

9. **Quality Issues**

- i. Out of 136 ongoing packages in progress, quality control lab details have not been uploaded in r/o 3 packages.
- ii. The State has been sanctioned a total of 1,533 Km road length under RCPLWEA. In terms of revised guidelines regarding inspection of PMGSY projects by the State Quality Monitors (SQMs), the targeted inspections by SQMs to these roads works out to be 920 @ 3 Nos per 5 Km. The State Government should take action for completion of required number of SQM inspections on these roads.
- iii. 2 ATRs of NQM observations in respect of ongoing works are pending. The State Government should necessary action on priority.

10. **Finance Issues:**

- i. Late transfer of fund from State treasury to SRRDA's Bank Account (Auditor's Point)
- ii. DPR Advances not adjusted (Auditor's Point)
- iii. Non submission of bank interest verification reports.
- iv. Pending share Rs. 418.83 crore (Central: Rs. 190.14 crore & State Share: Rs. 228.69 crore - Rs. 162.09 crore for regular PMGSY and Rs. Rs. 66.60 crore for RCPLWEA) from State treasury.

The State should take immediate action for early credit of pending Central and state shares so that they are available for utilization during the peak working time. The State should also expedite action on remaining issues indicated above.

11. **Recommendations of Empowered Committee**

Empowered Committee recommended the project proposal submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh as in para-2 above subject to fulfillment of the observations made in the foregoing paras and compliance thereof.

The meeting ended with a Vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

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