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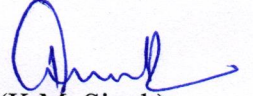
Room No.376
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated the 9th June, 2022

MINUTES

Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of Empowered Committee to discuss the project proposals submitted by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh under RCPLWEA (Batch-I, 2022-23) – reg.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith the Minutes of the Meeting of Empowered Committee held on **1st June, 2022 at 3:15 PM onwards (through VC)** under the chairmanship of Secretary (RD) to discuss the project proposals submitted under RCPLWEA by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for the year 2022-23 (Batch-I).

2. State is requested to send the compliance report to Ministry/ NRIDA at the earliest so that projects under RCPLWEA could be sanctioned on time.


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MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE HELD ON 1st JUNE, 2022 AT 3:15 P.M. TO CONSIDER PROJECT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY STATE GOVERNMENT OF MADHYA PRADESH UNDER RCPLWEA, BATCH I, 2022-23

A Meeting of the Empowered Committee (RC) was held through Video Conference on 1st June, 2022 at 3:15 PM under the Chairmanship of Secretary (RD) to consider the project proposals submitted by the State of Madhya Pradesh under Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Areas (RCPLWEA), Batch-I of 2022-23. Following officials were present in the meeting.

Ministry of Rural Development/NRIDA Representatives	
Shri Nagendra Nath Sinha	Secretary (RD)
Dr. Ashish Kumar Goel	Additional Secretary (RD) & DG, NRIDA
Ms. Leena Johri	AS & FA (RD)
Shri Mam Chand	Director (IFD), MoRD
Shri K.M. Singh	Deputy Secretary (RC), MoRD
Ms. Anjali Yadav	Assistant Director (RC), MoRD
Shri. B C Pradhan	Consultant Director (Tech), NRIDA
Shri Deepak Ashish Kaul	Director (F&A), NRIDA
Dr. I.K. Pateriya	Director (P.III), NRIDA
Shri Pradeep Agarwal	Director (P.I), NRIDA
Shri Rajendra Goel	Director (P.II), NRIDA
MHA Representative	
Shri Praveen Vashista	Additional Secretary
Shri Nishant Kumar Mishra	Deputy Secretary
State Govt. Representatives	
Shri Umakant Umrao	Principal Secretary. Panchayati Raj Deptt
Ms. Tanvi Sundriyal	CEO, MPRRDA
Shri B.S Chandel	E-in-C, MPRRDA
Shri M P S Niranjan	Chief General Manager, Finance
Shri S D Pendse	General Manager, MPRRDA
Shri P.K Shrivastava	General Manager, MPRRDA
Shri Govind Pancholi	ITNO, MPRRDA

2. Details of Proposal

Item	As per MPRRDA letter				As per OMMAS dated 23.5.2022			
	No	Length (in km/m)	Cost (in Crores)	Avg. Cost per km/m (Lakhs)	No	Length (in km/m)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost per km/m (Lakhs)
Roads	03	24.62	21.87	88.83	03	24.62 km	21.82	88.64
Bridges	32	3920	196.69	5.02	26 (> 60 m)	3761.12	227.32	6.04
					06 (15-60m)	188.88	8.09	4.28
					32	3950 m	235.41	5.96
Total	3 roads 32 LSBs	24.62 km roads & 3920 m LSBs	218.56		3 roads 32 LSBs	24.62 km roads & 3950 m LSBs	257.23	

*MoRD Share : Rs. 153.58 Crore State share : Rs. 103.65 Crore

3.75 m width road - 3 Nos & Length – 24.62 km - Rs. 88.64 Lakhs/km

3. General Observations

- i) The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has already been sanctioned 34 roads of 344 km and 14 bridges under RCPLWEA.
- ii) The State has now submitted proposals for 3 roads of length 24.62 km and 32 LSBs.
- iii) All proposals have been uploaded and scrutinised by the STAs on OMMAS. PTA has scrutinized 1 road and 4 bridges.
- iv) All the roads have been proposed with 3.75 m carriageway width and the average cost of the roads is Rs. 88.64 lakh/ km which was observed to be on higher side. State mentioned that, these are exceptional roads and the average cost was even higher and the same has been brought down after opting for alternate alignment. Further, they justified that the average cost of the roads of current proposal will only come around Rs. 63 lakh/ km if they are clubbed with previously sanctioned 34 road works. Committee however clarified that, previously sanctioned roads can not be clubbed with the current proposal to arrive at an average cost.
- v) Committee asked if all the 32 bridges are on the roads proposed/ sanctioned under RCPLWEA, to which state responded that 15 are standalone bridges and 17 fall in the alignment of the roads sanctioned under RCPLWEA. State was further asked if the 15 standalone bridges are recommended by MHA. State confirmed the same. However, MHA mentioned that they have recommended only 17 bridges and were not aware of 15 other bridges. State mentioned that, while doing survey of some roads they found the need of 15 more bridges. Committee told State that they should have done proper due diligence before sending proposal to MHA.
- vi) Committee mentioned that most of the bridges are very high level bridges and are over and above 60 m with the high average cost. Such type of bridge may not be required for low volume roads which generally these roads would be. Committee further inquired that how could all the bridges would be of similar dimensions. NRIDA mentioned that out of 26 bridges with length more than 60 m, 20 bridges have length more than 100 m. Committee desired that NRIDA should check and examine if the state really need to build such high level bridges. The possibility of building causeways for these very low volume roads should also be explored.
- vii) Committee mentioned that a pre-EC should be done and thereafter the proposal should be put up before EC. As a special case, the EC meeting was held for the state directly, assuming that the state would come up with the robust proposal, as the sanction of RCPLWEA proposals is getting delayed.
- viii) Committee asked NRIDA to send a team to Balaghat for physical examination of the site and DPRs and present the facts. State Government will provide necessary security and logistics to the visiting team.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.
