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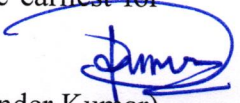
Room No.464
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated the 24th August, 2022

MINUTES

Subject: 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 Empowered Committee Meeting which was held on **22nd August, 2022 at 5:00 PM** under the Chairmanship of Secretary (RD) to discuss the the RCPLWEA project proposals submitted by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

2. State is requested to furnish the compliance report to NRIDA/Ministry at the earliest for sanctioning of projects on time.


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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE HELD ON 22nd AUGUST, 2022 AT 5:00 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 (EC) was held through Video Conference on **22nd August, 2022 at 5:00 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 Lalit Kumar	Deputy Secretary (RC), MoRD
Ms. Anjali Yadav	Assistant Director (RC), MoRD
Shri. B C Pradhan	Consultant Director (Tech), NRIDA
Dr. I.K. Pateriya	Director (P.III), NRIDA
Shri Pradeep Agarwal	Director (P.I), NRIDA
MHA Representative	
Shri Nishant Kumar Mishra	Deputy Secretary
State Govt. Representatives	
Shri Umakant Umrao	Principal Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development Department
Ms. Tanvi Sundriyal	CEO, MPRRDA
Shri B.S Chandel	E-in-C, MPRRDA
Shri M P S Niranjana	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 Pre-EC dated 05.8.2022				As per OMMAS dated 18.8.2022			
	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 km	21.82	88.64	03	24.62 km	21.82	88.64
Bridges	26 (> 60 m)	3468.72	215.16	6.20	26 (> 60 m)	3468.72	215.16	6.20
	06 (15-60 m)	188.88	8.09	4.28	06 (15-60m)	188.88	8.09	4.28
	32	3657.60 m	223.25	6.10	32	3657.60 m	223.25	6.10
Total	3 roads 32 LSBs	24.62 km roads & 3950 m LSBs	245.07		3 roads 32 LSBs	24.62 km roads & 3950 m LSBs	245.07	

***MoRD Share : Rs. 115.80 Crore**

State share : Rs 129.27 Crore

3. General Observations

i) The Ministry of Home Affairs had on 13th October, 2021 recommended additional proposals of 33 roads of 289 Km and 17 bridges at an estimated cost of Rs. 256 crore for the State of Madhya Pradesh. Out of these, 28 roads of 241.07 Km have already been sanctioned to the State at an estimated cost of Rs. 144.64 crore.

ii) The State has now submitted proposals for 3 roads of length 24.62 km and 32 bridges, including the bridges falling on roads already sanctioned (17 bridges) under RCPLWEA, at an estimated cost of Rs. 245.07crore (Central Share- Rs. 115.80 crore and State Share Rs. 129.27 crore).

iii) All 3 proposed roads have been proposed for new construction with a carriageway width of 3.75 m in Balaghat district at an estimated cost of Rs. 21.82 crore (average cost Rs. 88.64 lakh/Km).

iv) All road proposals have been uploaded and scrutinized by the STAs on OMMAS. PTA has scrutinized 1 road and 4 bridges.

v) Out of 3 roads, 1 road namely O-Kasangi to Godri of 4.62 km has been proposed in T4 traffic category with an average cost of Rs. 145.39 lakh/ km which was observed to be abnormally high. State representative mentioned that the cost is high because of hilly terrain of

this road requiring high earthwork including heavy cutting and filling. NRIDA representative mentioned that the initially proposed cost was even higher (Rs. 197.50 Lakh/Km). A team from NRIDA was sent to the state, which observed that the State has excessively provisioned cutting and filling including rough profile. State was advised by the team to change the alignment and go on contour so as to get the permissible gradient with lesser cutting. Accordingly, the cost has been reduced to Rs. 145.39 lakh/ km from Rs. 197.5 lakh/km after changing the alignment. Committee asked if the Security Forces have given their consent for the current alignment. State confirmed the same.

vi) Out of 32 bridges, 19 bridges have span of more than 100 m and accordingly, in terms of the programme guidelines of RCPLWEA, the additional cost of Rs. 51.98 crore for span beyond 100 m will be borne by the state. The same has been added in the state share.

vii) The EC meeting held on 1st June, 2022 to consider the instant proposal had observed that most of the bridges are very high level bridges and are over and above 60 m with very high average cost. The Committee directed NRIDA to send a team to check and examine if the State really need to build such high level bridges. Accordingly, a team visited State and inspected 11 bridge locations out of proposed 26 bridges of more than 60 m span. The state was asked to review the DPRs of the bridges based on the observations of team. State reviewed 11 bridge DPRs based on the observations of NRIDA team and reduced the total length by 253.40 m which resulted in reduction of cost by Rs. 12.16 crore with respect to the original proposal. However, the bridge rate revised for > 60 m span based on PWD SoR of bridge, which is effective from March, 2022 and, therefore, the overall cost has gone up.

4. R&D Proposals

All the three roads have been proposed using waste plastics.

5. Maintenance

State has provisioned Rs. 67.79 lakh (3.11%) as 5 years' routine maintenance cost, which is on lower side. Ideally it should be more than 6%. However, NRIDA explained that, as the cost of one road is disproportionately on higher side, hence the overall maintenance cost is showing on lower side otherwise the ratio of maintenance cost to the construction cost is acceptable.

6. Physical Progress

It was observed that 28 roads are still un-awarded. State was asked about the reason for same. State representative mentioned that they didn't receive the bids as they had provided very less completion period considering the timeline of March, 2023. The Committee invited attention of the State towards provision at 11.2 of RCPLWEA programme guidelines and advised to State to explore possibility of award of works under above provision and provide a reasonable completion period.

7. Subject to the above observations, the Empowered Committee recommended the proposals as at Para-2 above.

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