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**Government of India  
Ministry of Rural Development  
Department of Rural Development**


Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated the 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

**Minutes**

**Sub: Minutes of Meeting of Empowered Committee to consider the project proposals for Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Area (RCPLWEA) (Batch-I, 2022-23) submitted by the State Government of Maharashtra -reg.**

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith the Minutes of the meeting of the Empowered Committee held on **12<sup>th</sup> August at 12:00 noon** under the chairmanship of Secretary (RD) to consider the project proposals submitted by the State Government of Maharashtra under RCPLWEA for the year 2022-23 (Batch-I).

2. It is requested that a compliance report on all the observations of the committee may be sent to Ministry/NRIDA.

  
(Devinder Kumar)  
Director (RC)

**Distribution:**

- i. The Additional Secretary, LWE, Ministry of Home Affairs
- ii. The Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works Department (PWD), Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022 AT 12:00 NOON TO CONSIDER PROJECT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY STATE GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA UNDER RCPLWEA, BATCH-1 OF 2022-23**

A Meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) was held through video conferencing on **12<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 12:00 noon** under the Chairmanship of Secretary (RD) to consider the project proposals submitted by the State of Maharashtra under Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (RCPLWEA), Batch-I of 2022-23. The following officials were present in the meeting: -

<b>Government of India Representatives</b>	
Shri Nagendra Nath Sinha	Secretary, Department of Rural Development
Dr. Ashish Kumar Goel	Additional Secretary (RD) & DG, NRIDA
Shri Parveen Vashishtha	Additional Secretary, LWE, Ministry of Home Affairs
Shri Devinder Kumar	Director (RC), MoRD
Shri. B C Pradhan	Consultant (Tech), NRIDA
Dr. I.K.Pateriya	Director P.III, NRIDA
Shri Pradeep Agarwal	Director (P.I), NRIDA
Shri Nishant Kumar Mishra	Dy Secretary (LWE), MHA
Shri Kailash Bisht	Deputy Director (F&A), NRIDA
<b>State Govt. Representatives</b>	
Shri Manoj Saunik	Additional Chief Secretary, PWD, Maharashtra
Shri Pardeshi Siddharth K. Singh	Secretary (PWD), Chhattisgarh
Shri S. Salunkhe	Secretary, PWD, Maharashtra
Shri Vijay Bhatpahari	Engineer-in-chief, PWD, Chhattisgarh
Shri Sanjay Dashpute	Chief Engineer, Nagpur Region, Maharashtra
Smt Neeta Thakre	SE, Gadchiroli, PWD Circle, Maharashtra

**2. Details of Proposal**

Item	As per Pre EC dated 14.03.2022				As per OMMAS as on 12.08.2022			
	No	Length (in m)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost per km/m (Lakhs)	No	Length (in km/m)	Cost (Rs in Crores)	Avg. Cost per km (Lakhs)
LSBs	4	1170	88.81	7.59	4	1170	88.81	7.59
Total	4	1170	88.81	7.59	4	1170	88.81	7.59
<b>*MoRD Share: Rs. 16.58 Crore</b>					<b>State share: Rs. 72.23 Crore</b>			

All proposals of roads have been uploaded and scrutinised by the STA on OMMAS. One proposal is with PTA (CRRI). State should get the proposal scrutinized by PTA.

### 3. Details of 04 Bridges

S.No	Package Number	Name of Bridge	Length of Bridge (mtrs)	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)		
				Cost of Bridge (excluding approaches)	Cost of approaches	Total Cost
1	MH10101	Bridge Across Indrawati River at CH 1/130	750	4537.05	562.61	5099.66
2	MH10103	Bridge Across Komra Nalla at CH 52/000 on State Highway - 380	120	812.18	430.8	1242.98
3	MH10102	Bridge Across Nagil Nalla at CH 1/050	75	394.55	183.67	578.22
4	MH10100	Bridge Across Bandiya River at CH 1/400	225	1312.60	648.25	1960.86
<b>Total</b>			<b>1170.00</b>	<b>7056.39</b>	<b>1825.33</b>	<b>8881.72</b>

### 4. Cost of bridge longer than 100 metre

In a meeting chaired by Union Home Secretary on 02.06.2022, it was decided that the Ministry of Rural Development should find a way to fund cost of entire bridge in 60:40 ratio between Centre and State instead of present practice of sharing of cost upto 100 metre length only. Accordingly Empowered Committee recommends that keeping in mind the security imperative in these difficult areas cost of all the three bridges (of more than 100 m length) should be shared between Centre and State in 60:40 ratio irrespective of length as an exceptional case. Necessary relaxation in guidelines will be taken by MoRD from the competent authority.

### 5. Cost sharing of Inter-State Bridges

(a) Out of 04 Bridges, 03 Bridges are inter-state bridges benefitting both the states. In the meeting dated 02.06.2022 under the chairmanship of Union Home Secretary, it was also agreed in principle that both the States should share the cost of State Share for these bridges. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Chhattisgarh agreed to the same in principle and informed that formal approval of competent authority will be required for this. The cost of State Share sharing of Inter-State bridges will be as under: -

Sr. No.	Name of Bridge	Length of Bridge(mtr.)	Cost of Bridge (Rs. in Lakhs.)	MoRD Share (Rs. in Lakhs)	State Share (Rs. in Lakhs)	Sharing of State Share (Rs. in Lakhs)	
						Maharashtra	Chhattisgarh
1.	Bridge Across Indrawati River at CH 1/130	750.00	4537.05	2722.23	1814.82	907.41	907.41
2.	Bridge Across Nagil Nalla at CH 1/050	75.00	394.55	236.73	157.82	78.91	78.91
3.	Bridge Across Komra Nalla at CH 52/000 on State Highway - 380	120.00	812.18	487.31	324.87	162.43	162.43
<b>Total</b>		<b>945.00</b>	<b>5743.78</b>	<b>3446.26</b>	<b>2297.51</b>	<b>1148.75</b>	<b>1148.75</b>

(b) The State of Chhattisgarh was requested to provide consent in writing for cost sharing of the above interstate bridges.

(c) The State of Chhattisgarh has not submitted DPR of approach roads. Secretary, PWD, Chhattisgarh mentioned that at present this site is not approachable due to rainy season. After rainy season detailed survey will be done and DPR will be prepared & submitted to MoRD. The State of Chhattisgarh was requested to submit it expeditiously for sanction under RCPLWEA.

(d) Timeline for completion of Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (RCPLWEA) is March 2023. The GoI will not bear the cost of pending projects of RCPLWEA beyond March 2023. However, in the meeting dated 02.06.2022 under the Chairmanship of Union Home Secretary, it was agreed that in view of critical importance of the roads & bridges in Core LWE areas and also in view of challenges faced in their construction, some dispensation and continued funding beyond 2023 may be made if these works are not completed by March 2023 despite best efforts. It was noted that intervention of Ministry of Finance will be sought by MHA.

(e) In respect of interstate bridges, forest clearance, land acquisition and CA land issues shall be the responsibility of both the states in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

## 5. Progress of RCPLWEA Roads

### Roads

Sanctioned		Completed		Balance		Unawarded	
Nos.	Length (Km)	Nos.	Length (Km)	No. of Roads	Length (km)	No. of Roads	Length (km)
46	619.68	13	238.48	33	381.19	-	-



## LSBs

Sanction (Nos.)	Completed (Nos.)	Balance (Nos.)	Unaward (Nos.)
108	56	52	-

Annual physical target for the State during current financial year is construction of 454 km of road length, against which state has completed 73 km only. State should expedite completion of RCPLWEA works.

### 6. e-Marg

Out of total 13 packages under DLP, 4 packages have been pushed in e-MARG. Out of pushed packages, 4 packages are pending for locking and 4 packages are pending for manual entry expenditure (MEE). The state was asked to saturate 100% roads on eMARG.

### 7. Quality

- a. Out of 85 ongoing packages, QC labs have not been established yet in 15 packages.
- b. Number of active SQMs are 103. During 2022-23, 995 SQM inspections are targeted and till date only 12 inspections have been conducted which is quite inadequate. The state needs to increase the pace of SQM inspections and meet the target.
- c. It was observed that, during the last three years (August 2019 to July 2022), 5.56 % of the ongoing works and 4% bridge works have been graded unsatisfactory by NQMs. The State was advised to take immediate corrective action and show improvement in the aforesaid indicators.
- d. Some anomalies noticed in SQM inspections are as under: -
  - Approach road to the bridges is not well maintained, the surface is not well compacted, due to this quality of the abutment will deteriorate. Package no. - MH1021
  - For a completed bridge, no citizen information board and main information board is installed at the site and SQM has not commented on it. Package no. - MH1024
  - Mobile laboratory has been adopted which is against the guidelines of PMGSY. Package no. MH1004
  - GSB aggregates are not well compacted as materials could be seen on the surface of the carriageway without properly rolled. Package no. MH0820

State needs to monitor the quality of works seriously and need to work on the quality of SQMs inspections as well. The state should also re-orient the SQMs so that these deficiencies do not recur.

#### **8. Financial Issues**

- i. State budget reflected in PFMS TRSY-07 report is not in 60:40 ratio.
- ii. Delay in transfer of fund by State Treasury (delay by 134 to 695 days)

The State was asked to look into these financial issues and take appropriate action.

#### **9. Recommendations of Empowered Committee**

Subject to the above observations and concurrent action/compliance by the State Government as stipulated in the foregoing paras, the Empowered Committee recommends the above proposals as at Para-2 above keeping in mind the security imperative in these difficult areas and further recommends that the cost of all these bridges should be shared between Centre and State in 60:40 ratio irrespective of length as an exceptional case. Necessary relaxation in guidelines will be taken by MoRD from the competent authority.

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

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