

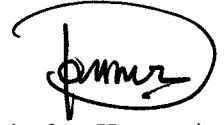
Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated the 25th February, 2022

Minutes

Sub: Minutes of Meeting of the Empowered Committee to consider the Project Proposals for Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Area (RCPLWEA) (Batch-I, 2021-22) submitted by the State Government of Odisha – regarding.

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 16th February, 2022 through Video Conferencing to consider the project proposals for Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Area (RCPLWEA), 2021-22 (Batch-I), is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action. The State Government is requested to furnish compliance on the observations of EC on priority.



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Distribution:

- (i) The Secretary, Odisha Secretariat Building, Bhubaneswar – 752001, Odisha.
- (ii) The Chief Engineer, DPI & Roads, Nirman Soudh (Chief Engineer Building), Keshari Nagar, Unit V, Bhubaneswar – 751015, Odisha.
- (iii) The Superintending Engineer, Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore / Executive Engineer, Koraput / Malkanagir/ Jeypore (R&B) Division, Odisha.
- (iv) Director (LWEO-II), Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi.
- (v) All Directors in National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA), 15 NBCC Tower, 5th Floor, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110001.

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PS to Hon'ble MRD/PS to Hon'ble MoS/ Sr. PPS to Secretary (RD)/PPS to AS (RD)/PPS to AS&FA.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE HELD ON 16TH FEBRUARY, 2022 AT 10.30 A.M. TO CONSIDER PROJECT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY STATE GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA UNDER RCPLWEA, BATCH-1 OF 2021-22

A Meeting of the Empowered Committee (RC) was held through video conferencing on **16th February, 2022 at 10:30 AM** under the Chairmanship of Secretary (RD) to consider the project proposals submitted by the State of Odisha under Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (RCPLWEA), Batch-I of 2021-22. The following officials were present in the meeting:

Government of India Representatives	
Shri Nagendra Nath Sinha	Secretary, Department of Rural Development
Dr. Ashish Kumar Goel	Additional Secretary (RD) & DG, NRIDA
Shri Devinder Kumar	Director (RC), MoRD
Shri. B C Pradhan	Consultant (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
State Govt. Representatives	
Shri Pradeep Kumar Jena	Additional Chief Secretary, RD,
Shri Ram Krishna Moharana	Chief Engineer, World Bank Projects, O/o. The E.I.C (Civil), Odisha
Shri Loknath Mishra	Additional Chief Engineer, NABARD, O/o. The E.I.C (Civil), Odisha
Shri Bikram Keshari Lenka	Executive Engineer, RCPLWE, O/o. The E.I.C (Civil), Odisha

2. Details of Proposal

Item	As per States letter dated 31.12.2021				As per OMMAS dated 04.02.2022			
	No	Length (in km/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)
Roads	4	34.28	54.74	159.72	4	43.00	34.29	79.74
LSBs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4 roads + 0 LSBs	34.28km roads + 0.0 m LSBs	54.74		4 roads + 0 LSBs	43.00 km roads + 0.0 m LSBs	34.29*	
*MoRD Share: Rs. 20.27 Crore					State Share: Rs. 14.02 Crore			

3.75 m width road – 4 Nos & Length – 43.0 km – Rs. 79.74 Lakhs/km

- All proposals of roads are uploaded and scrutinized by the STA on OMMAS.
- 1 proposal has been scrutinized by the PTA.

3. Pavement cost/km wise details

In 3.75 m carriageway width, 4 roads have average pavement cost of Rs. 63.73 lakhs/km. There is no forest clearance issue involved in these 4 roads.

4. Details of roads with PCU/day

In case of 3.75 m carriageway width road, one road has PCU less than 500 and while three roads have PCU in the range of 500-1000.

5. Pre-EC Compliance

(i) During Pre-EC, the State government was asked to certify that only 04 roads are required from those 16 roads recommended by MHA and there is no requirement of LSBs on these roads. State, in response mentioned that only 04 roads are required from those 16 roads recommended by MHA as the rest of 12 number of roads projects and 3 number of LSBs are being executed by R.D. Department.

(ii) It was observed during the Pre EC that average cost of proposed roads is almost double the average cost of works already sanctioned in 2017-18 (Rs.90.16 lakh/km) and 2019-20 (Rs.78.16 lakh/km). The proposed average cost was Rs. 180.40 lakh/km for 3.75 m carriageway width road and Rs. 149.31 lakhs/km for 5.50 m carriageway width roads.

The State has now submitted proposals for 4 roads of 43.00 km with 3.75 m carriageway width with revised average cost of Rs.79.74 lakhs/km with traffic category T4. State has also confirmed that the proposed alignments are as per the road alignments approved by the MHA.

6. R& D Technology

The State has not proposed any new technology. State has communicated that the works will be executed in the remote areas of Malkangiri & Kandhamal District. These areas are highly Naxal affected, where strict supervision is not possible.

7. Maintenance Issues

The State has proposed a 5-year routine maintenance cost of Rs.388.98 lakh which is 11.35% of construction cost and 6th year renewal cost of Rs.620.61 lakh which is 18.10% of construction cost. State has also been advised that 6th year's renewal cost should be accompanied by a post 5-year routine maintenance period and such cost should be a part of the DPRs.

8. Progress of RCPLWEA Roads

SANCTIONED		COMPLETED		BALANCE		UNAWARDED	
Nos.	LENGTH (Km)	Nos.	LENGTH (Km)	No. of Roads	Length (km)	No. of Roads	Length (km)
48	485.86	24	302.91	24	182.13	-	-

LSBs

Sanction (Nos.)	Completed (Nos.)	Balance (Nos.)	Unaward (Nos.)
2	0	2	0

Annual physical target for the State during current Financial Year is construction of 200 km of road length, against which only 58 km has been completed. State still needs to complete 142 km. No progress has been made since Pre-EC meeting. State should expedite completion of RCPLWEA works.

9. **e-Marg**

Out of total 24 packages under DLP, 20 packages pushed in e-MARG, out of pushed packages, no package is pending for locking and for manual entry expenditure (MEE). 6 roads were eligible for RI (Routine Inspection) in January, 2022. There are 4 roads which missed RI in January, 2022. No payment has been done using e-MARG. The state was asked to saturate 100% roads on e-MARG at the earliest.

10. **Quality**

- (a) Out of 25 ongoing packages, QC labs have been established in all packages.
- (b) Number of active SQMs are 86 against requirement of 190 SQMs. During 2021-22, 293 SQM inspections are targeted and till date, 41 inspections have been conducted which is very less. State needs to deploy sufficient number of SQMs so as to achieve the target of SQM inspections.
- (c) It was observed that, during the last three years (February, 2019 to January, 2022), 12.50% of the ongoing works have been graded unsatisfactory by NQMs, which is more than the national average (4%). State needs to monitor the quality of works seriously and need to work on the quality of SQMs inspections as well.
- (d) Some anomalies noticed in SQM inspections are as under: -
- Unequipped field labs are graded as 'Satisfactory' (Few examples - Pckg no. OR20RCPL14, OR20RCPL09).
 - Casual reporting has been made in respect of poor quality of road furniture which has been reported as 'Satisfactory' (Few examples - Pckg no. OR20RCPL09, OR20RCPL14, OR20RCPL09)
 - Meaningless photographs have been uploaded with reports (Few examples - Pckg no. OR19RCPLW18, OR20RCPL19D)
 - Poor quality of earthwork has been graded as 'Satisfactory' (Few examples - OR19RCPL-13, OR19RCPL-12, OR20RCPL19B)
 - Casual reporting has been made in respect of Test pit size which is not as per specifications (Few examples - Pckg no. OR19RCPL16, OR20RCPL14).

State is requested to submit ATR of above anomalies.

11. **Financial Issues**

- (i) Heavy balance has been shown in saving bank account, amounting to Rs. 1.40 crore.
- (ii) TDS has been deducted by bank, amounting to Rs. 1.37 crore.
- (iii) Bank Interest verification reports for FY 2018-19 to 2020-21 has not been submitted.
- (iv) State share budget is not reflected in PFMS TRSY-07 report in correct ratio.

State should look into all above financial issues and submit compliance.

12. 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 recommended the above proposals as at Para-2 above.

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