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Dear Madam/Sir,

It is observed that some states, while preparing proposals for PMGSY-3, are excluding PWD roads /other agency roads for the reason that only departmental roads may be considered under PMGSY. This is not as per the basic guidelines of PMGSY-3.

2. Para 4.2.3 of PMGSY-3 guidelines clearly states that “the programme will focus on upgradation of Through Routes and Major Rural Links (MRLs) within the State specific target. These could be roads up to the category of ODR, even though not constructed under PMGSY and on the basis of capacity requirement to accommodate traffic to provide the required level of service”.

3. State should take note of the fact that PMGSY-3 is a rural roads strengthening programme to include major link routes and through routes which connect habitations to agricultural and rural markets (GrAMs), high secondary schools, hospitals, etc. All the roads in the category of ODR and below and under ownership of State Govt. qualify to be considered under PMGSY-3 irrespective of the department under which such roads exist.

4. Keeping above guidelines in view, I request you to kindly follow a network approach in planning and selection of roads under PMGSY-3, and not exclude roads based on ownership by state government departments.

Yours sincerely,

  
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To

1. The Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries in-charge of implementing PMGSY (All States/UTs).
2. CEO /E-in-C /Chief Engineers of SRRDAs (All States/UTs).