अल्का उपाध्याय अपर सचिव एवं महानिदेशक (एन आर आई डी ए)

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To:

- 1. All Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary of the nodal Department handling PMGSY & RCPLWE Projects, in all States & UTs.
- 2. All Chief Executive Officer/Engineer-in-Chief/Chief Engineer of SRRDA

Sub: PMGSY – Submission of revision case proposal – Time line for submission – regarding.

As per the PMGSY progamme guidelines, DPRs are required to be prepared based on detailed surveys and investigations. The design and technology choice should be of such detail that the quantities are accurate and the rates adopted are based on the latest updated State Schedule of Rates. There should be no cost over-run due to changes in the scope of work or quantities at the time of execution against the cost cleared by the Ministry, so as to ensure that on an average the tendered value would approximate the estimated cost.

The detailed procedures to be followed for DPR preparation including Transect walk, the agencies responsible for the preparation, and scrutiny of DPRs are explicitly mentioned in the PMGSY Operations Manual and programme guidelines. The State Governments are permitted to outsource the DPR preparation activities, following Quality-cum-Cost Based Selection, and the cost of preparing DPR form part of the project cost and shared between the State and the Central government. Despite such well-established procedures, the States are submitting revised estimates citing various reasons; it indicates that the DPRs are not being prepared/scrutinized with due care and diligence. It is also observed from various occasions that the States are submitting revised estimates when the works are at advanced stages of completion which in turn delays the completion of projects for want of these approvals. In some cases the proposals are submitted after completion of the work which is highly unacceptable.

In the recent PRC Meeting held on 26.08.20, it was observed that in many cases final bills are pending due to pending approval of deviations from the original DPRs. In view of the above, the revision of estimates should be submitted within 6 months from the date of the award of works. The concerned PIUs should ensure that any likely deviations are worked out within 6 months of award and these cases should be decided as quickly as possible by the SRRDAs. Similarly, if any such reference is to be made to NRIDA, the same time lines should be adhered.

The SRRDAs are also requested to ensure timely closure of projects, by way of physical completion & financial closure. All works should adhere to the timeline of financial closure within 6 months of physical completion.

The above instructions are for strict compliance and should be circulated to all levels.

Yours sincerely,

(Alka Upadhyaya)

Copy to: Principal Technical Agencies (PTAs) / State Technical Agencies (STAs) of all States.