

**NATIONAL RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
GOVT OF INDIA**

**MINUTES OF THE 23rd MEETING OF THE GENERAL BODY (GB), OF THE
NATIONAL RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (NRRDA) HELD ON
3rd FEBRUARY, 2017 AT UNNATI CONFERENCE HALL, KRISHI BHAWAN,
MoRD NEW DELHI**

List of members present is annexed.

At the outset JS (RC) & DG, NRRDA welcomed the President of G.B., Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Drinking Water & Sanitation and President, NRRDA, the Vice President of G.B., Secretary, MoRD, Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoRD and other members of the GB. The members were introduced to the President NRRDA.

The Agenda items were then taken up for discussion as under:

Item No. A	Confirmation of the proceedings of the 21st and 22nd Meeting of the General Body held on 8th Feb, 2016 & 22nd August, 2016 and action taken thereon.
Item No. 4	Research work undertaken under PMGSY by NRRDA in collaboration with STAs and PTAs.
Decision of 23rd GB	DG informed the GB that three Research & Development (R&D) Projects were sanctioned in 2015-16 to IIT Bhubaneswar, NIT, Raipur and NIT, Silchar. The Projects are likely to be completed by NIT, Raipur and NIT, Silchar by April, 2017. IIT, Bhubaneswar will be completing the project by April, 2019 after undertaking performance evaluation of cement stabilized roads that would be completed by April, 2018.
Item No. 6	Use of environment friendly "Green" technologies in PMGSY roads
Decision of 23rd GB	DG informed the GB about present status of roads constructed through green technologies and informed that this year around 6,000 km. will be achieved, which will be many times higher than the actual road construction done using such technologies in the first 14 years of the PMGSY. Secretary (RD), MoRD and Vice President advised for more use of Nano Technology,

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	Waste Plastics and CRRRI approved Technology in rural roads construction under PMGSY.
Item No. 8	Use of IT enabled/mobile technology for monitoring of PMGSY roads
Decision of 23rd GB	DG informed the GB about present status of implementation of application of space Technology for monitoring of PMGSY roads. Secretary, MoRD and Vice President advised that NRRDA should make maximum use of Space technology for construction as well as fixing the alignment of rural roads. This will help in effective monitoring and better planning.
Item No. 12	Contractual services of retired officers engaged in NRRDA and HR Policy for NRRDA
Decision of 23rd GB	DG apprised the GB that HR policy has been vetted by IFD and approved by Hon'ble Minister and will be notified shortly.
Item No. 13	e-payments to contractors for all PMGSY works in all States
Decision of 23rd GB	DG informed that the e-payment system to contractors, under OMMAS has been operationalized in all the states except Jammu & Kashmir as the MoRD has exempted them till 31st March, 2017 in view of disturbed conditions in the State. Minster (RD) and President suggested that contractors should generate their bill within 15 days and payment should be made to them within 24 hrs of its receipt. Secretary (RD) and Vice President pointed out that as per directions of Ministry of Finance, all payments are to be routed through PFMS for which a bridge software is to be prepared by C-DAC in consultation with NIC.
Item No. B	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 22nd General Body Meeting (held on 22nd August, 2016)
Item No. II	Empanelment of New NQMs, Performance Review of the existing NQMs, Delay in Joining by NQMs and Non Compliance of Inspection Schedules issued by NRRDA
Decision of 23rd GB	DG informed about the proposal to engage students from IITs & NITs having Master Degree in Transportation Engineering and pursuing Phd for inspection of road works under three tier system of quality assurance in PMGSY. IIT Bhubaneswar, NIT Jamshedpur and MANIT Bhopal have responded favorably and response from other institutes is awaited.

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	<p>Thereafter, the draft Terms of References (ToR) for such engagement would be refined / modified in the light of suggestions of these institutes and necessary approvals will be taken from the MoRD.</p> <p>Hon'ble Minister and President observed that this will not only help in improving quality assurance in rural road construction as well as bring economy in rural road construction.</p> <p>It was also emphasised that a formal meeting at Secretary level may be held with all the Directors of these institutes at an early date.</p>
Item No. III	Increase in honorarium of NQMs & STAs
Decision of 23rd GB	<p>DG informed the GB that proposal for enhancing the honorarium of NQM from Rs. 3500/- to Rs. 5000/- per inspection has been approved by IFD and will be shortly be notified.</p> <p>The General Body after due deliberation, approved the proposal</p>
Item No. IV	Assessment of the actual no. of NQMs required, average no. of annual inspections done vis-a-vis their quality
Decision of 23rd GB	<p>DG informed the GB that there were 108 NQMs and after their performance evaluation, 26 NQMs have been de-empanelled for different reasons. In addition, the Selection Committee during its meeting held on 10th November, 2016 recommended empanelment of 35 NQMs. Out of these 16 NQMs have been empanelled after undergoing the Orientation-cum-training programme, mandatory for newly empanelled NQMs, at IAHE, Noida during 27 – 29 December, 2016. At present there are 95 active NQMs.</p> <p>Secretary (RD) and Vice President emphasised on effective performance evaluation of the NQMs on a regular basis.</p>
Item No. VIII	Setting up of the NTSA as a separate unit within NRRDA and renaming of NRRDA as NRIDA
Decision of 23rd GB	<p>DG informed that the Hon'ble RD Minister and President NRRDA has approved proposal for setting up of NTSA within NRRDA. The GB ratified the decision taken by the President. The GB also approved renaming of NRRDA as National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA) with a Roads and Housing Wing. A technical cell for this purpose will be set up in NRRDA itself.</p>

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Item No. IX	Progress of ADB Projects
Decision of 23rd GB	DG apprised the GB about the progress of ADB Projects and also intimated that an award for best performing department under transport sector with ADB funding for PMGSY has been received from Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, FD, Govt. Of India. The GB appreciated this achievement of PMGSY.
Item No. XIV	Correction in fixation of remuneration of Shri Brij Mohan and Shri HS Saini engaged as Consultants in NRRDA
Decision of 23rd GB	DG informed GB that this issue was discussed with AS&FA in the Ministry and AS&FA has informed that view of IFD has already been provided to NRRDA. In this context, the matter would be settled as an administrative issue with the approval of Secretary, MoRD.
Item No. XV	Enhancing the rate of increment to Shri Arun Trivedi, Consultant (CA) on Contract
Decision of 23rd GB	DG informed the GB that the issue of enhancing the increment has been forwarded to IFD for their examination.
Item No XVII	Other matter
Decision of 23rd GB	<p>(A) All out efforts should be made to construct the targeted road length of 133 Km/day during 2016-17</p> <p>DG informed the GB about the progress of rural road construction and stated that targeted road length of 48812 km at national level is likely to be achieved as at present the speed of construction is 119 Km per day. It is expected that at the end of this financial year, targeted rate of 133 km road per day will be achieved.</p> <p>(B) State specific specifications and designs for rural roads should be in place.</p> <p>Need to reduce the average cost of construction of PMGSY roads and the need for the Ministry to issue guidelines to States to fully utilize State wise locally available construction materials.</p> <p>DG inform the GB, that the Research Report on Mapping of locally available material including waste materials has been received from CRRI. Two districts each of Bihar and Madhya Pradesh were covered under this research project. Other States have been requested to start mapping of locally available materials based on the CRRI Template. Guidelines for use of fly ash have already been issued.</p>

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	<p>GB took note of the status.</p> <p>(C) For better quality assurance mechanism, Centre should increase its presence and focus on quality and time bound completion/monitoring of PMGSY through SRRDAs and NQMs.</p> <p>DG inform the GB, that 5459 NQM inspection have been conducted against the target of 7500 NQM inspections for year 2016-17. This is 73% of annual target.</p> <p>Similarly 24307 SQM inspection have been conducted against the target of 34759 inspection of annual target for year 2016-17. This is 70% of annual target.</p> <p>In order to ensure better quality assurance mechanism 18 NQMs were removed from the panel on the basis of the poor performance. Similarly advisory was also issued for upper limit of number of SQM inspection per day, SQM working for more than one state, maximum age limit of SQM and regular performance evaluation of SQMs.</p> <p>DG also presented the year wise graphical presentation of “Unsatisfactory” work grading of completed works, ongoing works and works under maintenance (DLP). DG apprised that this aim is to achieve 90% “Satisfactory” grading in year 2016-17, for completed roads, as per target of quality assurance.</p> <p>(D) The need for the States to focus on regular maintenance of PMGSY roads assets and putting in place mechanism to ensure that overloaded vehicles do not damage PMGSY roads.</p> <p>DG informed the GB, that 16 states have formulated their own Rural Road Maintenance Policy with assured budgetary provision every year for maintenance of rural roads. 3 states are finalizing/Notifying their policies.</p> <p>GB took note of that matter.</p>
Item No. C	Agenda points for 23rd G.B. Meeting
Item No. 1.	Approval of Annual Accounts of NRRDA for 2015-16
Decision of 23 rd GB	<p>DG briefed about the Annual Accounts audited by CA and highlighted the specific issue of non-finalizing of sub-lease deed with NBCC despite repeated reminders. The CA of NRRDA presented the brief on Annual Accounts 2015-16.</p> <p>The General Body after due deliberation approved the Annual Accounts of NRRDA for 2015-16.</p>

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Item No. 2.	Approval of Annual Report for the year 2015-16
Decision of 23rd GB	DG briefed the GB about the Annual Report of NRRDA for the year 2015-16. The General Body after due deliberation approved Annual Report of NRRDA for 2015-16.
Item No. 3.	Extension of deputation term of following Officers in NRRDA for a period of one year:
Decision of 23rd GB	GB took note of the information.
Item No. 4.	Appointment of Director, Dy. Director and Asstt. Directors in NRRDA
Decision of 23rd GB	GB took note of the information.
Item No. 5.	Resignation/joining of following Young(C) Engineers:
Decision of 23rd GB	GB took note of the information.
Item No. 6.	Extension of contract period of consultants above 65 Years – Ex post facto sanction from 1.7.2016 to 31.12.2016
Decision of 23rd GB	General body after due deliberation accorded Ex-post facto approval for the contract period of 7 consultants from 1.07.2016 to 31.12.2016.
Item No. 7.	Extension of contract period of all consultants in NRRDA w.e.f 1st of January, 2017
Decision of 23rd GB	DG informed the GB that HR policy has been finalized and approved by the Hon'ble Minister and will be notified shortly. As per HR Policy, consultant should be appointed upto the age of 65 years but not more than 70 years. However, in exceptional cases, with due justification, services of consultants above the age of 65 years may be hired/continued with the approval of Secretary, MoRD. General body approved the proposal of renewal of contract period of retired persons below 65 year for one year w.e.f 1 st January 2017. Those who are above 65 year, based on their performance appraisal and need of their services to NRRDA, specific approval of extension

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	from Vice President and President will be taken in specific cases.
Item No. 8.	Implementation of 7th Pay Commission in NRRDA:
Decision of 23rd GB	DG informed the GB that 7 th Pay Commission Report's implementation in NRRDA was forwarded to IFD, as a proposal on which the IFD has raised some queries. The same is being compiled and will be furnished to IFD shortly. The outcome of the same will be submitted to next GB.
Item No. 9.	Proceedings of 20th Selection Committee Meeting for empanelment of new NQMs and performance review of the existing NQMs held on 10th November, 2016
Decision of 23rd GB	DG briefed about the proceedings of 20 th Selection Committee Meeting for empanelment of new NQMs and performance review of the existing NQMs. GB took note of the same.
Item No. 10.	Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Affected Areas
Decision of 23rd GB	DG briefed about new vertical under PMGSY i.e. the Road Connectivity Project for LWE affected areas. GB took note of the same.
Item No. 11	Other matter
	<p>After the GB proceedings, Hon'ble Minister asked the views of participating members.</p> <p>Chief Engineer, MoRTH informed about the road safety measures being implemented in their Ministry and requested that MoRD may also formulate road safety measures in rural roads also. DG, NRRDA informed that a Road Safety Manual for Rural Roads, has been formulated and will shortly be released.</p> <p>CRRRI and Chief Engineer, UPRRDA requested that specifications of road and Standard Bid Documents (SBD) should be made available in Hindi Language also. Hon'ble Minister suggested that all the states should translate the same in their own language and get it approved from NRRDA.</p>
	At the end, Hon'ble Minister and President suggested that special emphasis must be given to the quality of the road construction and there should not be any carelessness from the bottom level to higher level. Further, maximum use of space technology should be made, so that, efficiency and economy in exact road length and exact

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alignment of the road can be achieved.

Further, an efficient and time bound system of payment to contactors must be designed and implemented, so that, a contractor must produce their bill within 15 days and get the payment at least once in 15 days.

The examination and scrutiny of DPRs by STAs and NRRDA should take place at the earliest i.e. less time in comparison to present should be taken.

For LWE projects advisory should be issued to the States that ideally one agency should be involved for implementation of LWE project and quality of road should be strictly monitored from start to end. He also suggested that highly capable engineer should be identified & involved for implementation of LWE project.

More Young professionals may be engaged for improving the quality management in NQM system.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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List of Members attended 23rd meeting of General Body held on 03rd February, 2017 in Unnati conference Hall in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Sl. No.	Name of Members	Designation	Office Address
1.	Shri Narendra Singh Tomer	Hon'ble Minister (MoRD) and President	Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan
2.	Shri Amarjeet Singh Sinha	Secretary (RD) and Vice President	Krishi Bhawan
3.	Shri Anshu Prakash	Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoRD, Member	Krishi Bhawan
4.	Shri Ravi Prasad (Representative)	CE (Road) Safety, Member	MoRTH, Parivahan Bhawan
5.	Shri S. Swarna Ganapathy (Representative)	Advisor (PMGSY), Member	NITI, Aayog
6.	Shri Debasis Pal	Director Panchayati Raj, Member	MoPR, J.P. Building, K. G. Marg
7.	Shri Rajesh Bhushan	Joint Secretary (RC) and DG, NRRDA, Member	Krishi Bhawan
8.	Shri Priya Ranjan	Director (PMGSY), MoRD, Member	Krishi Bhawan
9.	Shri R. B. K. Rakesh (Representative)	Chief Engineer, PMGSY, Uttar Pradesh, Member	UPRRDA, Lucknow
10	Shri A. K. Dinkar (Representative)	Chief Engineer, Member Uttarakhand, Member	URRDA, Dehradun

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11.	Shri U. K. Guru Vittal (Representative)	Chief Scientist , Member	CRRI, New Delhi
12.	Shri Atual Kumar Agarwal (Representative)	SE (C) Dir. Planning, Member	HQ DGBR (Border Roads Organization)
13.	Shri Anil Malla (Representative)	GM (Eng.) NBCC, Member	NBCC Bhawan. Lodhi Road, N.D
14.	Prof. G. J. Joshi	Co-ordinator, STA, PMGSY, Member	SVNIT Surat
15.	Dr. Mahesh Kumar	Member (Technical), DDA, Member	Viaks Sadan, INA DDA, Complex, ND

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