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Subject: Constitution of Working Group on Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) (Rural Roads) for formulation of Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17).

With a view to formulating the Twelfth Five Year Plan for PMGSY (Rural Roads), it has been decided to constitute a Working Group on Rural Roads. The composition of the Working Group will be as follows:

I. Composition

Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development - Chairman

Members

- (1) AS/FA, Ministry of Rural Development
- (2) Sr. Consultant (Tpt.), Planning Commission - Shri B.N. Puri
- (3) Adviser (Tpt.), Planning Commission - Dr. Manoj Singh
- (4) Director, Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), New Delhi.
- (5) Representative from National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA), New Delhi.
- Dr. K.M.L. Rao, Dir.(Technical).
- (6) Representative from Department of Expenditure,
- (7) Representative from Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MORTH)
Ministry of Finance
- (8) Representative from NABARD
- (9) Representative from DONER
- (10) Principal Secretary, PWD, Government of Gujarat
- (11) Engineer in Chief, PWD, Government of Haryana
- (12) Engineer in Chief, PWD, Government of West Bengal
- (13) Engineer in Chief, PWD, Government of Mizoram
- (14) Engineer in Chief, PWD, Government of Karnataka
- (15) Engineer in Chief, PWD, Government of Rajasthan
- (16) Engineer in Chief, PWD, Government of Maharashtra
- (17) Engineer in Chief, PWD, Government of Jammu & Kashmir
- (18) Engineer in Chief, PWD, Government of Bihar
- (19) Engineer in Chief, PWD, Government of Arunachal Pradesh
- (20) Engineer in Chief, PWD, Government of Tamilnadu
- (21) Jt. Secretary(commerce), Min. of Commerce
- (22) Professor, IIT, Delhi
- (23) Professor, IIT, Roorkee
- (24) Professor, NIT, Jorhat, Assam
- (25) Representative, State Technical Agency (STA)
- (26) Representative, Science & Technology Mission

- (27) Director (Road Connectivity), Deptt of Rural Development, Min. of Rural Development
(28) Any other Co-opt officials and non officials as decided by the Chairman
(29) Jt. Secretary,(Road Connectivity), Deptt of Rural Development,
Ministry of Rural Development - Convenor

II. Terms of reference

1. To critically review the financial and the physical progress of the development of the rural road network during the first four years of 11th Five Year Plan, highlighting the constraints faced and the remedial actions required to be taken in the context of the preparation of the 12th Five Year Plan.
2. Keeping in view the experience acquired from PMGSY and launch of Bharat Nirman, recommend a policy framework for the development of rural roads in the 12th Five year Plan and a perspective for the next decade beyond 12th Plan – Vision 2021 – taking cognizance of various issues, including inter-alia the following :
 - i) need for providing connectivity with a view to improving accessibility;
 - ii) need for enhancing the capacities of various implementing agencies in order to achieve time targets;
 - iii) prioritization of development work in view of a large number of deficiencies in the existing rural roads network with a view to consolidating the network;
 - iv) need for maintenance and preservation of existing assets;
 - v) need for creating an environment conducive to public private partnerships, in view of the increasing role of private sector;
 - vi) need for upgradation of technology in order to improve quality of construction of rural roads and reduce construction time;
 - vii) energy conservation and environment protection.
3. To formulate a programme for development of rural roads for the 12th Five Year Plan indicating monitorable physical targets, financial outlays and their year-wise phasing during this Plan period. While formulating the Plan, various aspects should be examined including inter-alia the requirement to provide essential road links to rural areas in the country in a cost effective manner, existing deficiencies of road system and remedial measures and the need for integrating backward and remote areas particularly the north-east and tribal areas with the rest of the country.
4. To review the existing arrangements, including the availability of resources from Central Road Fund, for funding the development of rural roads and suggest innovative measures for augmentation of resources both for construction and maintenance of rural roads.
5. To review the existing norms and criteria for maintenance and repairs for rural roads, assess progress of funds spent during first four years of 11th Plan and assess actual requirement of funds for the Twelfth Plan and recommend measures to meet such requirements.

6. To review the type of machinery and material presently being used in rural road construction and maintenance and suggest improvements, including steps needed for growth of road equipment industry in the country in order to deliver quality output in a time bound manner.
7. To review the existing manpower training arrangements at the Central and State level and suggest improvements, keeping in view the need for construction of quality rural roads in a time bound manner.
8. To review the status of various implementing agencies involved in the development and maintenance of rural roads in terms of their capability to deliver timely outputs and to recommend measures, including outsourcing and institutional for enhancing capacities of the States.
9. To suggest measures for effectively monitoring the progress of construction and maintenance of rural roads. Also to evolve a mechanism to ensure that funds allocated for maintenance of roads in the 12th Finance Commission are optimally utilised.
10. To review the status of domestic construction industry in terms of its capability to absorb, utilize and augment the technology being presently used timely for rural road construction.
11. Integrated Planning of Roads having different functionality and Inter-model coordination.
12. Study on the connectivity status of the roads constructed under different schemes with reference to All Weather and its structural entity
13. Developing integrated system of GIS survey
14. Planting of fruit bearing trees along rural roads and suggesting working model for Vriksha Rojgar Yojana.
15. To examine any other matter considered important by the Working Group.

- III.** The Chairman of the Working Group may co-opt officials or non-officials as Members and constitute sub-groups, if considered necessary.
- IV.** The expenditure towards TA/DA in connection with the meetings of the Working Group in respect of the official members will be borne by their respective Ministries/Departments. In case of non-official members of the Working Group, expenditure towards their TA/DA would be met by the Planning Commission as admissible to the Class-I officers of the Government of India.
- V.** The name(s) of the representatives of various organizations, as per the above composition may be communicated to the Convenor/Member Secretary of the Working Group under intimation to Dr. Manoj Singh, Adviser (Tpt.), Planning Commission.
- VI.** Shri Sujan Singh, Director (Tpt.), Planning Commission, Room No.359, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 (Tel. No.23096737), shall be the Nodal Officer for this Working Group.

VII. The Working Group will submit its report to the Planning Commission latest by 31st August, 2011.

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