

Minutes of meeting held on 17.11.2015 in E-in-C office under the Chairmanship of worthy Addl. Chief Secy. (PW) to the Govt. of H.P.

A review meeting under the Chairmanship of Addl. Chief Secy. (PW) was held in the conference room of E-in-C office on 17.11.2015. The following issues were discussed.

1. PMGSY Works:-

The need to complete the 25 Nos. pending works (more than 10 years old) was emphasized as the department had to face embarrassment during the Regional Review meeting with NRRDA due to poor performance on this account. These works should be complete by 12/2015 as final deadline. Chief Engineer (PMGSY) was requested to hold detailed review meeting with Zonal Chief Engineer's /Superintending Engineer /Executive Engineer in Zonal HQ's to expedite the works. If there is any marginal shortage of funds, the consolidated demand of additionality required to be submitted by 30th November for taking up matter with Govt. of HP. Online entries should also be completed/updated. Works held up due to non availability of private land /Forest/ or other unresolvable issues should be closed after holding management meetings to avoid financial implication/arbitration in later stages, due to rising tendency of contractors seeking arbitration/courts refuge leading to heavy financial burden on state. Use of cold mix technology was also emphasized to mitigate with the limited working season. Engineer-in-Chief (QC&D) was requested to examine the problem being faced in field w.r.t. Bitumen contents & grit gradation/size. The eligibility of

villages selected under SAGY should be scrutinized as per Core Network and DPRs be accordingly prepared at the earliest.

It was noticed that expenditure on 5 years routine maintenance of PMGSY roads is not being reflected in OMMAS. SE's have been requested to look into it and do the needful. Performance based maintenance contract (PBMC) with the assistance of ILO is being executed for proposals of smaller stretches totally 46.0 KM with success on pilot basis in H.P. Therefore it was emphasized that all other circles should also make use of this good opportunity, for better maintenance than the conventional practices of the Department.

2. NABARD:-

It was observed that the overall financial achievements & progress is very poor. Therefore there is a need for close monitoring and meetings at circle level for accelerating the projects and maximum achievement be made upto Feb. of 2016 so that the target of expenditure claim from Nabard of Rs. 230.00 crore could be achieved. It was conveyed that PCR's of completed works should be directly sent by S.E.'s to Engineer-in-Chief office by 30th November so that this progress may be placed in next high powered committee meeting. The issue of non availability of Land for DPR preparation should be properly documented for record/substitution.

3. Deposit Works:-

The progress of six line departments was observed to be very less as per targets. The issue of diversion of funds/revised A/ A was discussed. It was conveyed that CE's should send the

diversion proposals in consolidated form (Department wise) so that the matter is taken up with higher authorities at proper forum. Strengthening and automation of design and Architecture wing was also emphasized to cope up with the problem of limited staff and burden of work. Superintending Engineer D-III, Sr. Architect and Information & Technology wing has been requested to prepare a appraisal report so that matter may be taken up with the higher authorities/ Govt. of India for funding this project. It was conveyed that the telecom deposits available in Division Offices should also be utilized at zonal level for up gradation of machinery etc. The restoration charges for road damages by defence department shall be recovered from them as per yard stick rates/estimates and damages, to be restored by PWD later on. Whereas the roads being damaged by BBNL shall be restored by them only at their cost. These instructions/NOC have also been circulated to field, which should be adhered to. The need to appoint a Nodal Officer of Superintending Engineer level for deposit works was also felt. SE's of field circles have been directed to issue LOC only after seeking/verifying proportionate expenditure on works to avoid diversions.

4. C.M. Announcement:-

It was observed that action on lot of CM announcement was still to be taken. Therefore it was emphasized that special attention should be paid to these works for timely completion/arranging sanctions/ Budget etc.

5. Audit Paras:-

Regular monitoring and actions must be taken to keep the pendency at lower levels by concerned Superintending Engineer's / Chief Engineer's.

6. Quality Control/Pending ATR's:-

Now the SQM's have been appointed to revising the pending ATR's rejected by NRRDA. Therefore immediate action should be taken by concerned officials to solve the issue. During last meeting it was decided that type-C seal coat should be tried but no compliance report has been received. It was directed to use type-C seal coat which is definitely a better option for hilly roads.

7. FCA Clearance status:-

The progress in this regard has been found to be very slow. Field officials stated that non supply of revenue record is also one of main bottlenecks It was emphasized that at least one own patwari per sub- Division should be arranged so that the progress w.r.t. F.C.A cases and road infrastructure maps could be accelerated.

8. Court Cases:-

It was conveyed that disciplinary cases/arbitration/Court Cases should be given proper & careful consideration to avoid implications. The issue of service tax on building and registration of contractors/ labour under E.P.F Act was also conveyed for implementing their provisions in the rules/Acts to avoid legal/ financial implications.

9. Status of Arbitration Cases and proposals for DLC:-

It was observed that most of the pending arbitration cases have cropped up/ emerged during last 3 years relating to

PMGSY and building works which needs to be pondered over & settled through D.I.C's for amicable settlement. The instructions issued vide Addl. Chief Secy. (PW)No. PBW (D)B(2)1/2013 dated 28.10.2015 should be followed strictly for appointment of Arbitrator.

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

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