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Dear *Shri Lalthanhawla*

I am grateful for the meeting on 24th October 2011 during which fruitful discussions were held regarding implementation of schemes of Rural Development Ministry in the State. During the meeting, certain issues were raised about the implementation of PMGSY also. I would like to inform you that a number of steps have been taken in this regard which are enclosed with this letter.

2. I would like to add that the recommendations enunciated in the enclosure have been accepted and further proposals may kindly be forwarded encompassing these recommendations so that PMGSY programme can prove more useful to the State.

With regards.

Yours sincerely

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SNo.	Issue	Recommendation
1.	Requisite number of CD works keeping in view the terrain, snow fall and deposition of snow in high altitudes areas	Technology enabled support with local knowledge and Topo Sheets should be the basis for finalizing the number of culverts. Accordingly, State Technical Agencies (STAs) should take these into account while recommending proposals to ensure that the roads constructed under PMGSY are of all-weather nature as envisaged in the guidelines.
2.	Provision of adequate length of CC drains	Natural flow of water and influence of road geometrics should be the base for fixing the length of CC Pavement. Accordingly, STAs should take this into account while recommending proposals to ensure that there is no undue damage to PMGSY roads due to obstruction of natural flow of water.
3.	Roadway width	<p>(i) The roadway width should be exclusive of CC drain width and parapet wall width. Thus, the States should provide Roadway width of at least 6.00 metres exclusive of parapet and side drains for PMGSY roads to meet road safety requirements.</p> <p>(ii) On roads subjected to heavy snowfall or landslides, where regular snow or debris clearance is done over long period to keep the road open to traffic, road way width may be increased by 1.5 meters.</p> <p>To implement it, the width may be suitably increased on the request of SRRDA as per DPR. The DPR should include 10-year snowfall data to substantiate heavy snowfall, wherever so proposed.</p> <p>(iii) To meet requirement of designs at curves, junctions, etc., a wider width (6 to 7.5 metres) be allowed as per need of the site.</p> <p>This would facilitate to meet road safety requirements on PMGSY roads.</p>

		<p>(iv) A reputed institute should be awarded an R&D study to suggest technological solutions especially for using local material to control landslides in hilly areas.</p> <p>This would help in proactive handling of landslides by taking preventive actions.</p>
4.	Higher costs due to transportation of Cement, Bitumen, Steel etc. and longer leads	A pre-bid conference with Cement Manufacturers may be convened either at Delhi or Kolkata in which States may project their annual requirement of cement covering all schemes run by the Ministry of Rural Development. Co-ordination Division of the Ministry would be the nodal division to accomplish it.
5.	Coverage of remaining Bharat Nirman Works.	Existing Procedures/Code of Practice for coverage of remaining habitations under Bharat Nirman is acceptable. States should send all remaining Bharat Nirman proposals for which they have also been requested.
6.	Coverage of missed out bridges on roads already sanctioned under PMGSY.	Existing Procedure/Code of Practice should continue. States should send all remaining missing bridges proposals for which they have also been requested.
7.	Sanctions of Stage-II works for such PMGSY roads for which Stage-I has already been sanctioned.	Existing Procedure/Code of Practice should continue. States should send all remaining proposals for Stage-II works for roads for which Stage I work has been sanctioned, for this they have also been requested.
8.	Financial assistance from Gol for GIS applications and digitization of Core Network.	GIS interface is essential on Core Network and the necessary financial assistance required for each State should be given by Central Government. The States should send proposals for this.
9.	Switchover to e-tendering in all NE States.	All North Eastern States have agreed to float e-tenders.