



Dear Dr. Raman Singhji -

25th August 2011

1. I am writing this letter to you with reference to the issue of sanctioning of new projects under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to your State.
2. It is to inform you, in view of the timeframe fixed for achieving the Bharat Nirman targets, currently project proposals in respect of only following categories are being considered for clearance under programme:-
 - (i) Residual new connectivity coverage envisaged under Phase-I of Bharat Nirman.
 - (ii) Projects to be taken up with the assistance of World Bank and Asian Development Bank.
 - (iii) New habitation connectivity in the 60 identified LWE/IAP affected districts.
 - (iv) Special road connectivity packages announced for the border areas.
3. **Since inception of PMGSY Scheme, upto June, 2011, project proposals for 5,320 Nos road works measuring 25,508 kms and valued at Rs. 6,457 crore have been sanctioned under PMGSY including ADB (Asian Development Bank) assisted rural road projects by the Ministry of Rural Development for the State. An amount of Rs. 4,857 crore (75%) has been released to the State for the programme. 4,151 Nos road works (78%) measuring 18,906 kms (74%) have been completed up to June, 2011 with the expenditure of Rs. 4,663 crore .**
4. As you are aware, the State of Chhattisgarh has been included for assistance from ADB loan under RRP-III which is under process of sanction. Proposal for projects in this assistance were received from the State and were put up before the Empowered Committee meeting on 16th Aug 2011. **The Committee has recommended road length of about 1,000 kms against 1,203 kms proposed by the State of Chhattisgarh since the ADB assistance is now reduced to US\$ 800 Million from US\$ 1,200 Million proposed earlier.**

5. In order to facilitate development in LWE Affected Areas/IAP Districts, special Dispensations have been accorded by Ministry of Rural Development. Now all habitations with a population of 250 and above (in 2001 Census) in the IAP districts are eligible for coverage under PMGSY. **Accordingly, the State of Chhattisgarh sent proposals for 135 roads measuring 468 kms costing Rs. 183 crore in LWE districts.** This was not agreed to by the Empowered Committee as the proposal was not put up alongwith consultation documents with Hon'ble Member of Parliaments. As per the Circulars issued a minimum of 10 photographs of transact walk along with minutes of the meeting after the transact walk for each road should be sent along with fresh proposals for consideration. MP-I and MP-II duly filled in are also to be attached with the fresh proposals. **These documents have not been received yet for further action by Ministry.***

6. In addition, the Ministry had issued a request to all the States to send proposals for left-out bridges which could not be proposed by them at the initial stage of sanctioning of works. **Accordingly, the State had sent proposal for 240 Nos bridges at a cost of Rs. 379.20 crore. On June 20th, 2011, the Empowered Committee considered and gave 'in-principle' approval for construction of 240 bridges at a cost of Rs. 379.20 crore.**

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With regards,

Your sincerely,

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**As soon as these documents are received, the proposals will be processed.*