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My dear Tamur -

24th August 2011

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 informed to 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 4,645 Nos of road works measuring 15,909 kms and valued at Rs. 8,801 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. 6,307 crore (71%) has been released to the State for the programme. 2,227 Nos of road works (48%) measuring 10,676 kms (67%) have been completed up to June, 2011 with the expenditure of Rs. 5,677 crore .

4. As you are aware, the State of Assam has been included for assistance from ADB loan under RRP-III which is under process of sanction. Proposal for projects in this assistance for 85.05 kms were received from the State and were put up before Empowered Committee meeting on 16th Aug 2011. The average cost of these roads per km is found on higher side. The proposal is yet to be scrutinized and corrected. Some of the road works proposed by the State were not from the Core Network / non-eligible as per Guidelines, The Committee has recommended road length of about 200 kms for the State of Assam. In fact the ADB assistance is now reduced to US\$ 800 Million from US\$ 1,200 Million proposed earlier.

5. 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 initial stages of sanctioning of works. Accordingly, your State had sent proposal for 400 Nos bridges at a cost of Rs. 812.83 crore. The Empowered Committee considered and recommended the proposal of the State Government for construction of 400 bridges at a cost of Rs. 812.83 crore 'in-principle' on 16th Aug 2011. In order to issue clearance for these bridges, it is requested to send the DPRs for the same at the earliest to provide proper connectivity to the habitations.

6. I would like to inform you that the above recommendations under ADB assistance and left-out bridges have been totally accepted.

7. In addition to above considerations by my Ministry, I would like to assure you fullest co-operation of the Ministry.

Very warm personal
With regards,

Shri Tarun Kumar Gogoi
Chief Minister
Government of Assam

Yours sincerely,

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