



Dear Shri.raj Singhji _____

25th August 2011

Please refer to your recent meeting with me on the issue of sanction of new projects under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to the State of Madhya Pradesh.

2. As informed to you in the meeting, 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 12,334 Nos of road works measuring 55,296 kms and valued at Rs. 13,407 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. 11,155 crore (83%) has been released to the State for the programme. 10,166 Nos of road works (82%) measuring 47,033 kms (85%) have been completed up to June, 2011 with the expenditure of Rs. 10,385 crore .**

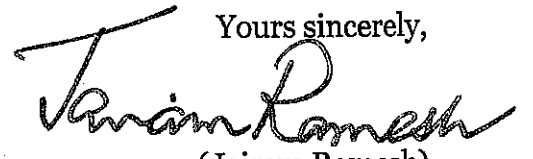
4. As you are aware, the State of Madhya Pradesh has been included for assistance from ADB loan under RRP-III which is under process of sanction. Proposal for projects in this assistance were received from the State and were put up before Empowered Committee meeting on 16th Aug 2011. The Committee has recommended road length of about 1,200 kms for the State of Madhya Pradesh. In fact the ADB assistance is now reduced to US\$ 800 Million from US\$ 1,200 Million proposed earlier. **However, as against the proposal of 1,000 kms discussed with ADB, the Empowered Committee has recommended 1,200 kms for your State.**

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 had sent proposals for 9 districts (Anuppur, Balaghat, Dindori, Mandla, Seoni, Shahdol, Sidhi, Singrauli, Umaria) for 514 Nos. of road works measuring 1930.14 kms valued at Rs. 617.44 crores. These were also placed before the Empowered Committee on 16th Aug 2011 and the Empowered Committee has recommended the same.

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 stages of sanctioning of works. Earlier clearance for 57 bridges sent by the State Government was issued by the Ministry on 11th March 2011. Also the in-principle approval for 27 Nos. of bridges was accorded by the Ministry on July 6th 2011. The State had sent a further list of 62 nos. of bridges costing Rs. 75.62 crore. This proposal was also placed before the Empowered Committee on 16th Aug 2011 and the Empowered Committee has also recommended this proposal of the State. It is requested to send the DPRs for these bridges for issuing final clearance to provide proper connectivity to habitations.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Jairam Ramesh)

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