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31st August, 2011

My dear Nitishbaba —

We had met on August 26th, 2011 in Patna. As I had assured you in that meeting, I have just taken a detailed review of PMGSY works in Bihar with the Hon'ble Minister RWD, Government of Bihar, Shri Bhim Singh, Dr. Rajender, Secretary(RWD) and other State Government officials.

2. In today's review meeting the following decisions have been taken:
- (i) Secretary(RWD), Government of Bihar, would collect a list of habitations along with population in the year 2001 and provide a copy to my Ministry before 9th September, 2011. As suggested by the State during the meeting the data pertaining to Panchayat Delimitation 2001 may be used.
 - (ii) A team led by Director(Technical), NRRDA, Shri Lakshmana Rao along with Joint Director(Technical), NRRDA, Shri IK Pateriya, a representative of CRRI, and 2 National Quality Monitors would visit Bihar during September 9th to 11th, 2011 for a random check on the information of the habitations so provided.
 - (iii) A meeting of the Empowered Committee chaired by Secretary(RD), GoI, would be held on 15th September, 2011 on the following:
 - (a) To finalise and freeze the Core Network of Bihar.
 - (b) To Consider and sanction proposals of missing bridges on roads already sanctioned.
 - (c) To consider and sanction proposals of about 2,177 km road works in the 7 IAP districts along with the proposals of bridges on these roads.

(iv) Permission will be given by MoRD immediately to CPWD and IRCON to award contracts for the works already tendered. The works that have been tendered for but are yet to be awarded by NBCC, NPCC and NHPC, will be cancelled as they have expressed their inability to execute the works. The State Government could then prepare fresh proposals for these roads and bridges.

3. I am hopeful that with these decisions the PMGSY programme in Bihar will be back on track. I am confident that you will take steps to ensure the quality of PMGSY works which, unfortunately, has left a lot to be desired in Bihar.

4. I wish to assure you of my fullest cooperation at all times for rural development programmes and schemes in Bihar, which I see as a cooperative endeavour and partnership between the Central Government and the State Government.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

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