

ISAP Review Committee Meeting dt 31 May 2013

Minutes of the RSID Review Committee held on 31 May 2013

The meeting of the Review Committee was held in Works Department, Conference Hall, Secretariat, Govt of Odisha. Shri S.K. Ray, EIC-cum-Secretary to Government Works Department chaired the meeting. The list of members and consultants and other officers who attended the meeting is annexed.

At the outset CE (WBP) outlined the status of RSID consultancy and the objective of the review meeting. QPR-1, QPR-2, and Inception Report submitted by the consultant was received in the 1st meeting and approved. The consultant has submitted QPR-3, QPR-4 and Report on Road Infrastructure Safety Management Review as per the deliverables in the contract Agreement.

Dr. C.P.Bohra I/c Team Leader of RSID briefly presented the status of Ten components (Tasks) of the RSID as per the contract agreement. The following observations were made by the members:

Presentation of QPR-3, QPR-4 and Progress of RSID Project

Dr. C. P. Bohra, Team Leader (in-charge) of RSID project presented QPR-3, QPR-4 and the progress of the project in all the major tasks. The summary of the points discussed and observations made are mentioned below:

- **OPWD Code and Manual**

The Department has adopted SBDs, which is already approved by the Government, for turn-key projects in roads, building and bridges. The consultants are requested to look into these approved documents, and incorporate the salient features into the proposed SBDs in their recommendation to eliminate the need for further approval from GOO.

In addition, SBDs for EPC projects have been submitted to Government for approval. Minor changes are required in EPC contract approved by ministry (GOI) to make it adaptable to the State Government. These changes are already identified and incorporated in SBDs which is awaiting approval of Finance Department. The consultants are requested to take note of this development and incorporate in their recommendation accordingly. EIC-cum- Secretary, Works suggested to incorporate provisions of e-procurement needs into the SBDs and OWD Codes and Manual.

- **Training and HRD**

It was opined that two types of staff works with OWD – field Staff and Staff in PMU focused on specific projects. The Secretary observed requested that training recommendations by consultants shall cover both these categories of staff and provisions shall be made so that benefits of training can be assessed, evaluated and monitored. Every training programme should highlight expected output from trainees to make them accountable.

- **Road Toll Collection and Management**

The Secretary advised the consultant to suggest ways and means to root out corruption in toll collection and to bring in best practices elsewhere in toll collection and management. As an example, installation of CCTV can be explored in toll gates where gross collection exceeds Rs. 1.00 crore per annum.

- **Restructuring and Reorganisation**

It was suggested to conduct a VISION workshop at the earliest (within one month) to discuss various options and consultant's recommendations.

Study visit of OWD officials to understand policy and structures in other states shall be conducted in mid July 2013 to facilitate better understanding of the recommended policy inputs by the consultant in the light of current national scenario.

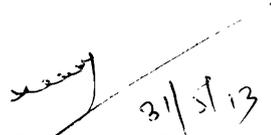
Presentation of Road Infrastructure Safety Management Review

Dr. P. K. Sikdar presented the brief details of the report submitted on Road Infrastructure Safety Management Review. The following points were raised during this presentations.

- Presently, right of Way is not being maintained and though OWD has the ownership, it has little control over the right of way. This needs to be addressed.
- The installation of utilities is a major problem and co-ordination between various agencies needs to be improved.
- Road Safety Audit shall be part of all new projects and this shall be taken up while formulating road safety action plan and roads policy.
- The departments engaged in road construction/maintenance would be requested to provide budget provision for skill upgradation and road safety management.
- Constraints in implementation of Road Safety should be analysed critically and recommendation made with timeline and responsibility/accountability
- The consultant was advised to consult the views of 3 NGO's under OSRP in Road Safety Campaigns undertaken in 3 project corridors from 2010 to 2012

The ISAP review committee approved QPR-3, QPR-4 and Road Infrastructure Safety Management Review Report.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


EIC-cum-Secretary to Government