MINUTES OF THE 21st MEETING OF STATE LEVEL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON OSRP AND OTHER FLAGSHIP PROGRAMS OF WORKS DEPARTMENT HELD ON 30TH JUNE, 2017 AT 11.30A.M IN THE 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE HALL OF THE SECRETARIAT

The 21st meeting of state level empowered committee on Odisha State Road Projects(OSRP) and other flagship programs of works department was held on 30th June 2017 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary. List of members present is given at Annexure-I.

Initiating the discussion, the E.I.C-cm-secretary, Works Department informed that a Project Monitoring Unit(PMU) was created to meet the requirements of the World Bank funded Odisha State Road Projects(OSRP). Though the Bank Loan was closed on 30th June, 2017, considering the unfinished works of OSRP and to avail reimbursement of expenditure by way of retro-active financing in an anticipated new Loan, continuation of PMU was approved for a period of one year up to 30th June, 2016 by the SLEC in its meeting held on 21st July, 2016. Though, new Loan has not yet been financed by the Bank Bhwanipatana-Khariar, Berhampur-Taptapani and four bridges on river Tel have been completed and opened to traffic; besides improvement works on Jagatpur –Kendapara-Chandbali are progressing satisfactorily. The works on Anandpur-Bhadrak-Chandbali has not shown expected progress and shall have to be re-tendered. The total expenditure in the period from July,2016 to May, 2017 has been a record Rs173.80crores.

While ongoing works of OSRP have been targeted for completion during the current financial year, support of the PMU is essential for the following flagship programs of the Department:

- a) Extended logistics support to PIU of NHIIP under CE, NHs
- b) Implementation support in the nature of Environment & Social Safeguards, Contract and Financial management for the State flagship projects like: Biju Expressway, Vijawada-Ranchi Corrirdor, MCL-Coal Corridors, RCPLWEA, Major EPC Contracts & Improvement of Jamujhadi-Dhamara Road.
- c) Redressal of Disputes and Court cases arising out of OSRP as well as other completed projects like Naranapur-Pandarapada & Cuttack-Paradip etc.

d) Providing Technical Assistance for HRD & Master Planning under Road Sector Institutional Development & Technical Assistance to maintain the Odisha Road Asset Management System

Highlighting the importance of PMU, the E.I.C-cum-Secretary presented the structure of PMU which is as follows:

- a) Engineers on deployment basis from Works Department
- b) Also on deployment basis are one DFO from Forest Department, Land Acquisition Officers from R&DM Department and Accounts personnel from Audit and Finance Department
- c) Civil Works Supervision Consultant
- d) Financial and Contract Management Specialist
- e) Social Development Specialists
- f) Support staff and Logistic support from out sourced agencies

While the expenditure on Supervision Consultant is charged directly to specific work, the approximate operational expenses of PMU for services at (d), (e) & (f), comes to Rs12lakhs per month.

Considering the need of a PMU for implementation of flagship programs along with ongoing projects of OSRP, following decisions were taken:

- i) SLEC approved the proposal of Works Department for extension of the existing consultancy contracts, institutional & operational arrangement along with extended services of Financial and Contract Management Specialist, Social Development Specialist, support staff and Logistic support from outsourced agencies of the existing PMU till 30th June, 2019.
- ii) The expenditure on PMU shall be charged to contingent expenditure of CRF and other deposit works.
- iii) Tender for balance works of Anandapur-Bhadrak-Chandbali have to be invited with existing Government of Odisha procedure.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to all.

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Chief Secretary, Odisha