

Proceedings of the State Level Project Monitoring Committee (SLPMC) held on 18.02.2012

Chief Secretary chaired the meeting of the State Level Project Monitoring Committee (SLPMC) on EAP held on 18th February 2012 at 7.00 PM in the second floor conference hall of the state Secretariat. The list of members who attended the meeting is annexed.

This meeting of SLPMC was convened to discuss issue relating to procurement of Consultant's services for carrying out Road Sector Institutional Development (RSID) for the Works department under Odisha State Roads Project (OSRP) being financed by World Bank. Initiating the discussion, EIC-cum-Secretary informed that awarding of contract for the above consulting services is one of the key activity for lifting of suspension by Bank. The assignment under this consultancy services relates to various reforms in road sector as approved by the State Cabinet during June 2008. There is a provision of Rs 886 lakhs for this assignment within the total project estimate of Rs. 1431.19 Cr approved for OSRP by the SLPMC in Jan, 2008. The procurement for this consultancy assignment has been made as per World Bank's Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS) procedure and accordingly the highest ranked firm M/s Intercontinental Consultants & Technocrats (ICT) in JV M/s Grant Thornton Advisory Pvt. Ltd (GT-APL) was recommended for award. The World Bank has already issued its No Objection to the above award during Dec, 2011. However, the gross amount payable to the Consultant including the prevailing Service Tax rate at 10.3% is equivalent to Rs.1322.70 lakhs which is about 48.21% excess over the estimated cost. Therefore Finance Dept. while according approval to the above selection of Consultant has opined to take approval of SLPMC.

After detail deliberation, the Committee observed that the selected consultant M/s ICT in JV with M/s GT-APL is the highest ranked consultant as per Bank's QCBS procedure of selection. The excess cost may be required to be incorporated in the revised estimate for OSRP project. The Committee recommended to award the contract to the above consultant considering other SE (ISAP) formalities.

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The action plan for lifting loan suspension by World Bank was discussed in the meeting. It was informed by Chief Engineer World Bank Projects that award of contract for two consulting services namely ; Construction supervision of the balance civil works and Road Sector Institutional Development are only pending out of the eight conditions set by the World Bank for lifting of loan. He further informed that civil works for Package P-03(Berhampur-Taptapani road) has been terminated. Achievement of 20% progress in civil works in the package P-01 (i.e Bhawanipatna-Khariar) and about 17 % in package P-02(i.e. Chandbali-Bhadrak-Ananadpur) have been made.

However, current progress of work is extremely slow. As advised by the Bank Supervision Mission in Feb, 2012, steps are being taken by the PMU in taking stringent action against the JV partners of the contract by imposing delay damages as per the provisions of the agreement for slow progress.

A time bound action plan was presented by the Chief Engineer, World Bank Projects before the Committee for the next four months. The action plan includes provision of engagement of a Contract Specialist to avoid future litigation through proper contract management correspondences on behalf of the Employer. The engagement of Contract Specialist may be taken up on a single source basis (as Individual Consultant) as per Bank's procurement procedure. As discussed with the Bank mission, the expenditure can be met from the project cost.

The Committee approved the above proposal and suggested to take follow-up action in consultation with the Bank.

C) Recommendations of Bank Supervision Mission in Feb, 2012

The EIC-cum-Secretary informed the Committee that as per the discussion held with recent Bank mission, a formal request has been made to the World Bank for providing additional four months grace period to enable achieving all conditions imposed by Bank for lifting the loan suspension. The action plan for the next four months as suggested by Bank to achieve the incomplete targets was presented by the Chief Engineer (World Bank Projects) before the Committee. The action plan includes issues such as (a) Initiation of Bidding process for the balance work of "Berhampur – Taptapani" Road (b) Initiation of Bidding process for the 2nd Year Road from "Jagatpur to Chandbali" Road (c) Engagement of a Consultant for Preparation of DPR & Bid Documents for the new roads for approval of Bank through DEA etc.

The Committee opined to strictly adhere~~d~~ to the time line as per the action plan and take appropriate follow-up action in consultation with Bank.

D) Arrangement for updating RAP of Jagatpur-Chandbali Road

The Chief Engineer (World Bank Project) reported that the World Bank has suggested to update the RAP for Jagatpur-Chandbali road before calling tender for its Civil work. He informed that this can be done inhouse by engaging four teams with support supervising personnel such as Master Social Welfare(MSW) Survey Supervisor, Community Counsellor, Data Entry Operator and attendant hired from market. Proposed remuneration for the above support personnel shall be about Rs 7000/-, Rs 15,000/-, Rs 7000/- and Rs 6000/- per month respectively. Similarly, a Social Expert having experience in similar work with remuneration of Rs 30,000/- per months need to be hired to co-ordinate and oversee the work of these four teams. The concerned field Executive Engineers with support of field supervising personnel shall carryout the work. Expected time

period for updating the RAP for this 106 Km long road shall be about four months with an expenditure of about Rs 10 lakhs. The expenditure can be met from the project operating cost.

The Committee agreed to the above proposal and suggested to engage a Social Expert or a retired R&R expert for the purpose conversant with local issues. It was also suggested to limit the remuneration of Data Entry Operator as per Govt approved rates.

E) Finalisation of Year II Roads - Planning for Improvement of Core Road Network

A list of roads covering total length of 368 Km proposed for strengthening the existing carriageway was presented before the Committee. These roads are taken from the Core Network with traffic level as the main consideration besides various connectivity importance. Total eight number of roads proposed in the 368 km length as listed below are to be taken up as Year-II roads and shall be part of project restructuring proposal to be submitted to Bank through DEA.

Sl No.	Name of The Road	Category	Length <i>in Km</i>			Total Cost <i>in Rs. Crore</i>
			Total	Inter- mediate Lane	Double Lane	
1	Kandarpur-Machhagaon Road.	SH-43	46	42.6	3.4	27.6
2	Raj Athagada-Narsingpur.	SH-65	76	72.41	3.591	45.6
3	Godbhaga-Turum Road.	SH-54	41.6	41.3	0.3	24.96
4	Barkot-Lahunipada Road	SH-10A	48.55	0	48.545	29.127
5	Badasankha-Tarini-Hinjili-Seragarh-Badagarh-Sorada Road	SH-36	40	40	0	24
6	Bamra-Gariamal-Karamdihi-Talsara	SH-24	46	24	22	31.2
7	Khurda-Jatni-Pipili-Nimapara-Gop Road	SH-13	52	22	30	31.2
8	Gop-Konark Road	SH-60	18		18	10.8
	Total		368.14	242.31	125.836	224.487

The Committee suggested to re-examine the proposals of widening to two lane carriageway for roads listed at Sl.No.1, 4, 5, 7 & 8 and if necessary, possibility of splitting in to packages so that those roads which can be widened to double lane width with less social & environmental issues can be taken up.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair


Chief Secretary

ANNEXURE

List of Members participated in the meeting on 18th February 2012

1. Sri J. K. Mohapatra, IAS, Principal Secretary to Govt., Finance Department
2. Sri S. K. Ray, EIC-cum-Secretary to the Govt., Works Department
3. Sri Amiya Kanti Mishra , Director(DF&C) –cum-Addl. Secretary to Govt., P&C Department
4. Sri N. K. Pradhan, Chief Engineer, World Bank Project
5. Dr. Nishakar Panda, Joint Director, P&C Department