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Shri M. Naik. Under Secretary to Government

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The Chief Engineer, World Bank Project, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

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Proceedings of the 17th Meeting of the S.L.E.C. for Odisha State Road 2. Ms Mik. Project held on 29.5.2013. (i)Coty

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the proceedings of the S.L.E.C. Meeting held on 23.12.2014 at 11.00 A.M. under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha in the Second Floor Conference Hall Secretariat Building for a.cn. Lu information and necessary action.

You are, therefore, requested to intimate all concerned in the matter and report compliance to this Department immediately.

Yours faithfully,

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PROCCEDINGS OF THE 17th MEETING OF THE STATE LEVEL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE (SLEC) held on December 23, 2014

The 17th meeting of the State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC) held on December 23, 2014 in the Second Floor Conference Hall of the State Secretariat, Odisha, Bhubaneswar was chaired by the Chief Secretary, Odisha. The list of Members present in the meeting has been provided in Annexure 1.

Initiating the discussion, the EIC-cum-Secretary briefed the Committee about the project and its components, and status of various activities. The following deliberation was made by the Committee.

1. Status of Civil Works

The civil works are going on in six contracts. Out of these, three contracts are running without any problem. The Committee noticed that the two packages on Bhawanipatna- Khariar road have achieved about 60% progress on major activities and the work is in progress. Still the Committee felt that considering the stipulated dates of completion in August and November, 2015; likelihood of meeting the target date is less and hence the works have to be expedited.

The package from Berhampur to Taptapani had been scheduled to be completed by January 2015, whereas only about 30 km have been completed till now, and exactly a month is available to work. It was discussed that there are hindrances in the balance 11km in the form of land acquisition, R&R, shifting of electric lines and water supply utilities, for which the other milestones have not been handed over to the Contractor. However, the work is likely to be completed by July, 2015.

It was discussed that the other three contracts amounting to about Rs. 600 crore, out of which barely Rs. 25 crore has so far been spent in the project. The EIC-cum-Secretary expressed that the contractors have not been able to gear up over the past few months, for which show cause notices have been issued to them from time to time, apart from holding periodic meetings. The review frequency has been reduced to weekly now, and there has been some improvement in their activities in the campsite and field work. Even the World Bank has conducted a meeting on November 5, 2014 at New Delhi for reviewing the same and expressed that the state should create enabling atmosphere for issuing quarries, licenses and permits, environmental clearances and see that the works are geared up.

The Committee expressed their concern for the work and agreed to resolve the issues of Contractors with the State immediately. Further, they expressed that Works Department should act tough on the defaulting contractors simultaneously, as the delay in execution is causing a lot of problems.

Posting of DFO and LAO

The Committee was appraised about the vacant positions of DFO and LAO in the PMU for which lot of environmental and land acquisition issues are getting delayed. The EIC cum Secretary explained that these officers are also needed for other World Bank works of NH, besides contributing to the SHDP and other programmes. The Committee agreed to take action in this regard.

3. Pre-Construction Issues

It was discussed that owing to the preconstruction issues in different packages, the project is not able to handover the milestones to the contractors. The problems encountered at the moment are detailed below.

a. Land Acquisition

Out of total required land 205.288 acres in phase-I roads, 195.606 acres has been acquired. In Phase-II road 105.295 acres land has been acquired against total 116.784 acres of required land. The issues related to completion of LA awards and ensuring physical possession in the following locations are:

- a. Physical possession of Tillo village in P0-2 under Bhadrak district has not been not
- b. Completion of LA process in Digapahandi of Ganjam district needs to be completed
- c. In Gokarnapur village of Ganjam district, differential payment has been made on either side of the road, for which there is resentment among the villagers.
- d. Five villages such as Simulia, Barehinpur, Bintara, Kuansar, and Chandbali (Khasamal Land) in P0-4B of Chandbali Tahasil under Bhadrak district are under Sec 7 notification. Land acquisition and physical handing over of the villages are at the terminal stage. Till now, land acquisition process has not been completed for the Khasmahal land of
- e. Payments in Tanupur village of Kendrapara District for bypass at Pattamundai (P0-4B) are still not accepted by villagers due to differential payment in the locality,
- f. Listing out and notifying the land losers to receive LA award by the LAOs inviting them to

b. Resettlement And Rehabilitation

For implementation of social safeguards, one NGO as Nodal NGO (CART) at PMU level and Implementing NGOs at Package Levels (KASS in P0-3 and VARRSA in P0-2 & 4) have been engaged. R&R teams (four teams in P0-4 and 1 team in P0-1) have also been engaged for undertaking the R&R activities as approved in SLEC. The R&R activities have almost been completed in phase-1 roads; out of 2797 structures, 2713 structures have been relocated. In phase-2 roads out of total 5239 PAPs approved in RPDAC, about 3314 PAPs have been identified and verified entitled for R&R assistance so far. About 2031 PAPs have been supported with R&R assistance as per approved entitlement and 1226 among them have been voluntarily relocated.

Issues:

Payment of R&R assistances to 89.structure owners' occupying land belonging to Endowment i. Commission along the Jagatpur-Chandbali road in the districts of Cuttack and Kendrapara. These PAPs have been proposed to be treated as squatters, and may receive R&R assistances as per the OSRP norms for R&R assistance, as already done in Ganjam district.

Relocation of remaining 55 religious structures (CPRs) in Jagatpur-Chandbali road including Chandbali (17) and Salipur (14). So far, 177 Religious structures have been dismantled out of 222 by concerned Tehsildars for which R&R assistance for relocation has been placed by the Project with the Tehsildars.

The Committee decided that the project authority shall follow up the issues with the R&DM Department for expeditious action.

Payment of Rehabilitation Grant

c.

SLEC, in its 12th meeting on 5.12.12, had considered enhancement of R&R assistance for different components/categories which were not covered in ORRP but covered in OSRP. The enhancement was based on proportionate manner as per the biennial revision of 2012 (about 150% of the rate of assistance stipulated in ORRP-2006) and also on the observations of the World Bank.

In the mean time, the 4th biennial revision of the rehabilitation grants in monetary terms has come into effect from 1st April, 2014. The biennial revision of 2014 is found to be about 13.8% of the rate of assistance stipulated in 3rd biennial revision of 2012 of ORRP 2006. Further, the revision contained the revised rate for the residential titleholders only, and not the other titleholders and squatters.

The Committee decided to revise the titleholder residential rate as per 2014 notification keeping the other rates same, as approved in 2012.

d. Continuation of R &R Cell

SLEC, in its 16th meeting on 14.05.14, had approved the proposal for continuation of R&R teams in PO-4A&B (Jagatpur to Chandbali Road) up to 31-10-2014. In view of huge co-ordination and follow-up required and as suggested by Social Development Specialist, World Bank, during Mid-Term Review in August, 2014 (Aide Memoire, August 22 to 28, 2014), four R&R Teams need to be continued up to 31-03-2015, in the approved rates, and terms & condition to complete the processing of documents of PAPs in R&B Divisions.

The Committee approved the proposal for extention of the engagement of R&R Teams upto 31.3.2015.

Extension of Nodal NGO (CART)

SLEC, in its 16th meeting on dt. 14.05.14, had approved the proposal for extension of NNGO, CART for NNGO service in (Jagatpur to Chandbali Road PO-4A&B) up to 01-02-2015. In view of continuing implementation of R&R activities, huge co-ordination and follow-up required for preconstruction activities, restoration of income of PAPs, and gender strategy, the continuation of services of Nodal NGO is necessary up to 31 July'15.

The Committee approved the proposal for extension of Nodal NGO (CART) upto 31.7.2015 for Jagatpur- Chandbali Road as per the earlier approved terms and conditions.

f. Extension of Services of Social Development Advisor (Individual Consultant)

SLEC, in their 10th meeting held on 27.7.12, had approved the hiring of Social Development Advisor (SDA) for (Jagatpur-Chandbali Road) and other new roads following WB procurement. The months starting November, 2012 to 31 October, 2014 with the ceiling of Contract price Rs.16.38 lacs excluding service tax. The implementation of RAP in (Jagatpur-Chandbali Road) is continuing. Considering the continuing implementation of R&R activities in Jagatpur-Chandbali road.

The Committee approved the extension of services of SDA from November 2014 to October 2015, with an increment of remuneration according to the annual price index of RBI as applicable in hiring of individual consultant.

4. Road Sector Institutional Development

The Secretary, Works informed that as per earlier instructions of the Committee, the draft documents of Odisha Road Sector Policy and Road Safety Action Plan have been shared with Stakeholder Departments for their inputs/ suggestions. Feedback from two Departments have been received so far.

The Committee directed the Engineer-in-Chief cum Secretary, Works Department to explore incorporation of the proposal of Odisha Road Development Corporation (ORDC) in the draft Odisha Road Sector Policy, and to convene a meeting of Stakeholder Departments for way forward action for approval of Odisha Road Sector Policy.

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

Approval of the Chief Secretary to the above minutes have been taken in the file

Engineer-in-Chief-cum-Secretary Works Department

LIST OF ATTENDEES IN THE 17th SLEC MEETING ON DECEMBER 23, 2014

- 1. Sri Gokul Chandra Pati, IAS, Chief Secretary
- 2. Sri U.N.Behera, IAS, Development Commissioner-cum- Additional Chief Secretary, Odisha & Additional Chief Secretary, Forest & Environment Department
- 3. Sri R. Balakrishnan, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department
- 4. Sri Tara Dutt, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management
- 5. Sri M.R.Parida, Principal Secretary, Law Department
- 6. Sri N.K. Pradhan, EIC-cum-Secretary, Works Department
- 7. Sri Debidatta Biswal, Special Secretary, Forest & Environment Department
- 8. Sri O.P.Patel, Chief Engineer, World Bank Projects, Odisha