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CIRCULAR No. 9/2011

Subject: Meeting of Gram Sabha after Transect Walk for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) under PMGSY.

Community participation is key to empowerment of a community and evolving its belongingness to process of development. Participating communities have many centers of activity, and community action engages the natural enthusiasm and harnesses talents of citizens leading to higher rates of resource acquisition and better results. Over-all rural development can be accelerated by involvement of people at grass root level. Rural roads are also crucial to attract other infrastructure facilities in the rural areas. Community participation right from planning stage is vital for any infrastructure project of this nature spread over the length of rural heartland. It helps in making the plan realistic and easily implementable. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) envisages to involve local community, Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Hon'ble Members of Parliament for effective planning of rural roads.

2. In this regard, recently, a circular No. 3/2011 was issued on 28th April, 2011 regarding Necessity of a Transect Walk and consultation with Hon'ble Members of Parliament for planning of rural roads under PMGSY.
3. In order to formally involve the institution of Gram Sabha, it is equally important that the transect walk should be so planned that it culminates into the scheduled meeting of Gram Sabha to consider proposed alignment, land availability and to moderate any adverse social & environmental impact, eliciting necessary community participation in the programme.
4. With a view to involve the community, the State Government needs to ensure that Minutes of the Gram Sabha meeting are also enclosed along with other requisite documents as indicated in Circular No. 3/2011 including at least ten digital photographs taken during Transect Walk while sending Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). The Minutes of the Gram Sabha Meeting covering the aspect of transect walk can be treated as a Minutes of the Transect Walk as mentioned in earlier Circular No. 3/2011.
5. Therefore, no new proposals would be considered unless the following are appended, besides fulfilling other requirements:

- (i) Ten digital photographs of the Transect Walk

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- (ii) Minutes of the Gram Sabha meeting held on culmination of Transect Walk and having recommendations of Gram Sabha about the proposed DPR.
- (iii) Proof of consultations with the concerned Hon'ble Member of Parliament and duly filled in forms MP-1 and MP-2.

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To

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