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Subject: Uploading of quality grading of items/sub-items and photographs of works inspected under 2nd Tier of quality monitoring

The Programme Guidelines under PMGSY provides a three tier quality monitoring mechanism. Under the second tier of this arrangement, periodic inspections are required to be conducted by independent State Quality Monitors (SQMs). With a view to assess the quality of construction and also to provide appropriate guidance to the PIUs, wherever necessary, each PMGSY project is expected to be inspected by the SQMs at least three times during the process of execution.

2. Based on the feedback and suggestions received from States, a comprehensive guideline for quality monitoring under the second tier were developed and shared with the States vide letter no.P-17012/12009/P-III dated 22nd October, 2010 (copy enclosed) and training programmes were also conducted. It was enjoined upon that all the SQM inspection reports are mandatorily entered in OMMAS along with their digital photographs. The provision in this regard was made in OMMAS and the user manual for online data entry, developed by C-DAC, was shared with the States. States were requested to ensure grading of 13 items/sub-items in SQM reports as are mandatorily uploaded in OMMAS w.e.f. 1st November, 2010.

3. Despite all efforts, the system of monitoring of online SQM reports has not been stabilized effectively in many States for monitoring the quality management system under the 2nd tier.

4. In this regard, a letter dated 11th March, 2011 (copy also enclosed) has also been issued by the Ministry adding that release of programme funds would be contingent upon uploading of gist of SQM reports and photographs on the website.

5. Therefore, with a view to ensure that all SQM reports are mandatorily entered in OMMAS, it has been decided that from 1st May, 2011:

- (i) Such SQM inspections would not be recognized unless requisite grading of item/sub items under under 2nd tier are uploaded in OMMAS.
- (ii) Each SQM inspection should also cover at least 10 digital photographs which are uploaded on OMMAS.
- (iii) In Quarterly report QPR-QM-2, the State should indicate only those SQM reports which are uploaded in OMMAS.

6. The SQMs detailed should also verify facts regarding sub-contracting of work as well as details of engineers employed by the contractor at site and verify the same with records available with PIU. The SQMs should also report the facts regarding the same in their inspection report.

7. Keeping in view the PMGSY is a one time intervention and quality is of utmost importance, it would not be possible to release any programme funds from 1st July 2011 unless actions under para 5 are carried out.

Encl-2: As above

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To:

- i) All State Principal Secretaries/Secretaries in-charge of PMGSY.
- ii) Chief Executive Officer of all SRRDAs

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