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Subject: Participation of Hon'ble Members of Parliament in selection of eligible proposals, joint inspections and Foundation Laying Ceremony under PMGSY.

The role of Hon'ble Members of Parliament in successful implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is extremely important. PMGSY envisages an important role for them in planning and monitoring of Rural Roads.

2. With a view to ensure wider participation of the elected representatives at various levels of decision making, PMGSY guidelines, inter alia, provide for consultation with the Hon'ble Members of Parliament. Some of them are:

   a. The Core Network and District Rural Roads Plan are to be finalized by the District Panchayat after giving full consideration to the suggestions of the Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

   b. Suggestions of the Hon'ble Members of Parliament are to be taken while finalizing the Comprehensive New Connectivity Priority List (CNCPL) and Comprehensive Upgradation Priority List (CUPL).

   c. The Annual Plan proposals are to be finalized in consultation with the Hon'ble Members of Lok Sabha in respect of their constituencies and Hon'ble Members of Rajya Sabha in respect of that district for which they have been nominated as Vice-chairman of the District Vigilance & Monitoring Committee.

   d. The proposals received from the Hon'ble Members of Parliament by the stipulated date have to be given full consideration by the District Panchayat. The Hon'ble Member of Parliament should be informed of the inclusion/non-inclusion of their proposals along with the reasons given in each case in the event of non-inclusion.


4. The State Governments have also been reminded to ensure a system of joint inspections of PMGSY projects. The procedure of inspections should be as under:

   i. The Superintending Engineer incharge of the zone will request the Hon'ble MP and Chairman Zila Panchayat representing that zone once in six months for
joint inspection of PMGSY road works as per the convenience of the MP and Chairman, Zila Panchayat.

ii. The Executive Engineer in-charge of the Division will notify the MLA/Chairperson of the Intermediate Panchayat concerned once in three months for joint inspection as per their convenience.

iii. The Assistant Engineer in-charge of the subdivision will request the concerned Chairman, Gram Panchayat once in two months for joint inspection.

5. In spite of above stipulations, some States are not adhering to these instructions as reported by many Hon'ble Members of Parliament. They have also pointed out that they are not being invited to lay the foundation stone or to inaugurate the PMGSY roads. Hence, the following stipulations are again issued for strict compliance by State Governments:

(a) All elected representatives associated with the programme should be duly invited to the foundation laying and inauguration ceremonies.

(b) The function should be held in a manner befitting official functions with due regard to protocol requirements, particularly in relation to Hon'ble Union Ministers and Hon'ble Ministers from States; and

(c) The foundation stone for a PMGSY road should be laid and the road should also be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) with the function presided over by the local Hon'ble Minister or other dignitary as per State Protocol.

(d) While sending new project proposals for consideration, digital photographs of the recent foundation laying ceremony or the inauguration of a road by the concerned Hon'ble MP should invariably be enclosed. In case, the Hon'ble Member of Parliament could not attend any foundation laying or inauguration function, copies of the letters inviting him for foundation or inauguration ceremony should also be appended with the new DPRs.

6. Please ensure action as per para 2, 4 and 5 above.

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