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**Department of Rural Development**

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To

All Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of States/UTs in-charge of PMGSY

Sub: Foundation laying/inauguration of Projects under PMGSY

Sir

Some Hon'ble Members of Parliament have complained before Hon'ble Minister, Rural Development that they are not being invited on the occasion of laying of foundation stones or inauguration of road works being constructed under PMGSY.

2. It had been instructed earlier that Executing Agencies and District Administration must ensure that-

- (a) All elected representatives associated with the programme are duly invited to the foundation laying and inauguration ceremonies.
- (b) The functions should be held in a manner befitting official functions with due regard to protocol requirements, particularly in relation to Central Ministers and Ministers of States; and
- (c) The foundation stone is laid by the local Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) with the function presided over by the local Minister or other dignitary as per state protocol.

3. An expenditure of up to Rs. 5,000/- per project has also been permitted for these events, which can be met out of administrative funds sanctioned as per para 12.2 of the guideline vide this office letter no. P-17023/9/2007-RC dated 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2008. However, the amount of 0.5% earmarked for independent quality monitoring by the second tier should not be used for this purpose.

4. Kindly inform all concerned Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) to take necessary steps and invite Hon'ble Members of Parliament for the foundation laying and inauguration ceremonies of PMGSY works.

Yours' faithfully

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