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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

NOTIFICATION

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SUBJECT—“MMSY- Improvement to Existing R.D. Roads”.

No. 28235301292022-RD.—

Background :

R.D. Department has 27298.232 km of original own rural roads, with an addition of 72549.088 km PMGSY roads and 3883.690 km MMSY roads being transferred to books of R.D. Department.

Increase in vehicular traffic and plying of heavily loaded vehicles causes wear and tear to the roads. Heavy rain followed by flood thereafter also contributes to damage of road crust. In hill areas land sliding and splash floor also damages road crust. Besides, there is a need of improvement of existing roads in areas where industries, mining activities and trading activities have started post construction of road. Further, due to increase in traffic volume on many roads, widening of roads is required.

To meet this requirement a scheme under the name “Improvement to Existing R.D. Road” was implemented. The scheme has been renamed as “MMSY- Improvement to Existing R.D. Roads” in the year 2022-23 and State Government has decided to implement the scheme for a period of 2 years i.e. from 2023-24 to 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs. 918 crore.

The salient features of the scheme are :—

Objectives :

The scheme aims at improvement of existing R.D. roads to cater to the increased communication needs in rural areas.

Target :

Execution of projects with a length of 554.67 Km approximately targeted to be taken up in 2023-24 & 2024-25 and for completion of all ongoing projects under this scheme.

Implementation and Financial Arrangements :

The scheme will be implemented through the existing set-up of Department of Rural Development as below :—

- i. The projects are to be executed through Departmental Engineers. The design and drawings etc. are to be prepared by the Department Engineers under R.W. Organisation conforming to the principles of 5T.
- ii. Provision of 5 year annual routine maintenance of roads to be kept as part of the contract. Contractor has to carry out normal annual routine maintenance of roads & keep the entire surface in defect free condition during the entire 5 year maintenance period.
- iii. Defect Liability Period will be 5 years for each project which starts from actual date of completion of the work & ends after completion of 5 years. The contractor is liable for correction of defects/reconstructions if required within the Defects Liability Period at his own cost.
- iv. A standard quality assurance document will be prepared covering the types of test & its frequency. The quality assurance document will also cover stages at which inspection of critical components shall be done. Various type of tests at the proper time and as per frequency will be conducted to assure the quality of each item, construction materials and execution as per specifications. All testing shall be conducted at the Govt. Laboratories/ Govt. approved Laboratories.
- v. To ensure quality of work, third party quality assessment will be made through Independent State Quality Monitors in line with SQM model as is being done for PMGSY projects.
- vi. Third party evaluation will be done at the end of the scheme period through qualified agencies in consultation with Finance Department.

The total outlay for the scheme for two years i.e. 2023-24 & 2024-25 is Rs.918 crore.

ORDER—Ordered that the Notification be published in the next issue of the *Odisha Gazette*.

By order of the Governor
SANJAY KUMAR SINGH
Principal Secretary to Government