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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

NOTIFICATION

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SUBJECT—"MMSY-Connecting Unconnected Villages in Difficult Areas (CUVDA)".

No. 28235301282022-RD.—

Background :

One scheme namely "Connecting Unconnected Villages" was implemented in the financial year 2019-20 in order to provide connectivity to unconnected habitations/villages in remote and inaccessible areas.

With the objective to provide improved all weather connectivity to villages of LWE affected districts, difficult hilly areas, difficult unconnected islands of other districts to ensure better access to health and education facilities, improved connectivity and communication to Panchayats, hospitals, schools and other similar institutions, market, trade and commerce, tourist destinations etc. which will improve living standard of the people in these difficult areas and ensure reduction in LWE activities in the State, the present scheme has been designed and renamed as "MMSY-Connecting Unconnected Villages in Difficult Areas (CUVDA)" from the year 2022-23 . The 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.976 crore.

The salient features of the scheme are :—

• **Objectives :**

- a. The primary objective of the scheme is to focus on improved all weather connectivity to villages of LWE affected districts, difficult hilly areas, difficult unconnected islands of other districts to ensure better access to health and education facilities, improved connectivity and communication to panchayats, hospitals, schools and other similar institutions, market, trade and commerce, tourist destinations etc. which will improve living standard of the people in these difficult areas and ensure reduction in LWE activities in the State.
- b. In order to achieve this objective, new development or improvement of roads and/or bridges will be taken up to provide new connectivity or improved connectivity in difficult places of the targeted area.

• **Target :**

Execution of projects with a length of 361.34 Km. approximately targeted to be taken up in 2023-24 & 2024-25 and for completion of all ongoing projects under this scheme. Bridges where required will be taken up to provide new connectivity or improved connectivity in difficult places of the targeted area.

• **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.976 crore.

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

By order of the Governor
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Principal Secretary to Government