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Relaxation in the Design of the Outer Brick Partition of the REDRH House

The transportation and head load costs especially for houses located at a distance from the road head are substantial, which has not been adequately accounted for in the standard unit cost estimate of Rs 4.89 lakh per house. Also the unit cost estimate is based on SOR-2006 while the house construction has been taken up from 2012 onwards. Hence in Nov-2012, various relaxations in the house design were permitted, and subsequently GCI sheet roofing was also operationalized in Sept, 2013. Now, requests have been received for relaxation in the design of the outer brick partition of the REDRH house, as transportation and carriage costs of bricks to the remote habitations is prohibitively costly. Consequently, many houses are yet to be taken up for construction even in the joint implementation model.

Now, in order to expedite the timely completion of the REDRH Project, relaxation in the design of the outer partition having brick/stone/concrete-block up to sill level and wooden partition thereafter will be permitted. However, the basic core design involving plinth beam, nine columns, sill beam and roof beam will have to be adhered to.

This option will be available in select remote areas in all districts with prior approval of District level Committee with immediate effect.

(D. R. Nepal)
Secretary-RMDD

CC:

- 1. PS to HM-RM&DD for kind information of HM please**
- 2. Secretary LR&DMD –cum- State Relief Commissioner**
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