

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON REDRH ON THE 23RD OF JULY, 2013.

A Meeting to review the progress of the Reconstruction of Earthquake Damaged Rural Houses was held in the conference Hall of the New Secretariat, on the 23rd of July, 2013 chaired by the Chief Secretary. The meeting was attended by Development Planning, ERNECA Dept, Finance Revenue and Expenditure Department, Land Revenue, Transport Department, STCS and Rural Management Development Department.

At the outset, Chief Secretary madam informed that the meeting was called to settle issues and problems that have arisen during the implementation of the REDRH project.

Land Revenue & Disaster Management submitted that a total of Rs.389.83 crores was sanctioned. Funds to the tune of Rs. 120 was released for REDRH to RMDD and an additional Rs. 15.00 crores was diverted from Tashiling Secretariat Project to REDRH. Therefore total of Rs.135.00 has been released so far.

The Secretary, **Rural management Development Department** stated that out of a total of 7972 houses to be constructed, 6406 (80.36%) beneficiaries have been identified till date. 1285 houses have completed the Plinth level, Roof level has been completed for 1098 houses, 206 houses were completed and ready for handing over and 115 houses have been identified till date.

The following issues were discussed in this meeting, based on which these action points emerged:-

i) Settlement of Bills for STCS –

Advance released to STCS for Steel	:	Rs. 34.05 crores
Bills submitted for reconciliation	:	Rs.38.15 crores
Balance	:	-4.10 crores
Advance released to STCS for Cement	:	Rs. 23.29 crores
Bills submitted for reconciliation	:	Rs. 17.45 crores
Balance	:	Rs.5.84 crores

The STCS submitted that the main problem with regard to reconciliation of bills was submission of Goods Receipt Certificate (GRC) . The Secretary, RMDD informed that this has been sorted out by removing BDO as a signatory. Only AE will countersign the storekeepers signature. Further arrangements have been made for reconciliation to be done in the first Wednesday of every month. The Chief Engineer, RMDD highlighted that the main reason for stressing on the GRC was to fix accountability and responsibility, without which it would be difficult to track the receipt of goods. Further, with a view to assist STCS, the RMD department has taken up the work for collection of GRC.

The Chief Secretary directed that the supply of cement should be phased out since the same is a perishable item and supply should be made as per need. She emphasised that STCS should ensure supply regularly without any interval.

Further Reconciliation of accounts be done at the earliest in order to ensure smooth flow of funds and facilitate timely submission of Utilisation Certificates to the LR & DM Department. The UC's are to be submitted within this week to Land Revenue.

ii) Administrative Cost:-

The Additional Director, RMDD submitted that the Initial sanctioned cost for the REDRH Project was **Rs.391.00 Crores**, which incorporated the administrative expenditure required for this big scale project. However the sanctioned cost has been revised and now only **Rs.389.83 Crores** was available for the project.

The Chief Secretary assured that the issues relating to this additional administrative cost would be addressed and requested the Planning and Finance Department to kindly look into the matter.

iii) Manpower Requirement in the Gram Vikas Kendras.

The Chief Engineer informed that some blocks like some GVKs had allotment of houses above 300 and these GVKs either had no JE's or only one JE. In view of the same, request was made for posting of atleast 2-3 JEs in Blocks where the construction of houses were more than 300. It was also submitted that frequent transfers of officers, especially the Assistant Engineers have been hampering the progress of the work and this should be reviewed.

The Chief Secretary requested the department to place their requirement of manpower to her office.

iv) Transportation :-

The Secretary, Transport department informed the house that the existing SNT rate for hiring of trucks which has been made applicable to STCS for REDRH has been kept low in order to avoid inflationary trends but with the hike in fuel prices the Revision of rates looks inevitable. He requested that STCS take advantage of the abundant availability of trucks during the lean season to maximise the supply of materials because during the season time it may be difficult to hire trucks at the departmental rate. The Secretary also assured that SNT will provide all possible help and is ready to dedicate 6 (six) trucks from its fleet exclusively for use of STCS for REDH consignments. The Chief Secretary advised that status quo must be maintained as far as rates are concerned and no hike should take place for the present.

Finally the Chief Secretary requested all the departments to work in co-ordination and to approach her office if any issues/bottlenecks arose with regard to implementation of the project. The departments were asked to work confidently and ensure that the REDRH project is completed by January. The work is required to be executed in Mission Mode manner. A follow up Meeting is scheduled to be held on the **27th of August, 2013**.



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