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GOVERNOR'S MEMORANDAM - 2008/3

SPECIAL MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL ROADS BELONG TO PRADESIYA SABAH IN EASTERN PROVINCE

1.Introduction:

Since the conflict in Eastern Province the maintenance of roads were neglected. The rural roads of Pradesiya Sabahs are generally gravel roads and the lack of maintenance have caused lost of Geometric features and the road were found in dilapidated condition. The special maintenance programme was proposed to bring these roads to motorable condition as early as possible.

2. Objectives:

The objectives of the special maintenance programme will be

- a) to bring all roads in Eastern Province to motorable condition within a short
- b) To help the rural population to have easy access to social and economic infrastructure facilities.
- c) To promote marketing facilities for rural population
- d) To minimize the transport cost.
- e) Capacity building of Pradeshiya Sabha Enabling to execute road works themselves at low cost with least delay without depending on contractors.

3. Responsibility of the Special Maintenance Programme:

The Road Development Department will facilitate the Programme with the release of Motor Grader and Roller and the programnme will be implemented by the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha. Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Service) and Commissioner of Local Government of Eastern Province shall monitor the progress of the programme and Deputy Chief (Engineering Service) shall report the progress to Governor's Secretariat.

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4. Responsibility of Road Development Department (RDD):

a) The machineries required for district will be left in the hands of Chief Engineer – R.D.D (CEE) and the Chief Engineer shall release them as per approved schedule to Local authorities.

b) The Chief Engineers of RDD shall be responsible for the maintenance of

the machineries.

c) The machineries shall be provided by the Chief Engineer with a running chart to facilitate the hire charges at the approved rates.

d) The CEE shall utilize the hire charges for the maintenance and general

upkeep of the machinery.

e) In case of repair, the Chief Engineer shall attend to same with the least delay.

f) Any request for additional duration from the Local authorities shall be

looked into at the end of 1st cycle.

g) In case of un- serviceability of the machineries due to repair the CEE shall re-allocate to compensate the lost time to the respective Local Authority.

h) RDD will not allow the machineries to be used by any contactors for any

works.

5. The Responsibility of the Local Authorities (Pradesiya Sabha, Urban Councils and Municipal Council):

a) The Chairman of the respective Local Authority shall be responsible for the implementation of the programme.

b) The Chairman shall organize the supply of fuel as per norms to the

machineries as they are on dry lease from RDD.

c) Within the Pradeshiya Sabha area the Chairman shall prepare a work plan to implement within the machinery allocated period and forward copies to DCS (Eng) & CLG

d) In case of repair the Chairman shall inform the respective Chief Engineer

to expedite the repairs.

e) The Chairman of the Local Authority shall organize people participation to do their roads in motorable condition.

f) The Chairman shall seek technical advice from RDD for effective

implementation of their programme.

g) In case of lack of funds the Chairman shall advice the Chief Engineer to reschedule the programme.

h) The special maintenance, machineries will not be supplied to any

contractor by the Chairman - Paradeshiya Sabha.

 i) If the Chairman feels that the allocated time is not adequate for implementation of the programme he/ she can appeal to RDD for a consideration.

j) Chairman shall provide parking facilities and responsible for safe keeping

of the machineries when released to Pradeshiya Sabha.



6. The Responsibilities of Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Service) and CLG:

Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Service) shall monitor the progress of the implementation and availability of the machineries by calling return from the respective Chief Engineer on a monthly basis.

The CLG shall monitor the progress of the implementation of the progress with the participation of the general public.

Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Service) shall report the progress to Governor's Secretariat on monthly basis.

Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Service) shall approve the re- schedule of the Programme once the first cycle of operations are within a district.

Financial Operation:

RDD shall operate the recovery of hire charges through their Advance Account RDD shall bill the respective Local Authority as per approved rates bases on the entries in running charts.

Funds:

The Local Authorities shall utilize their own funds for the implementation programme. In case if they don't have adequate funds they can request the Authorities for funding.

Instructions in this memorandum are for strict compliance by DCS(ES), CLG,PD,RDD,CEE and Chairman of Local Authorities as effective implementation of the programme is important in order to have good roads in Eastern Province.

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