



ABSTRACT

Highways Department – Selection Criteria for upgradation of Panchayat Union / Panchayat Roads to Other District Roads standard and setting up an overall target of 10,000 Km to be upgraded in a phased manner – In principle approval - Orders - Issued.

Highways and Minor Ports (HF1) Department

G.O.(Ms) No. 4

Dated: 10.01.2022

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Read:

From the Chief Engineer (NABARD and Rural Roads), Highways Department, Chennai, Letter No. 3324/2017/AE-6, dated 13.10.2021 and 29.11.2021.

ORDER:-

During the meeting with the contractors on 30.06.2021, the Hon'ble Minister, (Public Works - Buildings, Highways and Minor Ports) has stated that, "In order to improve the roads in the rural areas, it is demanded to hand over 10,000 Km of rural roads under the control of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department. Once the roads are handed over, estimates will be prepared and good quality roads will be laid".

2. The Chief Engineer (NABARD and Rural Roads), Highways Department, Chennai in the letter read above has stated that on upgradation of 10,000 Km of Panchayat Union / Panchayat Roads, it will facilitate the rural people to reach their nearby marketing centers, hospitals, tourist places, bus stands, educational institutions and also enable farmers to market their produce. Moreover, these roads will pave the way for the economic development of people from all walks of life.

3. In this regard, a meeting was held on 25.08.2021 regarding upgradation of 10,000 Km of Rural Road to Other District Roads for further Development and Maintenance by Highways Department in which various aspects relating to handing over of Panchayat / Panchayat Union Roads to Highways Department for upgradation were discussed regarding Selection Criteria for upgradation of Panchayat / Panchayat Union Roads.

4. Subsequently, the Hon'ble Minister, (Public Works - Buildings, Highways and Minor Ports), during the Budget Demand held on 27.08.2021 (2021-2022), has announced that the "10,000 Km of Panchayat Union / Panchayat Roads will be upgraded to Other District Road standard in a phased manner. 2000 Km of Panchayat Union / Panchayat Roads will be upgraded in this year".

5. The Chief Engineer (NABARD and Rural Roads), Highways Department, Chennai has requested to accord in-Principle approval for upgradation of 10,000 Km of Panchayat Union / Panchayat Roads to Other District Road standard in a phased manner for five years.

6. The Government, after careful examination of the request of the Chief Engineer (NABARD and Rural Roads), Highways Department accord in principle approval for upgradation of 10000 km of Panchayat / Panchayat Union Roads as Other District Roads in a phased manner for five years with the following selection criteria:-

(a) The roads to be upgraded should be satisfying one of the following criteria:-

- (i) The length of Road shall be 2 km or more.
- (ii) Roads having connectivity with National Highways or State Highways or Major District Roads or Other District Roads or combination.
- (iii) Missing links between two continuous SH / MDR / ODR. Roads leading to major industries, Agricultural marketing centre, Tourism centre, Religious places, Taluk headquarters, etc.
- (iv) Traffic intensity of Road shall be 2000 PCU / day.

(b) The roads qualifying to be taken up under PMGSY scheme shall not be included for upgradation.

(c) A Committee to be formed in each District under the chairmanship of the District Collector comprising with the following members for finalizing the roads to be upgraded:-

- (i) Project Director, District Rural Development Agency.
- (ii) Executive Engineer, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.
- (iii) Divisional Engineer (H), Construction and Maintenance Division.
- (iv) Divisional Engineer (H), NABARD and Rural Roads Division.

(d) The Engineers of the Rural Development and Highways Department will inspect and identify the Panchayat / Panchayat Union Roads which are to be upgraded to Other District Roads standard satisfying the above parameters and submit the list of roads to the Committee headed by the District Collector.

(e) The District Collector will send the list approved by the committee to the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj. The consolidated list of roads for upgradation shall be sent by the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to the Government for issuing orders.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, vide its U.O. No.37/ADS(PW) PW-I/2021, dated 19.11.2021 and 4204/FS/P/2021, dated 03.12.2021.

(By Order of the Governor)

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