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To:

**All Principal Secretaries/Secretaries dealing with implementation
of PMGSY in the States [as per list enclosed].**

Sub: **Schedule of Rates (SORs) of States.**

Sir,


On 21.02.2016, the Hon'ble Prime Minister chaired a meeting to review the performance of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). In the said meeting, the issue of increasing average cost of construction per km of PMGSY, as well as the method of preparation of Schedule of Rates (SoRs) by the States was also discussed.

2. At present, the States are using Standard Data Book (SDB) published by Indian Road Congress (IRC) for Ministry of Rural Development, for analysis of rates and preparation of Schedule of Rates (SoR) for rural roads being built under PMGSY. These SoRs are prepared by the States either zone wise or for the whole State. However, for road works other than PMGSY, States are either using SDB of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways or their own State specific data books.

3. For preparation of SoRs based on MoRD's SDB, basic inputs are labour rates, materials and usage charges of machinery for the area/ zone where the projects are located. As IRC specifications are to be followed in all the works related to roads and bridges and Zone-wise / State-wise basic inputs are also same for similar kind of works being executed by different departments in rural areas, hence, a common SoR prepared for rural works based on the SDB published by IRC for Ministry of Rural Development can be used by the State. This will avoid the problem of inconsistency of different rates being used by different departments for preparation of estimates.

4. In view of the above, all the States are advised to make use of the Standard Data Book published by Indian Roads Congress for Ministry of Rural Development, for preparation of a common Schedule of Rate for the road and bridge works being executed in rural areas, by different departments within the State.

Yours sincerely,


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(Rajesh Bhushan)