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**Subject : Minutes of the Empowered Committee Meeting held under the
Chairmanship of Secretary (RC) at Unnati on 06.08.2015 -regarding**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting for information and further necessary action.

-s/d-

P.K. Singh
Under Secretary (RH)

Encl. : As above

1. The Principal Secretary/ Secretary (RD), Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Tripura and Bihar.
2. All members of the Empowered Committee

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Minutes of the meeting of the Empowered Committee under Indira Awaas Yojana held
on 06.08.2015

The meeting of the EC to consider Special Projects was held on 06.08.2015 at Unnati Conference Hall, Krishi Bhavan under the Chairmanship of Secretary (RD). The meeting began with opening remarks by JS(SA), briefing about the proposals for special project placed before the committee.

The list of participants is annexed.

Jammu & Kashmir - Project

Representative from the State submitted the proposal for sanction of 12,146 houses in 18 districts for families affected by flood and landslides. It proposes for reconstruction of 3821 fully damaged houses and 8325 partially damaged houses.

JS(SA) stated that during the field visit (undertaken by him in the last month) he had such that the partially damaged houses could not be repaired with Rs.15,000 provided for upgradation. It is also unlikely that the damaged houses would be secure enough for upgradation. Therefore it was observed that in the first instance the fully damaged houses may be considered for being replaced with new houses. State may inspect other houses and identify houses that need to be reconstructed afresh. This may be considered in a later meeting.

The project for 3821 houses was approved. The total cost of these 3821 houses would be Rs.28.66 crore and the central share @50% would be Rs.14.33 crore plus an amount of Rs.0.57 crore as administrative cost, totalling to Rs.14.90 crore. Funds would be released after the UCs pending under the border area package for two districts, namely Jammu and Rajouri are submitted.

The committee also decided that the State government may identify those partially damaged houses which need to be reconstructed and come up with a proposal accordingly.

Uttar Pradesh

Representative from the State submitted that the proposal for special project in Gazipur is being withdrawn since the beneficiaries have been assisted under the State scheme. Further,

the proposal for houses to manual scavengers, the number of families identified was reduced to 1052. The requisite certificates were also submitted.

The project for 1052 houses for manual scavengers in 20 districts was approved. The total cost of these 1052 houses would be Rs.7.36 crore and the central share @50% would be Rs.3.68 crore plus an amount of Rs.0.15 crore as administrative cost, totalling to Rs.3.83 crore.

Tripura

Representative from Tripura sought post facto approval for 579 houses sanctioned to surrendered militants during the period 2008-12. The project was approved post facto.

Bihar

Proposal from the State for sanction of a special project for construction of 15 houses damaged due to heavy rains in Gaya district. Keeping in view the urgency in this case, due to a contempt petition filed in the Hon'ble High Court of Patna, the first instalment of Rs. 2.925 lakh was released with the approval of Secretary (RD).

The project was approved post facto. The total cost of these 15 houses would be Rs.11.25 lakh and the central share @50% would be Rs.5.625 lakh plus an amount of Rs.0.225 lakh as administrative cost, totalling to Rs.5.625 lakh.

Ms. Zeenat Niazi of Development Alternatives observed that Special Projects for families affected by natural calamities was considered by the Empowered Committee in every meeting but no attention was being paid to safety features in IAY houses. Representative of IIT, Delhi, Ms. Mona Anand submitted that such a study would have to depend on non-technical, visual assessment as non-destructive assessment was not possible. She also pointed out that in the case of partially damaged houses a graded approach to repairs and upgradation should be considered.

Secretary (RD) directed that a study should be conducted in select areas to study the present condition of houses constructed under the scheme in the last 15 years.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure

List of participants

S. No.	Name	Designation	Organization
1	Mr. Jugal Kishore Mohapatra	Secretary (RD)	MoRD
2	Mr. Amarjeet Sinha	Addnl. Secretary (RD)	MoRD
3	Ms. Seema Bahuguna	Addnl. Secretary & Financial Advisor	MoRD
4	Mr. Rajeev Sadanandan	Joint Secretary (SA)	MoRD
5	Dr. P. Jayapal	Sr. Executive Director	HUDCO, New Delhi
6	Shri Ashok Kumar Jain	Adviser, (RD)	NITI AYOOG, New Delhi
7	Shri Khurshid Ahmad	Secretary	RDD & PR, Jammu & Kashmir
8	Shri V.K. Bhagwat	Dy. Commissioner	R.D. Department, Uttar Pradesh
9	Smt. Zeenat Niyagi	Vice President	Development Alternatives
10	Smt. Mona Chhabra Anand	Sr. Scientist	IIT, Delhi
11	Smt. Shivani Dey	US	RDD Govt. of Tripura
12	Mr. Rama Krishna	Under Secretary (RH)	MoRD
13	Mr. P. K. Singh	Under Secretary (RH)	MoRD
14	Mr. Darshan Lal	Consultant (RH)	MoRD
15	Mr. M.Varaprasad	Section Officer (RH- A/c)	MoRD
16	Ms. Kokila Jayaram	Asst. Director (RH)	MoRD