

## General Guidelines-MLA Priority Schemes

- MLA Priority Schemes have been started since 2003-04 by the State Government. Generally, MLA Priority Schemes are funded under NABARD loan assistance.
- From the year 2003-04 to 2009-10, three Really New Schemes of Hon'ble MLA's priorities were funded under RIDF in each of the following three sectors:-
  - (a) Roads & Bridges
  - (b) Minor Irrigation
  - (c) Rural Water Supply

But from the year 2010-11, State Government has decided to include two MLA Priority Schemes in each of the above three sectors.

- As per policy guidelines of RIDF Programme, Hon'ble MLAs have discretion to prioritize the six priority schemes in either of one sector or in two or under all the three sectors i.e. Roads and Bridges, Minor Irrigation and Rural Water Supply Sector.
- The State Government has approved the following mechanism for substitution for MLAs priority schemes:-

### **A) Substitution Admissible :**

1. The substitution of MLAs priority scheme(s) will be allowed subject to the condition that DPR of the scheme(s) is (are) not being prepared, prepared and posed to NABARD.
2. The MLAs priority schemes may be substituted in case it is found infeasible by the implementing departments citing clear reasons for infeasibility.

### **B) Substitution not Permissible:**

1. The projects will not be substituted in case of those MLA priority schemes for which the DPR(s) is (are) being prepared, has/have been prepared by the implementing departments or posed to NABARD.

2. In case any MLA priority scheme is sanctioned through any Central or State Sectors funds, other than NABARD loan assistance, the priority will be considered as sanctioned and no substitution of such schemes will be allowed.
3. With the closing of respective RIDF tranche, the MLA priorities for which the DPRs have not been prepared for the particular closed tranche year will be considered as dropped. Therefore, all the pending priorities of closed RIDF tranches for which DPRs have not been prepared by the implementing departments will be treated as dropped and no DPR is required to be prepared for such priorities. Therefore, substitution of such schemes will not be entertained. **(Decision conveyed to the implementing departments vide letter No. PLG FC(F) 1-28/06/RIDF-(MLAs)-2012-13 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2013 and letter No. PLG-FC (F) 3-1/2013-14 dated 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2013).**

- The MLA priority scheme (s) posed / being posed under any Central or State Sector Programmes will also not be eligible for substitution till the final decision on the sanction of such scheme is known. Such schemes will only be considered for substitution in case scheme (s) is / are not sanctioned by the concerned competent Central / State authority. **(Instructions issued vide letter dated 04/10/2013 and 10/10/2013).**
- If there are multiple schemes indicated against a single priority, in that case the department may prepare the DPR of the first scheme only. The other schemes in a priority will not be considered for funding under NABARD loan assistance.
- Multiple schemes under single priority are avoided. However, in case of T/wells, MI and RWSS, multiple schemes proposed under single priority will be considered for sanction under RIDF programme provided single DPR of the priority scheme is prepared.
- The State Government has decided to include the Sewerage schemes of Rural areas for funding as MLA priority under Rural Water Supply Sector. The sewerage scheme can be posed for group of villages / Panchayats with common sewerage treatment plant. The Sewerage project proposals will be designed on the guidelines of CPHEEO (Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organisation- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India) Manual. The Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of the schemes shall also be carried out in accordance with the latest manual on Sewerage and Sewerage Treatment Systems Part-B O & M. On the issue of recovery of

User Charges, the JSV will follow the orders issued by the Government from time to time. **(Instructions issued vide letter No. PLG FC (F) 1-35/13/RIDF-Guidelines-2013-14 dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 and dated 08<sup>th</sup> September, 2021).**

➤ Important instructions / letters issued regarding MLAs priority schemes are enclosed from page 1 to 11.

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