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I-4M-85/12(Pt. VI)

**Dated:** 17.12.2019

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  5. **Commissioner.** Kolkata Municipal Corporation, 5, S.N. Banerjee Road, Kolkata 700013
- Sub:** Record of Discussions of the inter-departmental meeting on fixing a policy on new bridge construction & existing bridge maintenance, taken by the Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department on 21.11.19 & 26.11.19.

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Record of Discussions of the inter-departmental meeting held on 21.11.19 & 26.11.19 at Jalasampad Bhavan, Salt Lake on fixing a State Level Policy on new bridge construction and existing bridge maintenance by various departments/ agencies of the State Government, for your kind perusal.

Yours faithfully,

Encls: as stated

  
**Biplab Mukhopadhyay**  
Deputy Secretary to the  
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Copy with copy of the Record of Discussions forwarded for kind information to:-

1. OSD to the Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Irrigation & Waterways Department, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Jalasampad Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kol- 91.
2. Senior P.A. to the Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Jalasampad Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kol- 91.

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1. Chief Engineer (South)  
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Salt Lake, Kolkata-91
2. Chief Engineer (West),  
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P.O. Sadhanpur (Near Polytechnic),  
District-Burdwan, Pin - 713101
3. Chief Engineer (North),  
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4. Chief Engineer (North East),  
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5. The Chief Engineer (D&R)  
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1<sup>st</sup> floor, Jalsampad Bhavan, Salt Lake,  
Kolkata – 700091.
6. The Chief Engineer (South-West)  
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Jalpath Bhavan, Club road, Jalpaiguri,  
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8. The Chief Engineer (Teesta Barrage Project)  
Irrigation & Waterways Directorate,  
Siliguri, 2<sup>nd</sup> mile Sevoke Road.
9. The Chief Engineer (Mechanical & Electrical)  
Irrigation & Waterways Directorate.  
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10. The Chief Engineer, Head Quarter,  
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Records of discussion of the meetings taken by the Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department with the Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Public Works Department, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department, Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority and Kolkata Municipal Corporation on 21/11/2019 and 26/11/2019 on the issue of framing a policy for construction of new bridge as well as maintenance of existing bridges by State Government Departments/ Agencies.

The meeting was held in two phases. On the 1<sup>st</sup> day i.e. on 21/11/2019 the Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department, Additional Chief Secretary, P&RD, officials of I&WD, P&RD and PWD were present. It was followed by a meeting on 26/11/2019 between I&WD, PWD, KMDA, UD&MAD and KMC. The list of attendees is as follows: -

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Sri Naveen Prakash	Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department, in the chair.
2.	Dr. M. V. Rao	Additional Chief Secretary, P&RD, Government of West Bengal
3.	Sri Subrata Gupta	Principal Secretary, UD&MAD, Government of West Bengal
4.	Smt. Antara Acharya	CEO, KMDA
5.	Debasish Roy	Chief Engineer (South), Irrigation & Waterways Dte.
6.	Sanjoy Kundu	Superintending Engineer, Irrigation & Waterways Dte.
7.	Sandipan Chakraborty	Chief Engineer – I – C (Roads), R&B, KMDA
8.	Asish Kumar Sen	CE, R&B, KMDA
9.	Subhankar Bhattacharyya	KMDA
10.	Santanu Patra	Superintending Engineer, R&D, KMDA
11.	Kamal Mondal	Assistant Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department
12.	Suman Roy	Deputy Chief Engineer, KMC

13.	Amit Kumar Roy	D.G. (S&D), KMC
14.	S. Bhattacharya	D.G. (Roads), KMC
15.	P. K. Dhar	D.G. (Civil), KMC
16.	Partha Pratim Saha	Additional Chief Law Officer, KMC
17.	S. Bandopadhyay	Chief Engineer (HQ), PWD (Roads)
18.	Tapas Kumar Mandal	DG & OSD, Tolly's Nullah Project, KMC
19.	Joly Chowdhury	Joint Secretary, UD&MA Department
20.	Rahul Basu	Superintending Engineer, R&B, KMDA
21.	Rajib Sadhu	ACE, R&B, KMDA
22.	Goutam Adhikari	Executive Engineer, MDD – II, I&W Dte.
23.	Shantanu Roy	Superintending Engineer, KMDA
24.	Biplab Mukhopadhyay	Deputy Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department
25.	Dipanjan Bhattacharyya	Joint Secretary, P&RD
26.	Amitava Sengupta	Chief Engineer, Head Quarter, PWD
27.	Sanjoy Kundu	Superintending Engineer, MDC, Irrigation & Waterways Dte.

The Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department, explained the necessity of framing a policy on construction of new bridges and maintenance of existing bridges, as there are overlapping jurisdictions among the bridge owning and bridge maintaining Departments/ Organizations. The general view was that the Government Department/ Organization which owns a particular road on which a bridge lies should also be responsible for its maintenance/ reconstruction. The officials of different departments/ organizations deliberated on the norms, which the respective Department/ Organization generally follows in taking a decision on the policy issue of new bridge construction or maintenance of existing bridges.

2. Following were the proposals accepted in the meeting:-

**A. Regarding New Bridge Construction in Rural Areas: -**

I. P&RD will construct new bridges, culverts, up-to length of 60 M on non – BGSY roads, owned either by Zilla Parisad or WBSRDA (West Bengal State Rural Development Agency). Such new construction of bridges on BGSY roads, belonging to P&RD, up-to length 75M (or the maximum length of bridge construction allowed under BGSY as per extant norm) will be done by P&RD as there is a Central

component of funding available for such bridges being part of BGSY road and WBSRDA has the requisite expertise for construction of such bridges.

**II.** New bridge of length over 60M on any non – BGSY road belonging to P&RD or over 75M/100 M on any BGSY road under BGSY Phase-I and BGSY Phase-II respectively, may be taken up for construction by PWD.

**III.** PWD will construct new Bridges, culverts on any NH (National Highway), SH (State Highway), MDR (Major Distinct Road), ODR (Other Distinct Road), belonging to PWD, in all parts of the State, including KMC & KMDA areas.

**IV.** Irrigation & Waterways Department will construct new bridges only on irrigation canals, drainage channels, belonging to I&WD, in all parts of the State, except in KMC and KMDA area.

**V.** Henceforth, any new bridge in KMC and KMDA area will be constructed by KMDA including those on drainage channels belonging to I&WD but excluding the bridges on NH, SH, MDR or ODR belonging to PWD/ HRBC and also excluding bridges on P&RD owned non – BGSY & BGSY roads.

**VI.** I&WD will complete construction of new bridges on irrigation canal or drainage channels, under *Special Infrastructure Project Fund* and will hand over those bridges to P&RD if these are over P&RD maintained roads.

**VII.** Obtaining water-way vetting from Irrigation & Waterways Department is mandatory in case of any new bridge construction by any department/ organization. Such proposal of water-way vetting are to be sent to the Central Design Office (CDO) of Irrigation & Waterways Department, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Jalasampad Bhawan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700091, following the guideline of CDO/ I&WD.

#### **B. Maintenance of existing bridges: -**

**I.** Bridges up-to length 60M, that have been constructed by P&RD over non – BGSY, Zilla Parishad roads, will continue to be maintained by them. Similarly, bridges up-to length of 75M or up-to maximum length allowed under BGSY, constructed by P&RD over BGSY roads, will be maintained by P&RD.

**II.** Bridges, constructed by P&RD above 60 M on non – BGSY Zilla Parishad Roads, and above 75M length/100 M length under BGSY Phase-I and Phase-II respectively or the maximum length available under BGSY on BGSY roads, may be handed over to PWD for maintenance.

**III.** I&WD bridges along NH, SH, MDR or ODR roads etc. belonging to PWD, are being handed over gradually to PWD for taking up maintenance. Handing over of such I&WD bridges to PWD is to be completed by 31/03/2020.

**IV.** KMDA will maintain all bridges in KMC/ KMDA area except those belonging to PWD or HRBC. However, P&RD will continue to maintain bridges owned by it in the non- KMC KMDA area. Handing over of 35 I&WD bridges in KMC area to KMDA by I&WD is to be completed positively by 31/12/2019.

**V.** P&RD will identify the I&WD bridges in rural areas on Zilla Parishad roads and BGSY roads and provide district – wise list of such bridges to I&WD, who will in turn gradually, hand over these identified bridges to P&RD for further maintenance.

**VI.** PWD will maintain the bridges across the State, constructed by them or handed over to them by other Departments/ Organizations, on NH, SH, MDR or ODR roads belonging to PWD.



Naveen Prakash

Additional Chief Secretary to the  
Government of West Bengal  
Irrigation & Waterways Department  
& Public Works Department.