

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, H.S.A.M. BOARD, PANCHKULA.

No. AR-I-2003/15880-84

Dated 05.11.2003

To

All the Superintending Engineer,
H.S.A.M. Board,
In the State.

Subject:- The Policy regarding construction of Rural link road.

Please find enclosed herewith the copy of the road policy duly approved by the Hon'ble C.M. vide order dated 13.10.2003. Further action may be taken accordingly.

DA:- As above.

Sd-
Executive Engineer(R),
For Chief Engineer
3.11.2003

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Dated:- 05.11.2003

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action to:-

1. All the Executive Engineer, H.S.A.M. Board, in the State.
2. P.S./Chairman/C.A., PA/C.E.
3. C.H.D. (C.E.).

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Executive Engineer(R),
For Chief Engineer
3.11.2003

Subject: Construction of rural link roads.

The office note from page 65/N onwards may kindly be perused. The board is constructing link/rural roads as per the policy decided by the state Government from time to time. Normally the policy is decided keeping in view the requirement of link/rural roads. The Board takes up the construction of link roads only where it is necessary to provide a link between a village and the marketing complex/mandi. The state Government approved the policy regarding construction of link/rural roads at page 4/N in September, 1996. It is also submitted that the Punjab Agriculture Produce Markets Act, 1961 was amended and the word 'link road' was inserted in clause (viii) of section 28 (photocopy of the relevant portion placed at flag 'X'). This amendment was carried out in view of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of M/s K.K. Puri & Others versus State of Punjab & Others in Civil Appeal No. 1083/1997 etc. The office note on page 25/N may kindly be seen in this respect. The Market Committee fund may be used either on development of marketing infrastructure or construction/repair of approach/link roads in order to facilitate smooth transportation of the agricultural produce from the villages to the markets. It has been observed that demands on large scales are being made by the public for construction of roads for the purpose like:-

- (i) roads leading to Schools, Temples, religious places, Dharamshalas etc.
- (ii) internal streets and phirni of the villages;
- (iii) roads leading to Shamshan Ghats;
- (iv) roads involving large bridges and cause-ways;
- (v) roads on Ring Bandhs;
- (vi) roads not shorting any distance to mandies; and
- (vii) roads parallel to existing roads.

The construction wing has already mentioned that the Hon'ble Chief Minister has made a large number of announcements under 'Sarkar Apke Dwar' programme. A large number roads as announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister are yet to be completed. At the same time, the Board is facing shortage of funds. Keeping in view these facts, the following points are submitted for consideration:-

1. Hon'ble Chief Minister has already decided on page 57/N that norm of the consolidation path of 5 karams may be kept. However, the cases where relaxation is required may be put up for Hon'ble Chief Minister's approval.
2. The earth work for construction of roads may be executed by the village Panchayat.
3. The roads leading to Schools, temples, mosques, dharamshalas may not be constructed by the Marketing Board.
4. The internal roads of the village and the phirni roads and Ring Bandhs may be constructed by the Development and Panchayat Department.
5. The roads leading to Shamshan Ghat may not be constructed by the Marketing Board.
6. The roads parallel to the existing roads may not be constructed by the Marketing Board. The link/rural roads may be constructed to shorten the

distance between a village and the mandi. However, a road for linking two villages which are situated on main roads may not be constructed by the Marketing Board. It is submitted that the link road from village Kharak Kalan to village Chang with a length of 9.50 KM has been constructed. There is no village between these two villages. The village Kharak Kalan is situated on Delhi-Bhiwani road and village Chang is situated on Meham-Bhiwani road.

7. The roads leading to a Dhani may not be constructed by the Marketing Board.
8. The drains along the link/rural roads constructed by the Marketing Board may be provided and maintained by the Development & Panchayat Department.
9. The retaining wall for the ponds along the link/rural roads may be provided by the Development & Panchayat Department.
10. The Inter-State roads may be constructed by the PWD (B&R).

The case may kindly be submitted to the Hon'ble A.M./C.M. for consideration and appropriate orders.

Sd-
(SAJJAN SINGH)
Chief Administrator, HSAMB
8.8.2003

F.C. Agriculture

Sd-
(K.S Bhoria)
F.C. Agri.
11.08.2003

A.M.

Sd-
A.M.
20.03.2003.

C.M.

Subject: The Policy regarding construction of Rural link roads.

C.M. has approved with the observation that in case of Sr. no. 2 earth work can be done by the Deptt. Under "Food for work Programme" and in case of Sr. No.6, 7 & 8, decision can be taken on case to case basis.

Sd-
(Vidya Dhar)
DPSCM-II.
13.10.2003

A.M. (On tour)
21.10.2003

F.C. Agri.

Sd-
(F.C. Agriculture)
21.10.2003

C.A. HSAMB.

Sd-
Chief Engineer
23.10.2003