OFFICE ORDER

Pursuant to the decision of State Govt. to withdraw its earlier decision dated 18.06.2015, vide letter dated 18.02.2021, resolution passed by the Board in its meeting held on 19.03.2021 vide item No. 29 to sanction funds for link roads out of HP State Agricultural Marketing Board/Agricultural Produce Market Committee(s) funds and further authorisation by the Board, fresh GUIDELINES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FARM ACCESS ROADS UNDER THE MUKHYAMANTRI KRISHI VIPNAN SAMPARK MARG (MMKVSM)-2021, are hereby framed and circulated as per Annexure-A attached to this order for information, necessary action and implementation by all concerned, in supersession of the guidelines already framed and circulated by the Board. Further process will be initiated accordingly.

(Naresh Thakur, HPAS)
Managing Director-cum-MEMBER SECRETARY

Copy of the above is forwarded to the following alongwith copy of guidelines for information:

1. The Chairman, HP State Agricultural Marketing Board.
2. Addl. Chief Secretary (Agr.) to the Govt. of HP Shimla-2.
3. The Director of Agriculture, HP Shimla-171002.
4. The Executive Engineer, HP SAMB.
5. The Dy. Controller (F&AS) HP SAMB.
6. The Assistant Controller (Pre Audit) HP SAMB.
7. The Accounts Officer, HP SAMB
8. All the Secretary, APMCs in HP.
9. The Draughtsman, HP SAMB
11. All relevant relevant files/ Guard file.

(Naresh Thakur, HPAS)
Managing Director-cum-MEMBER SECRETARY
GUIDELINES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FARM ACCESS ROADS UNDER THE MUKHYAMANTRI KRISHI VIPNAN SAMPARK MARG (MMKVSM)-2021.

1. PREAMBLE:
Agriculture is the mainstay of people of Himachal Pradesh and has a pivotal role in the economy of the State. In order to enhance the agricultural production in the state, various schemes/projects and subsidies have been given to the farm community resulting in significant increase in the area & production of fruits, vegetables & cereals in the state.

Rural roads are the backbone of any developing state and as such these are only vital means of communication predominantly in the hill state of Himachal Pradesh. Rural roads facilitate better goods distribution, promote the development of market centres and provide an incentive to farmers to generate more marketable surplus. It is the rural road that delivers fertilizers, pesticides, seeds and other agricultural inputs to farmers to improve both production & productivity. A good rural road network enables to move marketable surplus efficiently and effectively to consumption centres and promote agro businesses.

Himachal Pradesh State Agricultural Marketing Board is the premier organization engaged in agricultural marketing activities through its APMCs. At present there are 63 functional market yards spread across different parts of the state. As per the mandate of the Board the Marketing Development Fund will be utilized for promotion and facilitation of marketing & extension activities including construction of farm level infrastructure which also includes access of farm roads to the farmers.

2. GUIDING PRINCIPLES:
The guiding principles for a successful implementation of the guidelines for construction of farm access roads will be:
a) Increasing the synergy between farm access roads and other roads constructed by various departments/agencies under various schemes.

b) Adopt environmental friendly road construction techniques.

c) The construction of farm access roads will be in convergence with MGNREGS or any other Government scheme/project.

3. SCREENING CRITERIA:

The screening criteria for construction of link roads are as follows:

a) Farm access roads with length up to a maximum of 5 Kilometres (without any bridge) serving a minimum of 25 Nos. Of beneficiaries and connecting land with better production potential shall receive priority.

b) Farm access roads priority shall be accorded to benefit farmlands for accessibility and transportation of farm machines, inputs & farm produce for storage and marketing.

c) The priority over the farm access roads should be given to Farmland that is producing the majority of crops (Fruits, Vegetables and other agricultural and horticultural produce) in the concerned district as it will increase the income of the farmers and also the major stakeholders of that APMC will be benefitted.

4. SELECTION & PRIORITIZATION:

The process for selection and prioritzation of construction of new farm access roads shall be as under:

a) Written requests to the Chairman/ Managing Director of Board and Chairman/ Secretary of APMCs from the needy farmers/areas growing fruits, vegetables, cereal, flowers, medicinal & aromatic plants/ crops presently devoid of the facilities of road to transport their produce duly supported by the following documents shall only be entertained:

i) A resolution/ Request from the concerned Gram panchayat/ public representative/ farmers supporting thereby the demand of the farmers/area for the construction of farm access roads.

ii) An affidavit (duly notarized)/ undertaking from the farmer(s) whose land falls under the road to part with their land without any compensation or claim on judicial paper.

iii) The proposal must also include revenue papers of the land, in question (Jamabandi, tatima etc).
iv) If government land is involved then to obtain No Objection Certificate from the various Govt. agencies such as Gram Panchayat/Rural/Revenue/PWD/Jal Shakti/Forest/NHAI etc. regarding construction of farm access road shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant(s).

b) Farm access road including kuchha road, Soiling roads, concrete roads, paver block roads will be considered under this scheme.

5. FEASIBILITY:

The proposals regarding construction of farm access roads so received in each APMC/HPSAMB, the priorities for the same will be fixed by the respective APMC/HPSAMB as per point 2 & 3 mentioned above and assess the feasibility of each proposal after taking into consideration various factors listed below:

a) Status of land (Govt./Private)
b) Economic viability of the proposal.

6. BUDGETING:

The budget for the construction of farm access roads will be as follows:

a) The APMC shall incur not more than 25 per cent of its’ income keeping in view the financial viability/position of concerned APMC during the preceding financial year for the construction of farm access roads in the current financial year. For HPSAMB, the budget as approved in annual budget of HPSAMB will be utilized for construction of farm roads.

b) Following shall be held competent to grant financial approval as per estimates for the construction of farm access roads as follows;

1) Managing Director of HPSAMB; According to HP State Agricultural and Horticultural Produce Marketing (Financial Rules) 2006.

2) Chairman of HPSAMB; According to HP State Agricultural and Horticultural Produce Marketing (Financial Rules) 2006.

3) Board; According to HP State Agricultural and Horticultural Produce Marketing (Financial Rules) 2006.

4) The Marketing Board will provide an assistance of not more than Rs. 2.00 Crores per annum in total to weaker APMCs for the construction of farm access roads subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 Lakhs per APMC.

5) The funding from HPSAMB or APMCs will be 85% of the project work. Rest of 15% funds will be arranged by the beneficiary either through deposit contribution or through kind i.e. contribution in form of labour.
7. MODE OF PAYMENT:

After the approval of the farm access roads by the Board, the APMC in which the link road falls shall deposit the sanctioned amount with the Board. The Board may place the funds in advance with the Govt. executing agency after issuance of administrative approval and expenditure sanction. The technical sanction of the work will be arranged by government executing agency.

8. EXECUTION OF WORKS:

i) The construction of farm access roads will be executed through specified government agencies like Block Development officer, HPPWD, HPSAMB etc and as decided by Board. In case if the work will be undertaken by HPSAMB itself through its engineering cell then the execution will be undertaken through a Nirman Committee approved by the Executive Engineer of the Board constituted at local level comprising representations from local beneficiaries and representative from HPSAMB/ APMC. In the Nirman Committee one of the member shall be the Secretary of the concerned APMC and the account opened in the name of Norman Committee shall be operated by the Chairman (Nirman Committee) and Secretary, APMC jointly. The transfer of funds from HPSAMB/ APMC to the joint account of Nirmaan Committee will be made according to work done and verified by the technical officer/official in which one of the operator will be the Secretary of concerned APMC.

ii) The executing agency where-ever applicable shall follow the Road Construction Policy issued by the State Govt. Department of Public works Department, HP vide office memorandum dated 1st January, 2014 in letter and spirit.

9. INSPECTIONS:

The Board shall have the right to inspect the quality of the work done by the Executing Agency. The Inspection Team may comprise of the following:

a) Chairman/ Managing Director of HPSAMB
b) Chairman/Secretary of the respective APMC.
c) Executive Engineer/Assistant Engineer of the Board.
d) Junior Engineer of the respective APMC.
e) Any other officer/member nominated by the Board/APMC.
10. UTILIZATION OF FUNDS

a) The executing agency shall be fully responsible for proper utilization of funds and utilization certificate shall be submitted within 6 months from release of funds.

b) In case of any dispute related to construction of farm access road the executing agency will immediately refund the amount to HP State Agricultural Marketing Board.

11. HANDING OVER OF FARM ACCESS ROAD:

After completion of construction of farm access road, it will be handed over to the concerned Grampanchayat or any other agency for proper look after the future repair/maintenance, in the public interest.

NOTE: (I) All farm access roads will be constructed as per the prevalent HPPWD/Panchayati Raj Roads/Ambulance Road norms and specification in the State.

(II) CHECK LIST OF PROPOSAL AND SPECIMEN OF AFFIDAVIT ARE ATTACHED HEREWITH AT Annexure –I and II.

ISSUED BY-
MANAGING DIRECTOR-
cum- Member Secretary, HP SAMB.

The Board of Members of HP SAMB in its meeting held on 19.03.2021 vide item No.29 decided to frame these guidelines.

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CHECK LIST FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FARM ACCESS ROADS

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        falls under the road to part with their land without any compensation or
        claim on judicial paper (Specimen of Affidavit is attached).

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         (Jamabandi, tatima etc).

   (iv) If government land is involved then to obtain No Objection Certificate
        from the various Govt. agencies such as Gram
        Panchayat/Rural/Revenue/PWD/Jal Shakti/Forest/NHAI etc. regarding
        construction of farm access road shall be the sole responsibility of the
        applicant(s).

   (v) Any other document (s) required for this purpose by the
       Board/concerned APMC.

2. Farm access road including kuchha road, Soiling roads, concrete roads, paver
   block roads will be considered under this scheme.

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AFFIDAVIT OF TITLE

(To be sworn by person in whose favour the conversion is sought on non-judicial stamp paper duly executed before an Executive Magistrate)

I/We, the undersigned, being duly sworn, hereby affirm and declare on oath as under, on this ___ day of _____________, 20___, that:

1. **Owner(s).** (Check one)

   □ Single Owner. My legal name is ______________,...S/D/Widow/ of._________________________. My date of birth is ______________. I am the exclusive owner in possession of the property measuring _____________ square meters situated at Kh. Nos._______________________________, Khatuani No._______________________________, Mauja /Revenue Village_______________________________, Tehsil___________________________, District___________________________, Himachal Pradesh as per Jamadandani for the year_______________.(latest).

   □ Multiple Owners. The legal name of the first owner is ______________ ("Owner 1"). The date of birth of the first owner is ______________. The legal name of the second owner is ______________ ("Owner 2") (3),(4)......... and so on alongwith particulars of all co-sharers in the manner as mentioned above in column 1.

2. **Farm Access Village road under the scheme “Mukhya-Mantri Gram Krishi Sampark Marg, 2021:** That some portion/ patch of aforementioned land/property is very vital to provide access to catchment area of potential production of agricultural produce- in revenue village(s)_____________________________further to provide backward-forward linkage to the market yards in Himachal Pradesh through the proposed Krishi Sampark- Marg under the aforesaid scheme. As many as .........nos. of farmers/producers will be benefitted with such rural linkages and would prove to be a substantial economic growth of the marginal farmers including the deponents in near future.

3. That I/we and my/our successor(s) have no objection(s) over the construction of said **Gram Krishi Sampark Marg** across my/our said land by any government agency, the Board or the APMCs. I/we give this affidavit in full sense and without any pressure from anyone and anywhere.

4. That (i) I/we and my/our successor(s) shall not claim any compensation of said land or trees etc., in any manner whatsoever; under the prevalent law in force over the construction of said Gram **Krishi -Sampark-Marg** from the any government agency or the Executing Agency or the HP State Agricultural Marketing Board or the APMCs, who have provided financial and technical support for execution of said **Krishi Sampark Marg** to safeguard farmers interest including deponent.
(ii) Or in alternative, I/we willing to donate/transfer/usages etc, the said land for said purpose in favour of any government agency or the HP State Agricultural Marketing Board or the APMCs with due process of law.

5. **Liens or Encumbrances.** (Check one)

☐ There are NO liens or any encumbrances/charge over the said property. I/We have not allowed for any legal rights to be created which affect my/our ownership of the Property. There are no pending lawsuits, judgments, legal obligations, or liens, including tax warrants or tax liens, against the said property.

☐ My/Our legal rights to the property are affected by: (Check all that apply)

☐ Pending lawsuits
☐ Judgments
☐ Legal obligations
☐ Liens
☐ Tax warrants
☐ Tax liens

This is described in detail in the attached Exhibit A( aks tatimah, Jambandi, mortgage etc. or any other legal documents)

**Adverse Claim** (Check one)

☐ NO adverse claim has been made to any part of my/our property.
☐ There is an adverse claim against my/our property, described in detail below:

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6. **Bankruptcy.** (Check one)

☐ I/We have NEVER declared for bankruptcy.

☐ I/We have previously declared for bankruptcy on __________. (☐ There are no outstanding claims, including debts or mortgages, from the bankruptcy.)

7. **Possession.** I am/We are the exclusive owner(s) in possession of the Property under reference. My/Our ownership or right to possession has never been questioned. I/We have not signed any contracts to sell this property.

**Tenant** (Check one)

☐ There are NO tenants or outstanding lease of the property.
☐ There is currently a tenant at the property with a lease that expires on __________, 20__.
8. That the above depositions have been drafted at my/our instance and under my/our instructions. Its contents are true and correct as per the revenue record also as per my/our personal belief and nothing relevant has been concealed therefrom. In case any information or documents so furnished are found to be fabricated or false or bogus at any stage, I/we shall be liable to be prosecuted in the court of law.

Verified at Shimla on this .............day of ......................, 20.................. at.............................., H.P.

DEPONENT(s)