

4 working seasons (total length involved is about 26KM) of completely ^{new} ~~over~~ road in thick forest and jarawa area),

Considering the resources available with APWD and additional machinery proposed to be procured and the limited working season of about 5 months in a year. Detailed programme is under preparation in SE's office.

As per existing procedure, all plans and estimates pertaining to ATR are to be got approved by the Ministry of Shipping and Transport (Roads Wing). First alignment plans are to be sent which will be scrutinised and returned by them with observations. On the basis of the observations, resurvey may have to be done and plans resubmitted to them. After receipt of the approval detailed estimates are to be prepared and submitted to them for technical approval and administrative sanction. From the past experience it is seen that getting approval for 2-3 KM length even takes 2 to 3 years. If the powers are not delegated to the Principal Engineer/Superintending Engineer (or Chief Engineer when the post of PE is upgraded) it may not be possible to complete the road within a reasonable period. Hence the Government of India, Ministry of Shipping and Transport (Roads Wing) should delegate full technical powers to Engineers officers of APWD for preparation of plan and estimates and also to authorise splitting the same in sections to be within the administrative power of L.G. for sanction, as a special case. A proposal in this regard is being initiated separately.

Encl: Plan.

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