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**NO.K.11011/10/2022-RD(NEC)
GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM
RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Dated Aizawl, the 12th December, 2023

To

The Principal Adviser-cum-Additional Secretary,
Planning & Programme Implementation Department,
Mizoram, Aizawl.

Subj : **Submission of projects under the scheme for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) – regarding.**

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to submit herewith application format along with requisite details of the Projects (Summarized) in respect of Repair and Renovation of existing Panchayat Bhavans under various R.D. Blocks within Mizoram amounting to Rs.5.0 crore (Rupees Five Crore only) under Rural Development Department for seeking possible funding under the scheme for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Encl : **As above**

Yours faithfully,


(ZOREMTHARA RALTE)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram
Rural Development Department

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Copy to:

1. Director, Rural Development Department for information with reference to his letter No.B.13017/61/2022-23-SLNA(MZ)/SEDP/Chall dated 11.12.2023.

(ZOREMTHARA RALTE)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram
Rural Development Department

Application format for providing requisite details of the Projects (Summarized)

Annexure

Subject : Approval of Projects under the Corporate Social Responsibility fund
Sir.

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Type of Project	Sector	Location	Whether New or On-going	Total Project Cost	Completion Period	Implementing Agency	Economic Justification (in brief)
1	Repair and Renovation of existing Panchayat Bhavans under various R.D. Blocks within Mizoram	Repair and Renovation of Panchayat Bhavans	Social	Various RD Blocks in Mizoram	Repair and Renovation	5.00	1 Year	Rural Development Department, Govt. of Mizoram	<p>Panchayat Bhavans are Public buildings where members of a community tend to gather for group activities, social support, public information and other purposes. Panchayat Bhavans plays a very important role in the day-to-day lives of the rural people. They have been utilized for public meetings of the citizens on various issues, organizing local non-government activities. The Panchayat Bhavans in various R.D. Blocks are utilized for various meetings, training, and skill development programmes under various schemes such as MZSRLM, PMKSY / WDC (version 2.0), NRLM, BADD, NREGS, etc.</p> <p>The Panchayat Bhavans proposed under the project besides being constructed several years back face many defects such as leaking roofs due to rusting of GI sheets, rotting of door & window frames and chauthats, partly broken wallings, damaged internal electrifications and worn - out concrete floorings may be some of the many requirements for renovation of the existing Panchayat Bhavans for achieving safe and satisfactory operability. Therefore, this project is imperative and will be greatly benefited by the rural communities in different parts of the state if implemented.</p>

CONCEPT PAPER

FOR

**“REPAIR & RENOVATION OF EXISTING
PANCHAYAT BHAVANS UNDER VARIOUS
R.D BLOCKS WITHIN MIZORAM”**

AMOUNT : Rs 5,00,00,000.00

Prepared by:

**Rural Development Department
Mizoram : Aizawl**

December,2023

1. THE PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Name of the Project	:	Repair & Renovation of existing Panchayat Bhavans under various R.D Blocks within Mizoram
Project Proponent	:	Director Rural Development Department Mizoram : Aizawl Phone : 0389-2341257(O)
Project Implementing Agency:		Rural Development Department Mizoram : Aizawl
Project Location	:	28(Twenty Eight) R.D Blocks within Mizoram
Project Duration	:	1(one) year
Total Project Cost	:	Rs 5,00,00,000.00
Funding	:	Corporate Social Responsibility Fund
Rate	:	As per MPWD SOR 2019 (Buildings)
Specification	:	As per MPWD Specifications

2. INTRODUCTION

There are presently twenty eight(28) functioning Rural Development Blocks in the State of Mizoram and comprise of more than 700 villages. Panchayat Bhavans have been constructed in most of the villages in recent years under various Central or State schemes the construction of which were mostly implemented by the Rural Development Department. Panchayat Bhavans are public locations/buildings where members of a community tend to gather for group activities, social support, public information and other purposes. Panchayat Bhavans plays a very important role in the day-to-day lives of the rural people. They have been utilized for organizing celebrations, concerts, public meetings of the citizens on various issues, organizing local non-government activities and for various indoor games/sports such as Badminton, Table tennis, Judos, etc and also for practicing certain cultural dances. Further, the Panchayat Bhavans are used effectively as a refuge and shelter in times natural calamities as it can accommodate families affected by disasters and are also utilized during State or Local elections. Recently, we have also seen how Panchayat Bhavans have been used as test centres as well as for Community Covid Care Centres in many villages and towns during the Covid pandemic.

They are valuable not only to residents of the local area but provide an important conduit to the community for services. By hosting other services and brokering relationships, Panchayat Bhavans provide a safe and accessible space for other visiting services and programs who out-reach from larger towns and cities. It is focal point for all age groups in a locality which promotes social relationships and mutual support; develops a sense of self-reliance, social responsibility and cohesion within the community; and empowers individuals and families and solving community problems and improving the quality of community life. The social bonds that are created at Panchayat Bhavans help build strong, safe and inclusive communities; social interaction, volunteerism, civic pride and aesthetics all play a role.

3. BACKGROUND

The Rural Development Department bears a special significance in the development of the State by initiating a lot of planning and programme for development of rural community. One such programme is the construction of Panchayat Bhavans in villages even in the remotest areas under the schemes of Border Area Development Programmes (BADP) and MNREGA which is funded by the Central Government and Social Education scheme funded under the State Government. Out of the 28 R.D Blocks in the State, 16 Blocks are covered under BADP and remaining 12 R.D Blocks are not covered under the BADP scheme where Panchayat Bhavans had been constructed under the various schemes . From various RD Blocks, the Department have received one hundred(100) nos of Panchayat Bhavans which needs repair/renovation.

However, in the modified Guidelines of BADP, construction of Panchayat Bhavans have been left out from the permissible work items and the Social Education scheme has been terminated since the Financial Year 2014-2015. Most of the Panchayat Bhavans which were constructed several years back under various schemes such as BADP, Social Education, EAS, MNREGA, etc. have deteriorated and are presently in a dilapidated condition as sources for the maintenance and upkeep of the halls being unavailable. Hence, the Panchayat Bhavans which were constructed in many villages under these schemes are in grave need of re-construction or, repair or, renovation and thus proposed for kind consideration of the competent authorities.

4. OBJECTIVE

Viewing the importance, usage and necessity of Panchayat Bhavans in villages and towns and the present deteriorated conditions of the facility in most villages, the repair and renovation of these Panchayat Bhavans are considered a

must for the welfare of the rural community. Re-construction of the Panchayat Bhavans are not proposed here due to fund constraint of the State Government.

Moreover, the Department have received a number of reports regarding the grave need of revamping their Panchayat Bhavans from Block level officials and community leaders. The Department therefore propose and humbly request a '*One-time Grant*' under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund because of the utmost necessity of the project lest these dilapidated halls proves disastrous if left unheeded. The project if implemented will be much benefitted by the villagers in up-keeping their administrations, social gatherings, cultural and official functions, etc. and certain indoor sport activities for enhancing the health and well being of youth and old alike. Furthermore, the Panchayat Bhavans are utilized for various meetings, training and skill development programmes under various schemes such as MZSRLM, PMKSY/WDC (version 2.0), NRLM, BADP, MNREGA, etc.

5. NECESSITY

The necessity of at least repairing/renovation of existing Panchayat Bhavans in various villages can never be stressed enough after receiving the pleads of Block Level Officers as well as the community leaders and acknowledging the existing status of many old Panchayat Bhavan buildings. It may be noted that these Panchayat Bhavans/assets were created utilizing sizeable Government funds but presently are hardly operational for certain events. Even being under such grave condition, the public cannot but use the same facility in organizing social gatherings, cultural events, indoor sports, etc. which may be unsafe. This proposed project concerning repairs and not new construction will not involve huge amount of fund but to a great extent will enable the facility to function properly in the interest and safety of the communities utilizing least possible fund from the Government.

6. SCOPE

As is well known, the yearly monsoon seasons prevailing in the North-east regions like the State of Mizoram have led to many adverse effects in infrastructures such as buildings, roads, etc. The Panchayat Bhavans proposed under the project besides being constructed several years back face many defects such as leaking roofs due to rusting of GI sheets, rotting of door & window frames and chaukhats, broken glass panes, partly broken wallings, damaged internal electrifications and uneven floorings due to worn-out concrete may be some of the many requirements in renovating of the existing Panchayat Bhavans for achieving safe and satisfactory operationality. Most Panchayat Bhavans under consideration also needs re-painting and re-furnishing. The degree of damages of the Panchayat Bhavans are scrutinized based on the spot verification reports and related photographs showing the full view along with spot photos of defects reported and submitted by the concerned Block Development Officers of different Rural Development Blocks within the whole State.

7. HURDLES/PROBLEMS

Since the State Government has no on-going initiatives concerning the likes of this valuable project due to fund constraint, the Department sought funding from available Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund.

8. STATUTORY CLEARANCES

As the project will involve works only within the existing Panchayat Bhavans, there is no question of any acquisition of land or property and free from all encumbrances. No statutory clearances, neither forest nor environmental will be required for execution of the project.

9. IMPLEMENTATION READINESS

The State Rural Development Department with an efficient Engineering Wing comprising of staff holding various branches of Engineering and Junior Engineers in each of the twenty-eight (28) R.D Blocks have the

requisite skills, technical knowledge, experience and manpower required for execution of the project. Sufficient labour, skilled and unskilled and masons are readily available within the R.D Blocks. Construction materials like good quality stones, bricks, sand and aggregates are considered available locally. However, manufactured materials like cement, steel, GI sheet, Asbestos sheet, etc will have to be acquired from the District/State capital or from outside the State.

10. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENT

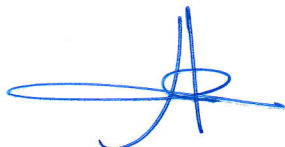
The nodal department will be the Rural Development Department, Government of Mizoram. The project if approved and sanctioned will be managed from the Directorate of Rural Development in collaboration with the concerned Block Development Office in each R.D Block.

11. PROJECT COST

The total project cost stands at Rs 500.00 lakh (*Rupees five crore*) only based on the latest MPWD SOR 2019 (Buildings) considering cost indices.

12. TIME FRAME

The proposed project if approved and sanctioned shall be completed within a year from the date of commencement of the project.



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