

Terms and Conditions for Empanelment of SQM

- **Mandatory Testing:** SQMs are required to inspect the field laboratories set up by the contractors, check quality control registers, and conduct or witness mandatory physical and material tests.
- **Impartiality:** SQMs must act as completely independent third-party monitors. They cannot inspect roads where they were previously posted or have a conflict of interest.
- **Defect Rectification:** If an SQM flags a deficiency or defect, the report is forwarded to the Project Implementation Unit (PIU). The SQM's role includes verifying the Action Taken Reports (ATRs) submitted by the PIU to ensure the defects have been physically rectified before the road is officially marked as complete.
- **Mandatory Digital Compliance:** All SQMs must use the official PMGSY mobile application and OMMAS to file their reports. They are required to capture and upload a minimum number of digital photographs of the worksite and field laboratories.
- **Performance Evaluation:** Monitors are continuously evaluated. Those who consistently grade poor-quality roads as satisfactory without justification face immediate de-paneling
- **Validity:** Empanelment is typically valid for a specific duration (often 3 to 5 years), subject to satisfactory annual performance reviews.
- SQMs will be paid an honorarium @ Rs.17,000/- (Rs. Seventeen Thousand only) per inspection. No TA/DA will be given to candidates for attending the interview.
- Detailed empanelment guideline, application form, code of conduct and inspection manuals can be reviewed through the official PMGSY Guidelines for Empanelment & Performance Evaluation of State Quality Monitors (SQMs) Under Second Tier of Quality Mechanism to be Operationalised by States/SRRDAs.