

The table presenting audit points reply is as below.

No.	Audit point	PIU-MSRLM Reply
1	<p>Bhartiya Samruddhi Investments and Consulting Services Ltd. (BASIX) Payment has been made to Bhartiya Samruddhi Investments and Consulting Services Ltd. (BASIX) for bridge technical support services to CLFs and CMRCs Package 2 North Maharashtra Konkan & Western Region, however, following irregularities were noticed: 1) Original Agreement and documents were not made available for our verification.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actually, SMART project office facilitated the TSA on-boarding work through PIU-MSRLM. After signing of contract PIU-MSRLM submitted original copy to PCMU and kept zerox of contract with MSRLM. • Point noted. PIU-MSRLM will collect original contract documents from PCMU.
2	<p>2) Penalty clause is not inserted in the agreement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCMU shared standard contract document format and same was used for signing contract with selected TSA. • This is a lump sump contract and majority of the deliverables are dependent on engagement of ATMA, line departments for convergence.
3	<p>3) The period of contract is from 16.03.2022 to 16.03.2024 and as per the agreement, 5% payment should be made on the basis of submission of inception report & resource mobilization within 0-1 month, however, inception report, resource mobilization report and date of submission of reports were not made available to us for verification.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Process got delayed as finalisation of potential CLF/CMRC exercise extended till date 4th month (Especially for validation and confirmation of CLF and CMRCs took more time) and then TSA submitted the progress report. • The restriction on field level activities delayed deliverable submission date. • The restriction on field level activities due to COVID-19 delayed the process of organization of orientation program which ultimately delayed relevant report submission. • PIU-MSRLM conducted review of TSA work and informed them regarding to increase pace of work.


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