

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

Minutes of Central Monitoring Committee of NLCPR-Central held on 22 09 2014 at 19 00 hrs under the Chairmanship of Secretary, M/o DoNER in Room No.258, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi.

Present:

1. Shri Rajiv Takru., Secretary, Ministry of DoNER in Chair.
2. Shri S.N. Bhojra, Advisor (NE), Planning Commission.
3. Shri A.M. Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of DoNER Member Secretary.
4. Shri S.L.Meena, Director, IFD, Ministry of DoNER.
5. Shri Manish Singh, Director (Budget), Department of Economic Affairs.
6. Shri Pankaj Sharma, Director (Budget), Department of Economic Affairs.
7. Shri Suiinder Singh Sur, Jt. Adviser (Energy), Planning Commission.
8. Shri Benjamin, Under Secretary, Ministry of Power.

Shri Arunish Chawla, Joint Secretary, D/o Expenditure, M/o Finance and Smt. Jhanja Tripathy, JS &FA, Ministry of DoNER were granted leave of absence.

Following Officers were also present as special invitees:

Shri PC Pankaj, CMD, NEEPCO, Shri U. Moral, Director (Technical) NEEPCO, Shri M.M. Majumdar, ED (Finance) , Shri Brijesh Mishra, Director, M/o DoNER.

The Committee deliberated the agenda items and made the following recommendations:

Item No.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Central Monitoring Committee for NLCPR-Central held on 06.12.2013.

The minutes of the meeting of CMC held on 06.12.2013 circulated vide O.M. No. DNER/NLP-Central/3/2012 dated 13.12.2013 were confirmed.

Item No.2 Action taken report of decision/recommendations made by Central Monitoring Committee for NLCPR-Central held on 06.12.2013.

The meeting was held to, inter-alia, discuss funding pattern for comprehensive scheme for Strengthening of Transmission and Distribution system in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim. The committee notes that the Minutes of the meeting were circulated on 13.12.2013 to all concerned, including Ministry of Power for information and necessary action.

The member were informed that in view of budgetary constraints of M/o DoNER, the CCEA in its meeting held on 15.09.2014 has approved the said power Scheme at a cost of Rs. 4,754.42 crore, which shall be taken up through a central sector scheme under Ministry of Power.

Need to include Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh- Secretary DoNER informed the committee members that during his recent visit of Arunachal Pradesh to review the progress of various Hydro Power projects, he came to know that the said scheme for Strengthening of Transmission and Distribution system in Arunachal Pradesh does not include the Tawang district in the Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening of Transmission and Distribution system in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim by Ministry of Power, GOI.

Item No. 3: Release of funds to Ministry of Power for Tuiriai Hydro Electric Power Project (60MW) in Mizoram under implementation by NEEPCO.

Shri PC Pankaj, CMD, NEEPCO shared information on progress of implementation of Tuiriai Hydro Electric Power project (60MW) with the members of CMC that inter-alia includes overview of NEEPCO, brief background; phasing of Expenditure as per CCEA; updated physical progress; work programme; financial progress till August 2014; source of fund & expenditure details, work plan for 2014-15; action taken for speedy completion of the project; anticipated benefits of the projects etc.

On financial progress, it was reported that up to 31.08.2014, NEEPCO had incurred expenditure Rs.647.19 crore which includes Rs. 121.31 crore as internal resources and Rs. 528.88 from other resources.

CMD, NEEPCO informed that the project has so far received Rs. 97.94 crore as against Rs. 300 crore grants that was anticipated from M/o DoNER in three years period. In view of non-release Grant, NEEPCO incurred Rs. 121.31 crore from the internal resources.

In view of justification advanced by the implementing agency (NEEPCO), the CMC recommended for release of Rs. 72.00 crore (Seventy Two crore only) allocated under the Budget Estimate (BE) of NLCPR- Central to Ministry of Power for Tuirial Hydro Electric Power Project during the current financial year 2014-15. Additional fund allocated at supplementary/RE stage may be considered for further funding of the project.

Item No. 3: Implementation of two new Schemes announced in the Budget 2014-15 of this Ministry.

This issue of taken up for discussion in the meeting as an additional item with the permission of chair. The Committee was informed about the allocation in Ministry's budget of 2014-15 an amount of Rs. 200 crore for the new scheme "North East Roads Corporation" and Rs. 100 crore for the new scheme "Organing farming in North East States". The draft guidelines have been finalized in consultation with concerned Departments/Ministries. In case of road sector scheme, a special sanctioning committee is proposed to be set up to control what projects are taken up and funds will be released by DoNER but project execution will be done by MoRTH through its PSUs.

The budget heads presently allotted to both the new schemes are not in line with their proposed objectives. The committee was informed by the Director (Budget), D/o Economic Affairs that budget heads allocated to both schemes may be modified by the Budget Division, Department of Economic Affairs at supplementary budget stage. The Committee recommended that the Budget Division of the Ministry may submit proposal for modification of these budget heads (from 3601 to 4225) to Ministry of Finance. The programme division may circulate draft EFC Memo for inter ministerial circulation in anticipation of budget heads and in principal approval of the planning commission.
