

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

Minutes of Meeting of the Central Monitoring Committee under the scheme NLCPR -Central held at 11.30 A.M. on 26.12.2012:

Meeting of Central Monitoring Committee under Chairmanship of Secretary, M/o DoNER was held on 26.12.2012 to consider sanctioning of funds against the Tuirial Hydro Electric Project of 60MW in Mizoram. List of participants is enclosed. At the outset Secretary (DoNER) welcomed all participants. After welcoming all the members present, NEEPCO was asked for power point presentation on Tuirial Hydro Electric Project. Director (Technical), NEEPCO made presentation and briefed about various issues of Tuirial HEP. During course of presentation Original Project cost. Revised cost, present status of the project, law & order situation in the area of the project etc were outlined. CMD/Director (Tech) of NEEPCO expressed that the Major works of the project are in full swing. Both the tunnel boring (heading) completed and tunnel lining are in progress. Other work fronts like Power House/Switchyard excavation are in final stage of completion. After power point presentation following discussion took place at the meeting:

- 1) Secretary (DoNER) wanted to know the present status of the project and capacity of reservoir of the project. CMD, NEEPCO stated that project activities under the project are going on in full swing at present and the gross storage capacity of reservoir is 1400 million cubic meter.
- 2) Adviser (SP &NE) wanted to know as to whether the project is a state project or central project. CMD, NEEPCO clarified that the project being a central project under the Ministry of Power.
- 3) Joint Secretary (VBP) wanted to know current law and order situation in the project area. CMD stated that law and order situation in the project area by and large peaceful and state Government of Mizoram is taking care of the situation and project activities are going on normally.
- 4) Joint Secretary (Hydro) outlined the monitoring mechanism of various projects under NEEPCO and stated that NEEPCO has developed video conferencing system with online in built camera at project sites and project implementation is regularly monitored very closely.

5. Secretary (DoNER) wanted to know the justification on revised project cost which has gone very high. Joint Secretary (Hydro) explained that the major price escalation is due to rise in quantity and cost of price index of various items being used in the project work during long period of suspension of the work of the project. It was stated that the project work was suspended during the period from 9th June 2004 to 13th January 2011. Work has resumed w.e.f. 14.01.2011.

6. Adviser (SP&NE), Planning Commission wanted to know as to whether the project can be funded under the scheme NLCPR-Central as per the scheme guidelines which state that central assistance under NLCPR-Central is to be released only for new projects where central Government is not able to provide funds from its resources. It was clarified that the project being a new one and fulfils criteria for getting financial assistance under the scheme NLCPR Central as per scheme guidelines.

7. Director (Finance) representing AS&FA, Ministry of DoNER desired to know from Ministry of Power if that Ministry will be able to utilize full funds released under 10% GBS allocation for NER during financial year. Joint Secretary(Hydro) stated that Ministry of Power has capacity to utilize full funds allocated against 10% budgetary support for NER and requirement for funds for above project from scheme NLCPR-Central are essential as sufficient funds are not available for this project.

8. Adviser (SP&NE) wanted to know if all formalities for considering release of funds towards the project under NLCPR-Central have been completed. Joint Secretary (Hydro) explained that CCEA has already approved RCE of the project at cost; of Rs 913.63 cr which is to be financed through (i) Equity of Rs 137.04 cr, (ii) loan from financial institutions amounting to Rs 184.63 cr, (iii) subordinate loan from Govt of India Amounting to Rs 291.96 cr and (iv) Grant from DoNER amounting to Rs 300 cr.

9. As regards availability of funds for release against above project at present. Director (Finance) stated that only an amount of Rs 36 cr is available under the scheme at present which can be considered for release against first installment for the above project. Additional funds can be released as and when funds become available under the scheme.

10. Secretary (DoNER) agreed to release of Rs 36 cr to Ministry of Power against first installment of the project at present and that future funding thereafter will depend on funds made available under NLCPR - Central from next year's and subsequent year's budget.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.
