

Record of Discussions of Pre-bid meeting on the Third Party evaluation of Schemes of the M/o DONER held on 16.05.2017.

List of participants is at Annexure-I.

2. Initiating the discussion, the Dir(NEC) gave the background for the VC meeting. He informed that the M/o DoNER is desirous of undertaking a third party evaluation of the ongoing schemes including those being implemented by North Eastern Council. Accordingly, the M/o DoNER on 2.05.2017 had issued a Letter of Intent (LOI) to seven designated publicly funded institutes based at Delhi and NER. A copy of the LoI has been uploaded at the website of M/o DoNER(pls refer opening page- *What is New?*). Thereafter, the Terms of Reference for these schemes were communicated to the designated agencies.

3. Since there were several queries from the prospective bidding agencies seeking clarifications on various aspects, corrigendum dtd 12.05.2017 to the LoI was issued to all the agencies and uploaded on M/o DoNER website. It was informed that a pre-bid meeting shall be held on 16.05.2017 to which the agencies may join through video conference also. The date of submission of bids has also been extended upto 19.05.2017 at 1730 hrs. **THE PARTICIPANTS WERE INFORMED THAT RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS OF THIS PRE-BID MEETING SHALL BE UPLOADED ON MDONER WEBSITE BY 17.05.2017 AND THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS MAY GO THROUGH THEM BEFORE SUBMITTING THEIR BIDS.**

4. The Dir(NEC) requested the prospective bidders to seek clarifications if any. The queries raised during the pre-bid meeting and the clarification given are mentioned as below:

(i) **The Scope of work:**

CLARIFICATION: It was clarified the evaluation study is to be conducted in respect of the projects in all the eight states. As there is a severe time-constraint for completion of the study, the ministry does not mandate undertaking any field visit or collection of any primary data in respect of the projects by the party. Case studies or sample studies of individual/group of projects chosen suitably to represent a State broadly may be taken up. All the relevant secondary data in respect of the chosen projects/group of projects may be compiled and analysed to draw conclusions. Extent of inclusion of projects/group of projects may be decided so that impact of the schemes is clearly delineated at the State level.

The whole idea of study is that the scheme is to be examined by a third party, as regards whether the scheme has largely met the objectives for which the scheme was framed. The study has to be in a holistic manner to capture its inception and implementation in totality and focus on the macro aspect rather than the microscopic details of a scheme. An idea of the scope of study can be had from the terms of reference provided and the timeline laid down(1 to 1 & 1/2 months).

(ii) **What are the deliverables of each scheme?**

CLARIFICATION: It was clarified that the successful bidder for each scheme may get in touch with the concerned M/o DoNER officers(JS/Dir) and discussed their specific expectation/deliverables from that study(all programme division directors were present in pre-bid meeting). Broadly, the deliverables may be garnered from the reporting requirements. Initially they may submit inception reports including detailed methodology, study design, analytical frame work and time frame of the study. This would be followed by interim report to be submitted

within 30 days of award of assignment and the final report shall be submitted within 10-15 days of the interim report. This report will incorporate suggestion and feedback received during the different stages of study.

(iii) Other issues.

The following other issues were clarified:

The financial bid should be submitted in sealed cover superscribed with the title of the scheme

The financial should be in rupee terms inclusive of all taxes and shall be a full and final figure. The quote should not be expressed in percentage terms or any other such methods.

The institutes who have already submitted the bid, reserve the right to re-submit a fresh bid in which case only the later dtd bid shall be considered.

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BRIEF NOTES ON THE SCHEME

(1) NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL

The North Eastern Council is the nodal agency for the economic and social development of the North Eastern Region which consists of the eight States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

The North Eastern Council was constituted in 1971 by an Act of Parliament. The constitution of the Council has marked the beginning of a new chapter of concerted and planned endeavour for the rapid development of the Region.

Over the last thirty five years, NEC has been instrumental in setting in motion a new economic endeavour aimed at removing the basic handicaps that stood in the way of normal development of the region and has ushered in an era of new hope in this backward area full of great potentialities.

The main objective of the Council is to ensure the balanced and integrated economic development of the North Eastern parts of the country. To achieve this objective, the NEC has funded the projects of vital sectors like transport and communication, water resources, power, health and FW, agriculture, industries & commerce, animal husbandry & veterinary etc. of the NE states with funding pattern of 90% grants and 10% loan to be borne by state govt. The NEC also funded the projects executed through Central/State agencies (other than state governments) providing 100% grants. Details of the sector-wise release of fund during 12th Plan Period (2012-2017) is given at Annexure-I.

The NEC co-ordinated and prepared the integrated plan to meet the basic infrastructure requirement, mainly for the interest of the region. It also performed the function to consider and scrutinize the Five Year Plan as well as Annual Plan proposals submitted by different departments and recommended the selected proposal to NEC, Shillong with the approval of the government.

ANNEXURE-I

SECTORWISE/YEARWISE RELEASE OF FUND DURING 2012-2013 TO 2016-2017 (Rs. in Crores)

Sector Name	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Total	Percentage over total release (%)
AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED	75.61	81.98	98.25	105.68	190.70	552.22	14.97
WATER AND POWER DEVELOPMENT	101.50	119.49	70.42	116.19	97.31	504.91	13.69
INDUSTRIES AND TOURISM	33.03	54.80	14.81	59.61	89.59	251.84	6.83
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION	363.40	319.84	292.52	341.05	341.48	1658.29	44.95
MEDICAL AND HEALTH	45.92	26.81	30.58	17.05	26.12	146.48	3.97
MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT	65.83	69.60	42.55	81.95	148.57	408.50	11.07
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	17.41	17.70	23.09	26.37	23.71	108.28	2.94
INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS	8.89	7.05	2.95	12.29	19.46	50.64	1.37
EVALUATION AND MONITORING	1.37	0.61	0.56	1.23	3.86	7.63	0.21
Grand Total	712.96	697.88	575.73	761.42	940.80	3688.79	100

2(i). **Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR-State) Scheme**

Objectives

The objective of NLCPR Scheme is to fill up the gap in infrastructure sector of the North Eastern Region through sanctioning the projects prioritized by the State Governments. Funds for the Scheme are made available to the Ministry of DoNER through annual budgetary allocation by Ministry of Finance. The projects sanctioned under the Scheme are executed by the State Governments. The funds are shared on the pattern of 90:10 basis between Centre and States. Funds towards the central share are released to the State Governments in three instalments of 40%, 40% & 20% against old ongoing projects and in two instalments of 40% & 60% for newly sanctioned projects from 2016-17.

Achievements

Upto 31.03.2017, one thousand five hundred seventy seven (1577) projects, at an approved cost of Rs. 14546.36 crore, of various infrastructure sectors were taken up for funding under the NLCPR Scheme since inception in 1998-99. Out of these sanctioned projects, 947 projects costing Rs.6332.13 crore have been completed and 630 projects at a cost Rs. 8214.23 crore are still ongoing. An amount of Rs. 11297.66 crore has been released against these 1577 sanctioned project against which Utilization Certificates amounting to Rs. 9900.82 crore have been received and Rs. 1396.84 crore still lying unutilized with the State Governments.

State-wise NLCPR projects sanctioned & completed and funds released, Utilization certificates received and unspent funds with States as on 31.03.2017 is given in tables below:

**State-wise Projects Sanctioned Completed and ongoing
(up to 31.03.2017)**

(Rs. in Crore)

State	Project Sanctioned		Projects completed			Ongoing Projects		
	No.	Cost	No.	Cost	%	No.	Cost	%
Arunachal Pradesh	207	2442.72	96	828.10	46.38	111	1614.63	53.62
Assam	435	3375.95	227	1365.17	52.18	208	2010.78	47.82
Manipur	169	1668.10	119	797.67	70.41	50	870.43	29.59
Meghalaya	102	1222.64	54	549.74	52.94	48	672.90	47.06
Mizoram	146	1254.42	91	633.97	62.33	55	620.45	37.67
Nagaland	163	1628.16	94	763.60	57.67	69	864.56	42.33
Sikkim	239	1275.61	184	503.96	76.99	55	771.65	23.01
Tripura	116	1678.76	82	889.93	70.69	34	788.83	29.31
Total States	1577	14546.36	947	6332.13	60.05	630	8214.23	39.95

**Funds released, Utilization certificates received and unspent Funds with States
(Up to 31.03.2017)**

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	States	Total Release to States	Amount of Ucs received	Unspent balance with States
i)	Arunachal Pradesh	1788.58	1530.72	257.86
ii)	Assam	2505.93	2054.98	450.95
iii)	Manipur	1281.27	1158.91	122.36
iv)	Meghalaya	968.43	802.67	165.76
v)	Mizoram	991.92	873.55	118.37
vi)	Nagaland	1355.10	1245.54	109.56
vii)	Sikkim	991.95	898.05	93.9
viii)	Tripura	1414.48	1336.40	78.08
	Total	11297.66	9900.82	1396.84

2(ii). Objectives and Achievements of NLCPR-Central Scheme

1. OBJECTIVES

The broad objective of the NLCPR-Central Scheme is to ensure speedy development of North Eastern Region by increasing the targeted flow of budgetary resource for **financing social and physical infrastructure projects pertaining to subjects in the Union and Concurrent Lists of the Constitution**. The scheme would enable the Central Ministries/Departments to fund projects:

- a) in addition to projects taken up by them through the 10% mandatory earmarking;
and
- b) Projects of regional and/or national priorities;

By drawing funds from the Central Resource Pool irrespective of their contributions in a year. Projects taken up under the NLCPR-Central will be implemented by Central Ministries/Departments.

However, funds from the scheme will NOT BE available to Ministries/Departments for up-scaling their existing projects. In other words, funds from the NLCPR-Central are not meant to supplement the normal Plan Programmes of the Central Ministries/Departments/Agencies.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS

This Ministry approved the projects of National importance under NLCPR-Central Scheme and outcome will play vital role in socio-economic development of North East India. The main projects are deliberated in succeeding para.

(i) **Tuirial Hydro Electric Project:**

Development of Non-Conventional Energy Source to meet out the demand of power in Mizoram State at low tariff rates. Tuirial Hydro Electric Power (60MW) in Mizoram being implemented by North Eastern Electricity Power Corporation Ltd. (NEEPCO). The project was approved at Rs. 913.63 crore. Out of the sanctioned amount, funds to the tune of Rs.300 crore were to be borne by Ministry of DoNER and the same has already been transferred by Ministry of DoNER to Ministry of Power, Government of India+. The project is in the final stage of commissioning.

(ii) Agartala-Akhaura Rail Link:

This is a cross-border rail connectivity project to connect the existing station of Agartala to Gangasagar and Akhaura stations of Bangladesh Railways to provide an alternative transit route for goods bound for NE states of India. **This alternate route will result into reduction in distance to Kolkata by 1000 km. The Rail Link will be a game changer for trade, business and travel in North Eastern Region.** The project envisages construction of a 15.064 Km rail link between Akhaura(Bangladesh) and Agartala (Tripura) of which 5.05 Kms is in India and 10.014 Kms is in Bangladesh. The total cost of the project now is Rs. 967.85 Crores [Indian portion: Rs.580 Cr + Bangladesh Portion portion: Rs.387.85 Cr]. The cost of Indian portion of the project i.e Rs.580 crore is being borne by Ministry of DoNER. Out of Rs.580 crore, Rs.160 crore has already been transferred by Ministry of DoNER to Ministry of Railways in the FY2016-17.The Bangladesh portion of the rail link is being funded by MEA as grant assistance.

(iii) Protection of Majuli Island from Flood and Erosion of River Brahmaputra:

Majuli, the world's largest river island located in Brahmaputra River in Assam, is the nerve centre of Vaishnavite Cultural Heritage Centre in Assam. Thousands of tourists and devotees visit Majuli due to its unique natural beauty and cultural mooring. The area of the island was 709 sq-km during 1949 which at present has reduced to 524 sq-km as per census 2011 due to flood and erosion. **This project will help in retarding the shrinking of Island and result into increase in tourism & preserving the Vaishnavite Culture Heritage.** Ministry of DONER has sanctioned Rs.207 crores in December 2016 for protection of Majuli island from erosion. First instalment of Rs.30 crore has already transferred to Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation in the month of March, 2017.

3. Capacity Building & Publicity

Capacity Building:

The Plan Scheme of Capacity Building (erstwhile Capacity Building & Technical Assistance) of Ministry of DoNER aims to provide funding for overall capacity building of State Government machinery of the North Eastern States to improve governance and delivery across the board. The effort will encompass several elements like skill development, skill enhancement, improving knowledge & competencies and improving capacity in terms of effective delivery of services for good governance in respect of in-service personnel and functionaries of all North East State Governments (Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura).

Achievements: During the last three Financial Year (w.e.f 2014-15) an amount of 36.07 crore was released and 6654 youths and government functionaries were sponsored. Total 28 new proposal was sanctioned and balance amount of many ongoing training programme was released. An amount ₹25.00 crore has also been transferred to Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship alongwith all 274 project proposal received for funding under “Capacity Building”(Skilling scheme) component of the CB&TA scheme during 2016-17 on recommendation of CoS.

Publicity

The plan Scheme of Advocacy & Publicity has been formulated essentially to project the inherent potential and achievements of North Eastern Region and to create an awareness of its unique and distinctive features and products. The main objectives of the plan Scheme of Advocacy & Publicity scheme are:-

- * Showcasing the rich resources of the region to attract investment.
- * Highlighting the potential of the region in nature, heritage, adventure and religious tourism.
- * Creating an atmosphere for more and positive interaction between the people of the region and the rest of the country.
- * Mainstreaming of the region
- * Removing the misconceptions about the region being unsafe and ridden with insurgency.

To meet its objectives, various activities/ events are organized/ conducted through Central/state/Autonomous organization/Public enterprises/ Public press/ NGO etc. by providing financial assistance in accordance with the guideline under the scheme for organising seminars, workshops, and Exhibition , North East Business Summits, Trade Expos, buyer sellers Meet in diverse areas such as trade & investment, tourism, handloom & handicrafts, agriculture etc. Proposals received from eligible organizations

are considered as per Guidelines of the scheme by Screening Committee chaired by Joint Secretary in charge of the Scheme with members from line Ministries and IFD. Recommendations of the Committee are approved by Competent authority (Secretary, DoNER).

(b) Some achievement under the Scheme:-

(a) 65th Plenary Session of the North Eastern Council 2016, at Shillong: The Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended the 65 th Plenary Session of NEC on 27 th May, 2016 which is after a gap of 40 years that the PM had attended the plenary meeting of NEC at Shillong. Several actions were taken during this event, some of which are given below:-

(i) To link NEC with institute of excellence to make it as a state-of-art for resource centre. The centre will provide strategic policy support on livelihood, Act East Policy, Biodiversity, Organic Food Basket, Bamboo Mission and Horticulture.

(ii) An MoU was also signed between MDoNER and Centre for Development of North Eastern Region (CEDNER), RGIIM for the purpose of skill gap analysis in NER, review the Integrated Tourism Master Plan for NER prepared by TCS for NEC, prepare the approach paper for industrial corridor, North East Civil Aviation Corporation and BPOs in NER.

(b) MDoNER provides financial support to Government of Tripura to organize North East Connectivity Summit-2016. It was held in Agartala, Tripura from 22-23 September, 2016 which was attended by representatives from neighbouring countries like Bangladesh, Myanmar, Bhutan and also Japan and Russia. The focus of the Summit were

- Border trade with Bangladesh and Southeast Asia.
- Connectivity and inclusive development of the North East Region.
- To explore possibilities of investment opportunities in Tripura and the Northeastern state as a whole.
- Opportunities of investments in Roads, Air, Inland waterways, Digital connectivity, Energy etc.
- Importance of people to people connectivity.
- Explore sectorial opportunities in Northeast.

c) MDoNER organized Bamboo Summit from 27-28 September, 2016 in New Delhi where bamboo strategy for NER and role of DoNER were discussed including GoI Policy support, Vision for Bamboo Development in NER, role of cultivation and harvesting

methods, R&D in Bamboo production / development, best practices, upgradation and innovation, cluster development etc.

d) MDoNER participated in B2B meeting on tourism, handloom & handicrafts and agri & allied business seminars held on 25th and 27th Nov, 2016 in Mandalay and Yangon respectively as part of IMT Car Rally organized by ICC, Kolkata from 13 Nov to 3rd Dec, 2016.

e) MDoNER and ITPO as co-hosted the 8th edition of East Himalayan Expo at Gangtok, Sikkim, from December 16-25, 2016 at Guards Grounds, Sikkim with the active support of Govt. of Sikkim. The product profile of the event comprises of Organic sector, Horticulture, Household Goods. Food items including Processed food, Textiles, Handicraft, Leather Products, Electrical and Electronic items, Jute products, textile, Good Living, Cosmetics, Herbal Products, Health & Fitness Equipments, IT Products, furniture, Tourism, Service sector etc.

f) The first ever North East Investors' Summit for the north eastern states which showcased the region as a global destination for investments in textiles sector was held from 29-30 January, 2017 at Shillong, Meghalaya. The Summit was jointly hosted by MDoNER/NEC and Ministry of Textiles to focus on manufacturing in textiles and allied sectors with the theme 'Exploring Opportunities in North East Region' for bringing in convergence of efforts of various central ministries and states in the region to attract investments.

g) Ministry of DoNER provides financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 10.00 crore to Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for ceartion of content for the a 24x7 TV channel "Arun Prabha", to provide platform to rich cultural and linguistic identity of NER.

h) MDoNER has observed Swachhta Pakhwada from 16-28 February, 2017 through three Organisations namely Assam Association Delhi and My Home India Delhi by conducting swachhta drive at Munrika, Humayunpur village, Kotla Mubarakpur, Malviya Nagar, Khirki Extension, Burari, Gandhi Vihar, Mukharji Nagar, Nehru Vihar, Indira Vihar, Vijay Nagar, Outroum Lance ber Sarai etc. Also organized a workshop on "Preservation and Conservation of Traditional Knowledge and Practices of North East for Sanitation, Cleanliness and related Medical issues" at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi on 27.02.2017 with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) New Delhi.

g) Ministry of DoNER has produce a film on achievements of MDoNER / NEC which was shown during the Hon'ble PM's visit to Shillong.

h) Ministry of DoNER was organised a Mega Event, Destination North East 2017 in Chandigarh from 6th -8th March, 2017 to showcase the inherent economic, social and cultural strength of the North East Region at National Level. The event includes Cultural Programme, Exhibitions, Stalls, Sale Counters, Food courts, B2B Summit, Buyers & Sellers meet and Business Summit. Several Central Ministries viz. Ministry of AYUSH, Ministry of Textile, and Ministry of Tourism were participated in a big way. The Union

Minister of State (independent Charge) for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh had inaugurated the event on 6th March, 2017.

- (i) Rs. 10,81,87,500/- was released to NEHHDC, NERAMAC, CBTC and NEDFi to purchase prototypes for demonstration and promotion of appropriate technologies to enhance the livelihood of the NER people.

4. North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS)

Objectives

North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS) was launched during 2015-16 primarily for rehabilitation / construction / up-gradation of roads which are important from the perspective of economic development in NER yet remained neglected for long resulting in disuse of these roads.

2. The following projects have been taken up for implementation through the National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (NHIDCL):

- (i) **Upgradation of Doimukh to Harmuti Road (16 Kms) in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam:** The works for this road project have already been awarded at an estimated cost of Rs.58.25 crores and contract was signed on 17.3.2017. The works are to be completed within one year from the date of appointment i.e the date when the state government will make available atleast 90% of additional land required for widening of the road free from all encumbrances.
- (ii) **Up-gradation of Tura-Mankachar Road (2.10 Km) in Assam:** The contract for the project signed on 23.3.2017 at an estimated cost of Rs.4.71 crores. The works are to be completed within six months from the date of appointment i.e the date when the state government will make available atleast 90% of additional land required for widening of the road free from all encumbrances.
- (iii) **Rehabilitation of Wokha-Merapani-Golaghat Road (66.90 Kms) in Nagaland and Assam:** The contract for the project signed on 13.4.2017 in three packages at an estimated cost of Rs.151.01 crores. The works are to be completed within one year from the date of appointment i.e the date when the state government will make available atleast 90% of additional land required for widening of the road free from all encumbrances.

3. Fourteen more project have been identified by NEC for implementation.

5. Special Development Packagess

(i) **Special Development Package for BTC Area**

A Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) was signed between Government of India, Government of Assam and Bodo Liberation Tigers (BLT) on 10.02.2003 after a series of negotiations with the objective to create an Autonomous self governing body known as Bodoland Teritorial Council (BTC) within the State of Assam under the Sixth Schedule to the constitution of India to fulfil economic, educational, linguistic aspirations and for preservation of socio-cultural and ethnic identity of the Bodos and development in BTC area. The MoS inter alia envisaged an Additional Development Package for BTC in order to accelerate the development of the area to meet the aspirations of the people.

Under the package, Government of India had agreed to provide financial assistatce of Rs. 100 crore per annum for 5 years (Rs. 500 crore) for projects to develop Socio-Economic infrastructure in BTC areas over and above Normal Plan Assistance to Assam. Accordingly, 42 projects at approved cost of Rs. 476.27 crore have been sanctioned and against it Rs. 475.29 crore have been released by the Ministry. Government of Assam have submitted Utilizatin Certificates for Rs. 449.45 crore (as on 16.05.2017). Total 42 projects have been completed.

From Additonal Package of Rs. 250 crore announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister in August 2008, this Ministry have retained 22 projects at estimated cost of Rs. 275.62 crore out of which 21 projects at approved cost of Rs. 265.66 crore have ben sanctioned and an amount of Rs. 211.56 crore has been released and Government of Assam so far has submitted Utilisation Certificates for an amount of Rs. 128.61 crore (as on 16.05.2017). Vetted DPR of the remaining one project is yet to be submitted by the State Government.

- (ii) **Development Package for Karbi Anglong Autonomous Territorial Council (KAATC):** Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) was signed between Govt. of India, Govt. of Assam and United Public's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS), on 25.11.2011. The MoS inter-alia envisages political restructuring of the Autonomous Council with greater autonomy with appropriate representation to the people in the area, socio-economic, education and cultural development, effective mechanism for release of funds, effective monitoring of programmes, etc, including capacity building for functioning of the council. As per the MoS, Government of India agreed to provide Special Economic Package of Rs. 350 crore (Rs. 70 crore per annum), over and above Plan funds in the next five years to Karbi Anglong Autonomous Territorial Council (KAATC) through Government of Assam to undertake special projects that will be proposed by the Council. Guidelines for release of funds under the package have been

formulated and separate Budget Head is created for the purpose. Ten projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 38.21 crore have been sanctioned. Further, an amount of Rs. 20.61 crore has been released against these Ten (10) projects (as on 16.05.2017). In addition, seventeen (17) projects costing Rs. 236.16 crore have been retained during year 2016-17 for funding. Apart from this, 26 project proposals costing Rs. 184.37 crore along with concept papers have been referred to Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for consideration and identification of projects under Para 9.4 of the Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) for KAATC Package.

- (iii) **Special Economic Package for Dima Hasao Autonomous Territorial Council (DHATC):** Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) was signed between Govt. of India, Govt. of Assam and Dima Hasao Daogah (DHA), on 08.10.2012. The MoS inter-alia included political restructuring of the autonomous Council, streamlining the finance/ audit of accounts of the Council, socio-economic, education and cultural development. As per the MoS Government of India agreed to provide a Special Economic Package of Rs. 200 crore (Rs. 40 crore per annum) over and above Plan fund over next five years to DHATC through Government of Assam to undertake special projects that will be proposed by the Council. Guidelines has been finalized and issued on 28.06.2013. Five projects at a total approved cost of Rs. 74.64 crore have been sanctioned. Further, an amount of Rs. 37.32 crore has been released against these five (5) projects (as on 16.05.2017). In addition, five (5) projects costing Rs. 47.00 crore have been retained during year 2016-17 for funding.

6. Social and Infrastructure Development of North Eastern Region: SIDF

Objectives:

The Union Finance Minister in his budget speech for 2008-09 announced to set apart a sum of Rs.500 crore (subsequently increased to Rs.586.20 crore) for North Eastern Region (NER), especially for Arunachal Pradesh and other border areas facing special problems that cannot be tackled through normal schemes.

The objective of this special provision was to identify the urgent needs of these areas and address them through a special mechanism. This announcement was one of the initiatives in the budget 2008-09, provision for which is to be met out of the *Social and Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF)* that is maintained in the Public account. The projects have been identified in consultation with the State Governments taking into consideration their priorities and needs for development of infrastructures in the border areas of the respective States.

Achievements:

As the name suggests, projects with Social and infrastructural importance for border areas of the North Eastern Region (NER) are funded from this one time special package. Upto 17.05.2017, total 28 projects with an approved cost of Rs.481.75 crore have been sanctioned from SIDF package and an amount of Rs.412.50 has been released against these projects.

State-wise brief of all the projects is under:

Assam

Eight Projects with total estimated cost of Rs.103.51 crore were sanctioned under the Scheme. An amount of Rs.95.49 crore has been released against these projects.

➤ Completed Projects:

1. Improvement of Kapurpura Pakiribari Garobasti Road in in Udalguri in BTC area (14.20 Km) with an estimated cost of Rs.21.12 crore.

➤ 3rd and final instalment released:

1. Development of Margherita-Deomoli Road in Tinsukia District in Assam.(13.25 KM) with an estimated cost of Rs.17.46 crore.
2. Construction of Road from Dhansiri to Misibablem via Khebari in Karbi anglong District(9 Km) with an estimated cost of Rs.4.95 crore
3. Improvement of Road from Tingari Chariali to Madhavpur Tiniali and Joypur Tiniali to Hukanjuri Gate in Dibrugarh with an estimated cost of Rs.15.00 crore.

➤ 1st and 2nd instalment released:

1. Improvement of Dokmoka Dentaghat Road in Karbi Anglong District with an estimated cost of Rs.3.18 crore.
2. Improvement and Strengthening of Dihagi-Thaijwary-Haflong Tinali Road in NC Hills Dist. with an estimated cost of Rs.26.66 crore.
3. Improvement of Amsoi-Baithalangso road from 15th Km to 44.60 Km in Karbi, Anglong District in Assam with an estimated cost of Rs.7.64 crore.
4. Improvement of NH-36 at Phuloni Bazar to Lamba Teron Gaon in Karbi Anglong District with an estimated cost of Rs.7.50 crore.

Arunachal Pradesh

Five Projects with total estimated cost of Rs.106.04 crore are under implementation in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. An amount of Rs.75.84 crore has been released against these projects.

➤ 3rd and final instalment released:

1. Construction of Foot Suspension Bridges (82 nos) with total estimated cost of Rs.26.04 crore.

2. Construction of Road from Pangchau Circle HQ to Longwa Village with an estimated cost of Rs.20.00 crore.

➤ **1st instalment released:**

1. Modernisation of Power Distribution System through underground cabling at Tawang Township with an estimated cost of Rs.20.00 crore.
2. Anti-Erosionwork along Menchangriver to protect Khinmey, Bomdir, Paighar , Dharamkang, Yuibu village in Tawang district with estimated cost of Rs.20.00 crore.
3. Construction of District Hospital in Longding district with estimated cost of Rs.20.00 crore.

Manipur

Three Projects with total estimated cost of Rs.102.96 crore are under implementation in the State of Manipur. An amount of Rs.78.98 crore has been released against these projects.

➤ **3rd and Final instalment released:**

1. Infrastructure Development Project in Autonomous District Council of Sadar Hills, Kangpokpi; Senapati and Ukhrul with total estimated cost of Rs.28.71 crore.
2. Infrastructure Development Project in Autonomous District Council of Sadar Hills, Kangpokpi; Senapati and Ukhrul with total estimated cost of Rs.26.29 crore.
3. Improvement Chura- Sugnu Road(Km 0.00 Km 26.00) for total estimated cost of Rs.47.96.

Meghalaya

Two Projects with total estimated cost of Rs.18.84 crore are under implementation in the State of Meghalaya. An amount of Rs.14.89 crore has been released against these projects.

➤ **3rd and Final instalment released:**

1. Construction of RCC Foot Bridges in 12 location on Indo-Bangladesh Border in Meghalaya for an estimated cost of Rs.1.71 crore.
2. Construction of Suspension (20 Nos on Indo-Bangladesh Border in Meghalaya for an estimated cost of Rs.17.13 crore.

Mizoram

One Project with total estimated cost of Rs.1.99 crore is under implementation in the State of Mizoram.

Nagaland

Four Projects with total estimated cost of Rs.68.09 crore have been sanctioned in the State of Nagaland. An amount of Rs.66.96 crore has been released against these projects.

➤ **Completed Projects:**

1. Construction of Link Road from Wokha Bokajan Road to Ralan Old & New Changalashung Old & New covering rubber plantation area in western Nagaland (length 11.00 Km) for an estimated cost of Rs.3.21 crore.

➤ **3rd and Final instalment released:**

1. Capital works of Development in Eastern Part of Nagaland for an estimated cost of Rs.31.95 crore.
2. Construction of Suspension Bridges (28 Nos) for an estimated cost of Rs.4.97 crore.
3. Construction of Roads and Bridges (4 Nos) for an estimated cost of Rs.27.95 crore.

Sikkim

Four Projects with total estimated cost of Rs.44.20 crore have been sanctioned in the State of Sikkim. An amount of Rs.42.26 crore has been released against these projects.

➤ **3rd /2nd and Final instalment released:**

1. Construction of Foot Suspension Bridges (66 Nos) for an estimated cost of Rs.29.71.
2. Drainage Protective works and pre-mix carpeting along Reshi-Magalbaria-Rinchenpong Road. (L 24 Km) for an estimated cost of Rs.9.82 crore.
3. Construction of Road from Lower Syari Senior Sec. School to Middle Syari Sr. Sec. School (2.00 Kms) for an estimated cost of Rs.2.41 crore.

➤ **1st instalment release:**

1. Emergency Surfacing Works and Upgradation of approach road to Himalayan Orchid Centre and Linzey, Assam Road(1-8 Km) for an estimated cost of Rs.2.26 crore.

Tripura

One Project with total estimated cost of Rs.38.08 crore has been sanctioned in the State of Tripura. An amount of Rs.38.08 crore has been released against these projects.

➤ **Completed Project:**

1. Modernization and Upgradation of Indira Gandhi Memorial (IGM) Hospital at Agartala with estimated cost of Rs.38.08.