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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of 145th Meeting of the Committee to administer the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) scheme - Regarding

Approved minutes of the 145th Meeting of the NLCPR Committee held on 19th October, 2016 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER in Committee Room No.243 A, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi are enclosed for information and necessary action.


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- ✓ 12. Shri M.Jayachandran, Under Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
- ✓ 13. Shri Parmod Kumar, *Director*, Ministry of Urban Development, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
- ✓ 14. Shri Dalbir Singh, Under Secretary, Ministry of HRD, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

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(NLCPR - Wing)

Minutes of the 145th meeting of NLCPR Committee held on 19.10.2016 under the Chairmanship of Shri Naveen Verma, Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region in Committee Room No 243 A, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi.

The following officers were present in the meeting:-

- i) Smt Jhanjha Tripathi, Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, M/o DoNER
- ii) Shri Jitendra Kumar Sinha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of DoNER
- iii) Shri Sanjay Kumar, Director, NITI Aayog
- iv) Shri Vivek Goel, Director, Central Electricity Authority
- v) Shri Vishal Kapoor, Director, Ministry of Power
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- ix) Shri Ashok Kumar Vidyarthi, Under Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- x) Shri M. Javachandran, Under Secretary, M/o Rural Development
- xi) Shri Parmod Kumar, *Director*, M/o Urban Development
- xii) Shri Dalbir Singh, Under Secretary, Ministry of HRD

The representatives of Ministry of Home Affairs and Department of Disabilities did not attend the meeting.

2. The Committee discussed the overall performance of the NLCPR scheme in terms of unspent balance, amount of pending Utilization Certificates (UCs) lying with the States, utilization of funds etc. during the current financial year. The reprioritised projects submitted by the State Government for retention/sanction on recommendations of State Level Empowered Committees (SLECs) was examined in that context. The Committee noted the efforts made by the Ministry to release maximum possible funds against ongoing projects for their early completion and to

avoid any cut in the budgetary allocation of the NLCPR Scheme at the RE stage. The officers of the Ministry had camped in the State capitals and the State officials visited Ministry of DoNER to expedite submission of Utilization Certificates & other documents required for the release. This drive not only resulted into submission of large number of Utilization Certificates reducing thereby the unspent balance by an amount of Rs.333.11 crore and corresponding improvement in pendency of UCs within a short period of 6 months but also made it possible to utilise 58% of the allocated budget till September 2016 that too against the ongoing projects. The Committee was briefed that this exercise was done as a follow up action of the D.O. letter written to NE States earlier requesting them to submit the requisite documents well in time for receiving maximum funds against their normative allocation failing which the funds would be diverted to States submitting more documents in time. Some States e.g. Meghalaya and Mizoram could not submit the required documents and they could only receive 20.86% and 22.07% of funds against their normative allocations till September, 2016. On the other hand, States like Manipur and Sikkim submitted large number of UCs and other documents receiving thereby funds more than their normative allocations. The measure was taken to avoid possible cut in the budgetary allocation of the scheme at the stage of Revised Estimates (RE) as funds were reduced at that stage in preceding years due to less utilization of funds. Also, possibility of release of funds against new projects was expected to be minimal as only a token amount of Rs.10.00 lakh is released at the time of new sanctions and therefore, would not have significant impact on the overall utilization of funds available under the scheme. Even for the three projects sanctioned during the current financial year where token amount of Rs.10.00 lakh was released, the Ministry is yet to receive the copy of award of tender for these projects to release the balance 40% of funds as part of first instalment. In these circumstances, it was proposed to release funds more than the normative allocation to the States which submit requisite documents in respect of ongoing projects. The Committee agreed to the proposal.

3. The Committee was also apprised about the changes in the guidelines made in April, 2016 wherein it is stipulated that the new projects could only be sanctioned if the unspent balance of a particular State is less than 1.5 times the normative allocation and amount of UC pending is less than 5% of the total release. Although, these new provisions in the guidelines helped the Ministry to expedite more and more Utilization Certificates reducing thereby the unspent balance and amount of pending UC substantially but some of the States like Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram were still not able to qualify these criteria for sanction of new projects despite of their appreciable efforts in clearing the pendency of UCs. There was a general view that the imposition of both the criterias of unspent balance and pending UCs simultaneously would lead to complications and not be fair in the long run and would adversely affect the sanctioning of new projects. Therefore, a need was felt in the meeting to remove these too restrictive clauses of the guidelines [para 5 (ix)] by replacing it with a new provision that **“normally fresh sanction will not be issued if unspent balance of a State is more than three times of the normative allocation of the State”**. The Committee recommended for this change in the guidelines.

4. Thereafter, the Committee considered the reprioritized projects recommended by the SLECs and submitted by the State Governments of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Mizoram for funding under NLCPR scheme in terms of the revised guidelines and made following recommendations :-

(A) Arunachal Pradesh:

The Committee discussed the reprioritised projects of the State Government. After due discussions with the representative of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, the Committee recommended to forward the following two projects of the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for possible funding under their existing scheme:-

- (i) Reconstruction of District Hospital, Bomdila in West Kameng district (Estimated Cost - Rs.24.00 crore)
- (ii) Infrastructure development of CHC building at Nyapin in Kurung-Kumey district (Estimated Cost - Rs.7.00 crore)

The Committee recommended the following two projects of the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh for **retention**, however, the representative of the Ministry of Rural Development was requested to confirm whether these projects are covered under their PMGSY Scheme :-

- (i) Construction of road from Parsi-Parlo to Pipsorang Circle HQ. via Sangio in Kuung Kumey district (Estimated Cost - Rs.17.50 crore)
- (ii) Construction of road from Nakhu to Sanchipan under Nafra Circle, West Kameng District (Estimated Cost - Rs.23.30 crore)

The Committee recommended following four projects of the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh for **retention** :-

- (i) Construction of RCC Bridge over river Dirang to connect Dirang HQ to Dirang Township i/c approach road (2KM) in West Kameng district (Estimated Cost - Rs.20.00)
- (ii) Augmentation of Water Supply at Pasighat Township from Sirpo source (Phase-I) in East Siang District (Estimated Cost Rs.20.00 crore)
- (iii) Renovation, modernization and improvement of T&D system i/c SS of Bhalukpong, Kalaktang & Dirang and their adjacent areas in West Kaemng. Renovation, modernization and improvement of T&D system i/c SS of Bhalukpong, Kalaktang & Dirang and their adjacent areas in West Kaemng. (Estimated Cost Rs.25.00 crore)

- (iv) Construction of 33 KV S/C Transmission line from Kimin to Dollungmukh & Construction of 2x5 MVA, 33/11 KV sub-station at Tanio village in L/Subansiri district (Estimated Cost - Rs.12.00 crore)

(B) Assam

The Committee discussed the reprioritised projects of Government of Assam and recommended following three projects for **retention** :-

- (i) Construction of RCC Bridge No.9/1 on Mancotte Khamtighat road along with approaches and protection works and strengthening of dmanaged road pavement from chaimage 8308 KM to Chaimage 32825 m via Saraighat 8 road up to Bamunbari Tihiali connecting Moran Nanarkatia Road (SH-27) in Dibrugarh district (Estimated Cost Rs.13.87 crore)
- (ii) Construction of Indoor Statidum at Dongkamokam under Hamren Sub Division (Estimated Cost - Rs.6.31 crore)
- (iii) Construction of Road from NH-31 to Kashimpur Suplekuchi via Purbabharati (Estimated Cost - Rs.5.63 crore)

The Committee noted that the following two projects of the State Government of Assam are Major District Roads (MDR) and therefore recommended for their **retention**, however representative the Ministry of Rural Development was requested to confirm whether these projects are covered under the PMGSY Scheme :-

- (i) Construction of Digheeripar Bodoulguri Borachuba Road from Ch-0.00 KM to ch-4.12 KM and Ch-4.56 KM to Ch-10.10 KM including cross drainage works in Darrang District (Estimated Cost - Rs.11.54 crore)

- (ii) Construction of Road from Subhijhar to Uttar Bellamguri via Kumarshali + Bijni in Chirang District (Estimated Cost - Rs.14.64 crore)

The Committee also recommended the **retention** of the project "**Construction of Alternative Road to Kamakhya Temple at Guwahati in Kamrup (Metro) District (Phase-I restricted to Hill cutting and Retaining Wall) at an estimated cost of Rs.13.92 crore**" and suggested that while discussing the DPR of the project in the SLEC meeting, confirmation on the remaining work of the proposed road may be put on record.

In case of the project "**Construction of Karmachari Bhavan at Panjabari, Guwahati (estimated cost - Rs.8.94 crore)**" the Committee desired to obtain the details from the State Government whether the project would be for a particular association or would be in the interest of the public at large.

(C) Meghalaya

The Committee discussed the following two projects of Government of Meghalaya and desired to obtain the comments of Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development whether these projects are covered under their Scheme and also to confirm whether the colleges are Government or Private ones:-

- (i) College of Science and Commerce at Mahendraganj. (Cost. Rs. 24.18 crore)
- (ii) College of Science and Commerce at Mawphlang (Cost. Rs. 24.16 crore).

In case of the project, "**Centre for Performing Arts and Culture, Ampati (Cost Rs. 60.00 crore)**" the Committee recommended that the State Government may be requested to pose the project to Ministry of Culture for funding.

(D) Mizoram

The Committee discussed the reprioritized projects of Government of Mizoram and recommended following five projects for **retention**:-

- (i) Construction of Multi Level Car Parking at New Secretariat Complex, Aizawl (Cost Rs. 36.01 crore)
- (ii) Water Supply to Sainik School Chhingchhip. (Cost Rs. 7.87 crore)
- (iii) Construction of 2X3.15 MVA, 33/11 KV S/s at P & E Complex with associated 33 KV line at Saiha Town. (Cost Rs. 7.66 crore)
- (iv) Construction of 2X3.15 MVA, 33/11 KV S/s at P & E Complex with associated 33 KV line in the heart of Lawngtlai Town. (Cost Rs. 6.78 crore)
- (v) Construction of Mini Sports Complex at Aibawk. (Cost Rs. 4.00 crore)

The Committee discussed the project, **“Construction of Estd of TNT Rehab Centre for Persons with Disabilities at Muanna Veng Aizawl, Mizoram (Cost Rs. 4.94 crore)”** and recommended for **retention**, with the suggestion that Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Department of Disabilities may be requested to confirm whether these projects are covered under their Scheme.

Further, in case of the project, **“Infrastructural Development of Labour, Employment & Industrial Training Department, (Cost Rs. 10.00 crore)”** the Committee was of the view that a joint inspection team of Ministry of DoNER and the State Government may visit the site of the proposed project and suggest whether the project would be in the interest of the public at large.

(E) DHATC

The Committee discussed the prioritized projects of DHATC submitted by Government of Assam to Ministry of DoNER for their retention under the DHATC Package. The Committee observed during discussions that as per Memorandum of

Settlement (MoS), there is a provision of constitution of a Committee comprising the representatives of Government of Assam, DHATC and concerned Central Ministries for identification of projects under the Package. Since, the projects submitted by the State Government was neither identified by any such Committee nor figures in the illustrative list of MoS except one. The NLCPR Committee recommended the only project namely, **“Improvement of PGHJ Road from 19th to 74th Km (Umrangso to Dihangi) under PWD (Roads), Haflong Division, (Cost Rs. 35 crore)”** figuring in the illustrative list of MoS, for retention. As the representative of Ministry of Home Affairs was absent in the meeting, the Committee recommended that rest of the five (5) projects may first be identified by the earmark Committee as per MoS.

(F) Miscellaneous Matters:

The Committee noted that the mandate of the NLCPR Committee is not only to administer the NLCPR scheme but also to monitor the projects sanctioned under it. To exercise these powers, it was suggested that members of the Committee while on tour to the NER States may also visit the NLCPR projects as well. The Committee or a sub-committee of the NLCPR Committee may also plan to visit the projects grouping them sector-wise or project wise to give an added focus on monitoring of the NLCPR projects

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
