

## **GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF NORTH EAST ROAD SECTOR DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (NERSDS)**

### **1. Objectives**

1.1 The objective of the North East Road sector Development Scheme (NERSDS) is to take up rehabilitation/construction/upgradation of the following category of roads (including bridges on the roads) in the North Eastern Region (NER) in order of priority:

- (i) Inter-state roads previously built by the North Eastern Council (NEC) and other agencies which are of vital connectivity for one state, but of little importance for the other state and hence remained neglected, but with available formation width of roads;
- (ii) roads in socio-politically neglected pockets of NER;
- (iii) roads required for security or strategic viewpoint, not covered in any other programmes; and
- (iv) roads necessary from the viewpoint of market access for agriculture produce and roads of economic importance on gap filling approach.

1.2 The North Eastern Council (NEC) had, in consultation with State Government identified 47 (nos.) neglected inter-state roads with a combined length of 1665.75km (**Annexure**). Though it was subsequently observed that few roads have been posed by the concerned States for funding under various schemes, majority of the identified neglected roads remained to be taken up for improvement/upgradation or rehabilitation. The primary objective of the scheme is to take up these neglected inter-state roads.

### **2. Institutional arrangement to administer the NERSDS**

2.1 The Scheme will be administered and monitored in the Ministry of DoNER through an Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee under chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER. The Committee will screen, appraise and recommend project proposals for implementation by appropriate agency and also monitor progress of sanctioned projects. The Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee comprise of the following:

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| i)   | Secretary, Ministry of DoNER   | Chair            |
| ii)  | Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways or his representative not below the rank of Joint Secretary       | Member           |
| iii) | Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs or his representative not below the rank of Joint Secretary                    | Member           |
| iv)  | Secretary, Department Expenditure, Ministry of Finance or his representative not below the rank of Joint Secretary | Member           |
| v)   | Secretary, North Eastern Council   | Member           |
| vi)  | Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, DoNER   | Member           |
| vii) | Joint Secretary, DoNER in charge of NERSDS   | Member Secretary |

2.2 The function of the Committee are:

- (a) To prioritize and select projects from the shelf of identified neglected interstate roads for taking up after giving due consideration to the need and availability of funds.
- (b) To decide to appropriate agency for implementing the individual projects or works;
- (c) To depute appropriate officials of the Central Government for field inspection on a periodic basis and to recommend third party monitoring, when the need arises.
- (d) To suggest policy changes to obviate procedural and other bottlenecks in the execution of projects.

2.3. The Committee would meet as often as necessary and would submit periodic recommendations to the Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region on various aspects of projects under the Scheme.

2.4. Committee would be serviced by the NERSDS Cell in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

### **3. Formulation, appraisal and approval of Projects under NERSDS**

3.1. The following process shall be adopted for projects formulation:

- (a) Projects as well as the appropriate implementing agency will be identified by the empowered committee. The identified implementing agency will prepare the estimates for pre-construction activities and the detailed project report.
- (b) Projects taken up under NERSDS will include 4-year maintenance clause with the capital cost of the project.
- (c) Alternative road construction technologies such as WMM and even PCC will be encouraged so as to ensure lesser maintenance needs and long life.
- (d) Once the DPR is prepared along with implementation timeframe, the implementing agency will submit the detailed proposal to the Ministry for placing before the empowered Committee.
- (e) The Committee will recommend the implementation timeframe for the project and the physical and financial milestones.

### **4. Release of funds**

4.1 The Ministry of DoNER will release funds through authorization to the concerned Central Ministry/Department to which the implementing agency is affiliated. The empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee may recommend the quantum and manner in which the initial financial release may be made for the recommended project/work. Once the pre-construction activities are completed and the Committee decided the physical and financial milestones, subsequent release of funds will be made by the Ministry based on the requirement and

availability of funds. Maintenance component of the project cost will be released only after physical completion of the work and releases will be on annual basis.

## **5. Monitoring & Evaluation**

5.1. The implementing agency shall report the physical and financial progress in respect of every project at the end of every quarter to M/o DoNER. Such quarterly progress reports (QPRs) should reach the Joint Secretary of the Ministry within three weeks of the end of the quarter under report.

5.2. Monitoring and evaluation of implementation of the project shall also be undertaken through field inspections by officers of the Ministry of DoNER / NEC, as well as through impact studies, social audits and third party Monitoring through independent agencies on the recommendation of CMC.

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**Road-wise details of neglected inter-state roads  
(orphan roads)**

Sl No.	Name of Road	Length of Road in Km			Neighbouring State
		Length of the Road in the concerned State (KM)	Length of the Road in neighbouring state (KM)	Total	
	<b>ARUNACHAL PRADESH</b>				
1	Mirem-Mikong-Jonai road	16.83	5.6	22.43	Assam
2	Jote-Balijan road	47	13.1	60.1	Assam
3	Mebo-Dholla road	37.5	30	67.5	Assam
4	Margherita-Deomali road	16.06	13.1	29.16	Assam
5	Longding-Bimalpur road	44	13	57	Assam
6	C/o road from Manmao to North Tirap Gate near Ledo NH-38 in Assam	27	10	37	Assam
7	Jagun-Namchik-Miao road	27	8.15	35.15	Assam
8	Tezu-Sadiya road	16.17	16.5	32.67	Assam
9	Doimara to Tenga road in West Kameng District	98	15	113	Assam
10	Doimukh to Harmuti road	6	10	16	Assam
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>335.56</b>	<b>134.45</b>	<b>470.01</b>	
	<b>MEGHALAYA</b>				
1	Rongsai-Bhosjora-Bajengdoba (RBB) road (Assam portion from Rongsai to Bhorjora)	18.22	30	48.22	Assam
2	Tura-Mankachar road (Assam portion)	19	2	21	Assam

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		Length of the Road in the concerned State (KM)	Length of the Road in neighbouring state (KM)	Total	
	connecting to Ferryghat				
3	Sualmari to Nabang bazar connecting NH-51 in Assam	0	7	7	Assam
4	Lakhipur to Abirampara connecting AMPT road at 19th Km	0	15	15	Assam
5	Tikrikilla bazar to Sathaimari	0	3	3	Assam
6	Damra-Medhipathar road to Bangsi Apai via Nishangram	0.71	3	3.71	Assam
7	Krishnai-Mendhipathar road	0.12	14	14.12	Assam
8	Amjonga-Baksalpara road	3	3.5	6.5	Assam
9	Siluk to Mendima	1.2	5	6.2	Assam
10	Darangre to Kharkutta road	1	5	6	Assam
11	Dhupdhara to Adokgre road	1.2	12	13.2	Assam
12	Kattakuti Badakata road	2	13	15	Assam
13	Krishnai Resubelpara road	0.12	13.2	13.32	Assam
14	Mukroh Umspar linking Jrikyndeng road	8	4	12	Assam
15	Mawshynrut-Hahim-Boko road	37	14.6	51.6	Assam
16	Umsning-Jagi road	79.6	14.6	94.2	Assam

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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>171.17</b>	<b>158.9</b>	<b>330.07</b>	
	<b>MANIPUR</b>				
1	Tamei-Tenning Road	21.6	54	75.6	Nagaland
2	Tadubi Pfutsero Road	13	94	107	Nagaland
3	Tamenglong Haflong Thosem Road	91	11	102	Assam
	<b>Total</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>284.6</b>	
	<b>MIZORAM</b>				
1	Zamuang-Hripaw-Durlabhcherra road	47	14	61	Assam
2	Kawnpui-Bairabi	15	15	30	Assam
3	Sherkhan-Bhagabazar	0	16.5	16.5	Assam
4	Khawzawl-Sinzawl	0	50	50	Manipur
5	Lower Poo Kanhmun	27	27	54	Assam
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>122.5</b>	<b>211.5</b>	
	<b>NAGALAND</b>				
1	Kangtsungyimsen to Akhel (Assam)	5	18	23	Assam
2	Anaki C to Akhel (Assam)	11	11	22	Assam
3	Dimapur to Delai Gate (NH-36)	7.5	0	7.5	Assam
4	Dimapur to NH-39	1.86	0	1.86	Assam
5	Mon-Namtola-Sonari	13	11	24	Assam
6	Wokha-Merapani-Golaghat	3	34	37	Assam

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7	Pfutsero-Tadubi NH-39	94	13	107	Manipur
8	Kohima-Bokajan	5	24	29	Assam
9	Longchem-Naginijan via Saring	13	12	25	Assam
10	Mangkolemba to Alongtaki to Nakachari	22	4.2	26.2	Assam
11	Lirmen to Deodar Ali	17	10	27	Assam
12	Yajang C to Selanghat	10	9	19	Assam
13	Yajang C to Haluating	9	12	21	Assam
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>211.36</b>	<b>158.2</b>	<b>369.56</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>932.69</b>	<b>733.05</b>	<b>1665.74</b>	