

**Tour Note of Visit of Secretary, DONER and Joint Secretary (I), DONER
to the State of Nagaland from 13.06.05 to 15.06.2005.**

13.06.2005

(1) **Visit to Dimapur – Nieuland Road:** The approved cost for the project was Rs. 9.81 crore. The Project has been completed and UC as well as CC have been submitted. The project on the site had been completed and road construction quality apparently looked to be satisfactory. However, in some patches, potholes have emerged and the State Government was advised to immediately repair such patches, so as to prevent further damage. However, while travelling on the road, it was noted that on both the sides, there was good flat fertile land with apparently no assured irrigation as most of the fields were lying barren. It was suggested in the meetings to the State Chief Secretary, other officers as well as the Chief Minister that the State Government might consider planning a project for assured irrigation of these fields by way of installing Shallow Tubewells on the pattern of NLCPR funded One Lakh Shallow Tubewell Project of Assam, at least on pilot basis.

(2) **Visit to the State Referral Hospital, Dimapur:** It was informed that the project was started in 1988 but has not yet been operationalized. There exists a huge building which is lying idle though some parts of it are still incomplete. The Ministry of DONER had sanctioned the project at an estimated cost of Rs. 35.61 crore in 2003-04. However, there was no progress on the spot for operationalisation of the hospital as yet. The last installment of Rs. 19.25 crore was released on 17.02.2004. Secretary, Ministry of DONER expressed unhappiness as till date, no progress had been made on the site. It was informed that State Government Doctors' Union had created some hindrance, which had now been sorted out and also, the MoUs had been entered into with the Immanuel Hospital Association and Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore for making this hospital operational and work would start soon on the project.

It was also informed that there were certain unpaid liabilities of the contractors because of which the building could not be taken over from the earlier contractors for handing

it over for completion of work for making the hospital operational. The State Government had submitted the proposal to the NEC for funds for paying the liabilities of the contractors and expected that they would soon get the amount and consequently would get the work started in the campus. Secretary, DONER desired to have a firm work schedule for making the hospital operational to its normal strength. The additional Chief Secretary assured that they would submit it within this month. It was also informed by the Additional Chief Secretary that they were planning to operationalize the hospital in phases.

(3) Visit to 29 MW HFO Based Thermal Power Plant: During the visit, civil construction work as well as the road construction leading to the project site were going on. Rs. 32 crore had been released under NLCPR by the Ministry of DONER. It was informed that the entire amount of Rs. 32 crore released by the Ministry of DONER had been utilized by BHEL by way of making payments for the machinery. It was informed that as per the BHEL information, the cost of the entire project had been revised from Rs. 105 crore to Rs. 123.57 crore. The Additional Chief Secretary, Nagaland requested Secretary, DONER for the sanction of additional amount required for completion of the project. It was made clear that the commitment of NLCPR was only Rs. 32 crore and that had already been released.

(4) Visit to the Project site of Treatment Plant of Accommodation of Dimapur Water Supply Scheme: The Scheme was sanctioned in 2000-01 at an estimated cost of Rs. 13.33 crore. It had been implemented and was found functioning.

Review of NLCPR Projects:

A Meeting with Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Planning Commissioner and other officers of the State Government was held to review the progress of NLCPR funded/proposed for funding projects of the State of Nagaland.

The Record Note of the Minutes is being issued separately.

14.06.2005

(1) **Visit to Naga Hospital, Kohima:** The project for upgradation of this hospital was sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 25 crore. So far, a sum of Rs. 18 crore had been released and Utilization Certificate for Rs. 14.28 crore had been submitted by the State Government. Phase I of the Project had been completed. Phase II and Phase III were not as yet started. Most of the Phase-I of the project had not been operationalized although the construction had been completed. It was informed by the Director (Medical Health) of the State Government that the building was not suitable as there was no ventilation and the light was also poor. Secretary, DONER expressed his surprise as to why these things had not been seen earlier when the project was approved by the technical people of the State Government. They had no answer. It was also learnt that the contractor had been paid even more amount than the work executed by them. The State Government was requested to take necessary action in this regard for the completion of this project. It was also decided that the Phase I of the building must be operationalized as a huge amount had already been invested on this project.

(2) **Visit to Tseisema Village:** A training programme that was going on for the training of villagers for preparation of 3 Dimensional Model of the Village Map. This project was being undertaken on the pilot basis wherein the entire village map had been prepared on 3-Dimensional basis. Although the model was prepared, various features were yet to be marked on the model. Various benefits of the model were explained by the trainers to the trainees/the villagers. The Chairman of the village council and the Ex-Chairperson of the ladies group of the Council informed as to what they had learnt about the benefits that would accrue from this 3-D mapping model. Secretary, DONER also addressed the gathering and indicated the role of Ministry of DONER in the development of socio-economic infrastructure in the Region including the state of Nagaland.

(3) **Visit to Kohima Bokajaan Road:** The Principal Secretary, PWD and Chief Engineer, PWD accompanied the Secretary, DONER to the road site and showed the condition of the road. They also informed that the road was sanctioned and constructed under NEC funds but

because of damages in various portions – it needed major repairs as well as upgradation. They also informed that if upgraded, it would act as an alternate route from Dimapur to Kohima and also be a shorter route for the eastern parts like Mon, Tunsang and Mokokchung areas from the State Capital. The officers of the State Government informed the Secretary, DONER that they were in the process of preparing DPR and requested for sanction of the Project.

Also, short visits were paid to the State Cultural Museum and War Cemetery in Kohima.

Meeting with the Chief Minister, Nagaland.

The Chief Minister, Nagaland was apprised about the salient features of the review meetings. He was requested for his personal attention on some of the important projects like State Referral Hospital Dimapur, Naga Hospital Kohima and Upgradation of District Hospitals. It was suggested to him to explore the possibility of having a project for installation Shallow Tube wells in the plain areas of the State to which provide irrigation facilities. The C.M. agreed to look into the proposal.

15.06.2005

(1) Visit to the Dimapur Ganesh Nagar Road: The total length of the road is 35 kms. and the entire length was traversed during the field visit. It was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 12.20 crore. Rs. 7 crore have already been released against which the UC for only Rs. 3.50 crore has been submitted. The Chief Engineer PWD informed that the UC for rest of the released amount, i.e. Rs. 3.50 crore, would be submitted in the next week.

As was apparent from the site visit, metalling work has already been completed 100%. Black topping work was almost 70% complete and work gangs were found working at 4-5 places for the black topping/finishing works. The Chief Engineer who was accompanying informed that the entire work would be completed by December, 2005.

- (2) **Visit to Ganeshnagar Industrial Growth Centre:** It is a huge campus in over 450 acres situated at 35 Kms from Dimapur town and the main Rail head. Large number of roads, sheds and other buildings had been constructed. The power substation had also been constructed but it was yet to be operationalized for want of transformer which was yet to be installed. In the whole campus, only one unit had started functioning recently. The State Government would have to take effective steps to make this growth centre fully operational.

Record Note of Meeting held on 13.6.2005 in Kohima under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of DoNER to review the progress of NLCPR funded projects in Nagaland

The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

Chief Secretary, Nagaland welcomed the Secretary, Ministry of DoNER and expressed the view that the review of progress of NLCPR projects by the Secretary, DoNER would pave the way for faster implementation of such projects.

It was noted that 70 projects at an estimated cost of Rs.492.26 crores were sanctioned under NLCPR for the State of Nagaland. As on 31st May 2005, Rs.359.65 crore had been released and utilisation certificates for Rs.282.46 crores had been received in the Ministry of DoNER and UCs were yet to be received for the balance amount of Rs.77.19 Crore. Out of these 70 projects, one i.e. Nagaland University was a Central Sector project that was sanctioned and implemented at a cost of Rs.4.03 crore. It was also noted that 24 projects at a cost of Rs.125.23 crore had so far been completed (**Annexure-II**).

A. Review of progress of incomplete projects for which the entire approved amount has been released :

There were 28 such projects with an approved cost of Rs.112.77 crore. The State Government reported that out of these 11 power sector projects had already been completed and UCs would be sent to the Ministry of DoNER within one week. The list of such projects is at **Table A** in **Annexure-III**.

Thirteen other power sector projects were in the final stages of completion. As per the information provided by the State Government, their present status and the promised date of completion is given in **Table B** of **Annexure-III**.

For the rest of the 4 projects, their status and the decisions taken are given as under:

1. State Referral Hospital (Operationalisation of OPD) – Though the State Government has reported full utilisation of the approved cost of Rs.3.00 crore, the hospital has not as yet been operationalised. It was explained by the Addl. Chief Secretary that the amount had been utilized for defraying for the liabilities of the contractors for earlier works of

the hospital building and promised that the amount of Rs.3 crore would be made available by the State Government for adjustment against operationalisation of this Hospital against the approved cost of Rs.35.62 crores. It was noted that Rs.17.24 crore had already been released on 19.2.2004 for operationalisation of this Hospital. With readjustment of Rs.3 crore, the entire released amount would be taken as Rs.20.24 crores and accordingly the book adjustment in the Ministry of DoNER and the State Government should be made. It was emphasized that even the last instalment of Rs.17.24 crore had been released almost 16 months back but no activity was seen on the site. The State Government was advised that the work for operationalisation should be commenced forthwith with a time bound framework and the Ministry of DoNER should be informed about the schedule for completion of the project.

2. Aboi-Tohok road (14 Km.) - The project is being implemented by BRO under their project “Udayak”. However, no officer from project Udayak was present in the meeting. The information provided by the officer of project “Sewak”, was that – against the approved project cost of Rs.6.53 crore the utilisation was Rs.6.3339 crore leaving a balance of Rs.19.11 lakhs with the BRO.

3. Mon-Namtola road - The project is being implemented by BRO under their project “Udayak”. No officer from project Udayak was present in the meeting. As per the information provided by the officer of project “sevak” against the approved cost of the project Rs.9.58 crores, the expenditure as on 31st March 2005 was Rs.7.3390 crore leaving a balance of Rs.2.1910 crores with BRO.

4. 23 MW HFOTermal Power Plant, Dimapur – Against the NLCPR components of the approved cost for the project, the entire amount of Rs.32 crores had been released and State Government had submitted the utilisation certificate. However, the balance amount for the completion of the project is to be arranged by the State Government either from their own resources or from some other source of funding. They were advised to take further necessary steps in that direction at the earliest so as to complete the project and avoid cost escalation.

B. Review of progress of other on-going projects

Apart from the projects reviewed under the head “Review of progress of incomplete/normal projects for which the entire approved amount has been released”, there are 17 other on-going projects. Their approved cost is Rs.250.23 crores. As on 31.3.2005 Rs.119.78 crores had been released for them. Utilisation reported was Rs.54.78 crores. The status about these projects and the decision made in the meeting are given in **Annexure-IV**.

C. Status of projects sanctioned during the year 2002-03

Five projects were retained from the Priority List 2002-03. Four have already been sanctioned and are being implemented. Their progress had been reviewed with the incomplete/on-going projects. For one project namely – Mini Outdoor Stadium at Wangkhao Village, the modified DPR is to be submitted by the State Government by 31st July 2005.

D. Status of projects sanctioned during the year 2003-04

Seven projects were retained from the Priority List 2003-04 for detailed techno-economic examination. Six out of them have been sanctioned and are under implementation. Their progress had been reviewed under the earlier heads. However, the modified DPR for the project “Bridge on a road from Purana Bazar (NH-39) Bye pass to Kohima Bokajan road was to be submitted by State Government. They promised to send it to the Ministry of DoNER by 31.7.2005.

E. Status of projects sanctioned during the year 2004-05

One project namely “Construction of 66 KV S/C Transmission line from Tizit to Mon” had been retained. It has since been sanctioned.

F. Status of projects sanctioned during the year 2005-06

It was informed by JS, Ministry of DoNER that the projects retained from the Priority List 2005-06 had already been intimated to the State Government. They were requested to submit DPRs by 31st July 2005.