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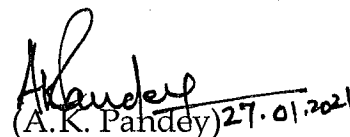
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Dated: 27th January, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the 25th meeting of Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/NESIDS Committee held on 20.01.2021 at 03:00 p.m. in the Committee Room (Room No. 243-A), Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of DoNER.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith minutes the 25th meeting of Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/NESIDS Committee, as approved by the Competent Authority, held under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of DoNER on 20.01.2021 at 03:00 p.m. in the Committee Room (Room No. 243-A), Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi for information and necessary action.


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1. The 25th meeting of Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/NESIDS Committee was held on 20.01.2021 at 03:00 p.m. to discuss:-
 - a. Eight project proposals received from State Government of Assam for selection;
 - b. One project proposal of State Government of Sikkim for sanction; and
 - c. One project each of State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam for change in scope of work.

Chief Secretaries of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Sikkim co-chaired the meeting. List of participants is at **Annexure I**.

2. At the outset Secretary, MDoNER welcomed all the Chief Secretaries, members of IMC, representative of State Governments and line Ministries of the Government of India. Thereafter, the Committee took up each of the project for detailed discussion and recommendations as detailed below:

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

3. **Project "Construction of road from Parsi-Parlo to Pipsorang circle HQ via Sangio 72 Km (Phase I- 0.00 to 34.00 Km) in Kra Daadi district" in Arunachal Pradesh under NLCPR scheme- For change in scope of work.**

3.1 The project "Construction of road from Parsi-Parlo to Pipsorang circle HQ via Sangio 72 Km (Phase I- 0.00 to 34.00 Km) in Kra Daadi District" in Arunachal Pradesh was sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs.1684.86 lakh.

3.2 The Chief Secretary, Arunachal Pradesh alongwith officials of State Government participated in the meeting through Video Conferencing (VC). During the deliberation, State Government proposed change in scope of work i.e. change of starting point of the work from Yaluha end keeping the starting '0' chainage at Yaluha, *inter alia*, stating that the change of starting '0' point of the road is felt necessary due to the fact that a portion of road from 0-20.06 km has already been taken up under PMGSY. State Government also brought out that there will not be any financial implication with the proposed change and it has been approved by the SLEC in its meeting held on 16.09.2020 and total length of the road to be taken up under NLCPR scheme remains same as per original approved and changed scope. State Government informed that out of 72.00 Km

of proposed project length from Parsi-Parlo to Pipsorang, the phasing of the road length will be as follow:-

0.00 Km to 20.06 Km under PMGSY programme being executed by RWD.

20.06 Km to 54.06 Km = 34 Km under NLCPR as Phase -I being executed by PWD.

54.06 Km to 72.00 Km = 17.94 Km balance length for future project sanction.

3.3 The proposal of change in scope of work was supported by NITI Aayog.

3.4 Copy of Final Checklist cum Agenda Notes, as circulated/placed before the committee (along with all its enclosures) is at **Annexure II**.

3.5 After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government and detailed deliberations, the Committee recommended the proposal of change of scope of the work i.e. change of starting point of the work from Yaluha end keeping the starting '0' chainage at Yaluha, without any change in cost of the project.

ASSAM

4. Eight (8) Projects for Strengthening of existing infrastructure in higher secondary schools located in Assam with total estimated cost of Rs 12.75 crore - For selection

4.1 Government of Assam has submitted the following proposals for Strengthening/upgradation of infrastructure of eight (8) existing higher secondary schools located in Assam with the total cost of Rs. 12.75 crore. The project proposals are as under:-

S. No.	Project	Amount (Rs. in crore)
1.	Upgradation of infrastructure of Cotton Collegiate HS School, Panbazar, Guwahati	3.00
2.	Upgradation of infrastructure of Govt. Boys HS School Dibrugarh	1.75
3.	Upgradation of infrastructure of Dhubri Govt. Boys HS School, Dhubri	1.75
4.	Upgradation of infrastructure of Kuralguri HS school, Golaghat	1.25
5.	Upgradation of infrastructure of Silchar Govt. HS	1.25

	School, Cachar	
6.	Upgradation of infrastructure of Tezpur Govt. HS School , Tezpur, Sonitpur	1.25
7.	Upgradation of infrastructure of Lakhimpur Govt. HS School, Lakhimpur	1.25
8.	Upgradation of infrastructure of Karimganj Govt. HS School, Karimganj	1.25
	Total	12.75

4.2 Representatives of State government briefed the Committee about the dilapidated state of the school buildings, due to which there was an urgent need for demolition of old & unsafe buildings, and their replacement by new construction, for these eight renowned schools. They all were set up in 1860s. Representative of Ministry of Education conveyed its 'in principle' support to the proposal. NITI Aayog asked representatives of State Government whether Assam has sought any funding from Samagra Shiksha Yojna or any other scheme of Ministry of Education for the proposed 08 Schools. Representatives of Govt. of Assam informed the committee that they have not sought funding from any other source.

4.3 Copy of Final Checklist cum Agenda Notes, as circulated/placed before the committee (along with all its enclosures) is at **Annexure III (a) to III (h)**.

4.4 After detailed deliberations, and considering the justification for smaller size proposals in education sector, **the Committee recommended to select all the above eight schools proposals as eight independent projects with total estimated cost of Rs.12.75 crore under NESIDS**. State Government was asked to complete all the procedure/ formalities for next stage viz. sanction and bring the proposal before the NESIDS Committee in its next meeting to be scheduled in 1st half of February, 2021.

5. Project "Construction of Double Lane Road from Lanka to Umrangso via Diyungmukh, Haflong Tinali and Panimur in Dima Hasao District of Assam" sanctioned under NESIDS with approved cost Rs188.79 crore - For change in scope of work.

5.1 Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam and representatives of PWD (Road), Assam explained that the need for change of scope has arisen on account of industrial development of the region, as increase in the number of factories had led to a substantial increase in freight traffic, leading to a demand for higher axle loads.

Therefore, State government has proposed that pavement of the road is to be redesigned from originally MSA value of 5 to MSA value 10 to achieve the desired pavement composition as per present condition. Representatives of State Government informed that the change in design for the entire stretch of 68.915 km would require additional funds to the tune of approximately Rs 65 crore, over and above the sanctioned cost of Rs 188.79 crore. However, since the tendered cost of the project (as per original design) was approximately Rs 19 crore less than the sanctioned cost of Rs 188.79 crore, the State Government was planning to utilise this saving to construct only the stretch from Lanka (i.e. zero point) upto 24th Km (i.e. Haflong Tiniali), with upgraded specification. Funds for constructing the remaining stretch of the road from Halflon Tinali (24th Km) to the end of the road at 68.915 km, with upgraded specification, would be arranged by the State Government from its own resources.

5.2 The committee noted that the project in question was sanctioned only about 16 months ago, based on a DPR which obviously was based on a detailed technical study. The reasons for change of specification from 5 MSA to 10 MSA, due to increase in number of factories, which has lead to substantial increase in freight traffic leading to a demand for higher axle load in such a short period, was not found to be convincing enough by the committee. If the present proposal is accepted, this would reflect poorly on the technical soundness of the earlier DPR. It was also noted that the proposal, although shown to be within the already approved cost of Rs. 188.79 cr., has a tendered cost of Rs. 169.12 cr. It is also not clear whether the State Government actually wishes to upgrade from 5 MSA to 10 MSA for the entire length of 68.915 kms or only for an initial stretch of about 24 kms. Tender for the entire work has already been floated and finalised. The State Government needs to review the need for doing such major change of specification at this stage, based on a serious technical study by a committee of experts. If the committee of experts recommends such major changes in the specification, the state Government should again prepare a fresh DPR, and bring a proposal for the revised sanction before the SLEC followed by proposal before the NESIDS Committee, and the entire tender/ execution process may have to be redone in that situation. The committee was not convinced with the argument of the State Government that some portion of the upgradation will be borne by the State Government from out of its own resources, as the entire project has to be treated as one single project.

5.3 Hence the Committee was of the view that in place of piecemeal sanctions and upgradation being funded in patches, the construction of the entire stretch of the road with upgraded specifications, if required as per report/recommendations of committee

of experts, should be looked upon as a single project. The State Government should consider the entire stretch of road of 68.915 km as a single project, and make a revised DPR with upgraded specification. This DPR, along with variation statement vis-à-vis the original sanction should be approved by a technical committee appointed by the Chief Secretary, and the variation statement should also be approved by the MoRTH. Subsequently, the proposal for change in scope should be placed before the SLEC, before it is put up to the NESIDS Committee for approval. The State Government should also follow all requisite guidelines/instructions for changing the scope in projects which have already been tendered/awarded.

5.3 Since there is balance Normative Allocation of Rs 38.38 crore under NESIDS for the State of Assam (refer table under Para 8 below), against which proposals have not yet been received, the Committee may, at appropriate stage, consider covering additional cost of the project (over and above the original sanctioned cost of Rs 188.79 crore) under NESIDS, subject to the limit of balance Normative Allocation at that time, with the balance of the project cost having to be borne by the State Government.

5.4 Copy of Final Checklist cum Agenda Notes, as circulated/placed before the committee (along with all its enclosures) is at **Annexure IV**.

SIKKIM

6. Project proposal of Government of Sikkim - "Augmentation of Gyalshing Water Supply Scheme in West Sikkim" under NESIDS - For sanction.

6.1 The Chief Secretary, Sikkim along with officials of State Government participated in the meeting through Video Conferencing (VC). They explained the details of the project proposal and underlined the importance of the project.

6.2 The representatives of NITI Aayog and AMRUT Division, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs supported the proposal.

6.3 Copy of Final Checklist cum Agenda Notes, as circulated/placed before the committee (along with all its enclosures) is at **Annexure V**.

6.4 After due deliberations, the Committee recommended the project proposal "Augmentation of Gyalshing Water Supply Scheme in West Sikkim" for sanction at an estimated cost of Rs.60.06 crore subject to the condition that funding from this

Ministry shall be limited to the Normative Allocation for the State i.e. Rs.34.99 crore and balance funds shall be borne by the State Govt. from their own resources.

7. Project of Government of Sikkim-“Construction of Bridge over Rangit River at Kitchudumra, Namchi-Sikip in South Sikkim” under NLCPR-For change in scope of work and cost revision.

7.1 This proposal was taken up as additional agenda with permission of the Chair. The Committee noted that the SLEC in its meeting held on 09.10.2020 had recommended the proposal for change in scope of work for pre-stressed concrete girder bridge to a steel bridge. The financial implications of the proposal are as under:

Original sanction cost	:	Rs.1374.95 lakh
Cost after change in the scope of work	:	Rs.1350.00 lakh
Savings	:	Rs.24.95 lakh

7.2 The representative of the state government brought in detail the reasons for the change in scope and cost revision, which has also been approved by the SLEC and recommended for placing in the IMC/NESIDS Committee meeting. The Committee noted that the proposal for change in scope sent by the State Government included certain clauses regarding the proposed tendering process. It was decided that such issues are to be dealt with by the Programme Division, as per NESIDS guidelines, and it was not for the NESIDS Committee to delve into such issues. Those issues need to be jointly worked out by the Programme Division and the State Government, at appropriate level of the sanctioning process/release of funds.

7.3 After due consideration of the proposal of the State Governments and detailed deliberations, the Committee approved the proposal for change of scope of the project viz. construction of steel bridge instead of pre-stressed concrete girder bridge with the revised project cost of Rs.1350.00 lakh, subject the condition that this deviation shall be as per contract manual/rules in vogue.

8. With the above sanctions/selections, the position of Normative Allocation/available Allocation of the NER States under NESIDS for F.Y. 2020-21 reflects as under:

(Rs. in crore)

States	Normative Allocation for F.Y. 2020-21	Project sanctioned		Project selected but not yet sanctioned			Available allocation (II-IV-VII) VIII
		(No) III	(Cost) IV	(No) V	(Cost) VI	(DoNER portion of VI) VII	
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
Arunachal Pradesh	69.87	2	69.87	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assam	148.62	1	97.49	8	12.75	12.75	38.38
Manipur	53.40	1	53.40	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meghalaya	57.56	2	57.56	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mizoram	55.75	3	55.75	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nagaland	54.46	1	17.96	2	47.62	36.5	0.00
Sikkim	34.99	1	34.99	0	0	0	0.00
Tripura	60.35	1	51.48	1	3.90	0	4.97
Total	535.00	12	438.5	11	64.27	49.25	43.35

9. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and all the participants.

Annexure - I

List of Participants

Sl. No.	Organization	Officers attended
1.	Members of Inter Ministerial Committee/NESIDS Committee	1. Dr. Inder Jit Singh, Secretary, M/o DoNER (in chair)
		2. Shri Naresh Kumar, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh (Co-chair)
		3. Shri S.C. Gupta Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim (Co-chair)
		4. Shri Jishnu Bora, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam (Co-chair)
		5. Shri Saurabh Endley, JS, M/o DoNER
2.	Other Members/Special Invitees from Line Ministries/NITI Aayog	6. Shri Sanjay Rana, JS, Ministry of External Affairs, GoI on VC
		7. Shri P.P. Gupta, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Education, GoI, on VC
		8. Shri Naveen Kumar, Eco. Officer (NE States Division), NITI Aayog on VC
		9. Shri Krishna Mohan Uppu, DS, Ministry of Home Affairs, on VC
		10. Shri Pooran Singh, Superintending Engineer, Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways, on VC
		11. Shri Sathish Kumar, Technical Officer, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, on VC
		12. Shri Rajesh Kumar, US(States), Ministry of External Affairs, GoI on VC
3.	Government of Arunachal Pradesh	13. Er. Hage Appa, CE, PWD, on VC
		14. Shri Pallabe Dey, Director (Planning), on VC
		15. Shri Millo Pushang, JD (Planning), on VC
		16. Shri Togram Jamoh, ASO (Planning), on VC
		17. Shri Ngilyang Nyime, RA (Planning), on VC
4.	Government of Assam	18. Sri B. Kalyan Chakravarthy, Principal Secretary, Secondary Education Department, on VC
		19. Shri Preetom Saikia, Commissioner & Secretary, Secondary Education Department, on VC

		20. Dr J. B. Ekka, Principal Secretary (Planning), on VC
		21. Shri Rajesh Kampri , Commissioner & Special Secretary, PWD Road, on VC
		22. Shri K. K. Nath, Commissioner & Secretary, on VC
		23. Shri B. D. Barua, Joint Director, Planning, on VC
5.	Government of Sikkim	24. Shri V. B. Pathak, ACS-cum-Development Commission, on VC
		25. Shri B. Prasad, Secretary (PHED), on VC
		26. Shri T. P. Sangdherpa, Secretary (Roads & Bridges), on VC
		27. Shri Hari P. Sharma, CE (Roads & Bridges), on VC
		28. Shri C. Misra, CE (PHED), on VC
		29. Shri P. T. Bhutia, JD (Planning & Dev Dept), on VC
		30. Shri Ramesh Subba, SE (PHED), on VC
6.	Ministry of DoNER, GoI	31. Shri Ravindra Choudhary, Director
		32. Shri S.D.Meena, Deputy Secretary
		33. Shri Dibyojit Dutta, Sr. Technical Director (NIC)
		34. Shri G.S. Maheshwal, SE, TW
		35. Shri PurushottamVerma, DS (IFD)
		36. Shri A.K. Pandey, US
		37. Shri N.K. Saha, US
		38. Ms. Kusum Singh, SSO
		39. Shri Mahesh Chander, ASO
		40. Ms. Shimpy, ASO

