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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of 2nd Inter-Ministerial (IMC) on North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) - Regarding

Approved minutes of 2nd Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) on North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) held on 03.05.2018 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER in Committee in Room No.243A, A, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi is circulated for information and necessary action.

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Under Secretary to the Govt of India

To

1. Smt. Jhanjha Tripathy, Joint Secretary & FA, M/o DoNER
2. Shri J.K. Sinha, Joint Secretary, M/o DoNER
3. Shri M.L.K. Raja, MEA/OSD(States), Ministry of External Affairs
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Copy to:

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister, DoNER
2. PPS to Secretary, DoNER
3. PPS toJoint Secretary(NESIDS)
4. Director(RC)/Director(VLRK)/Director(BNP)/DS(IFD)
5. SE, Technical Cell, DoNER
6. Director (NIC)/Web Manager for uploading of the minutes in the Project portal.
7. Guard file.

Minutes of 2nd Meeting of Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) on North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER on 3rd May, 2018 at 3.00 p.m. in the Committee Room (Room No. 243-A, VigyanBhawan Annexe), New Delhi

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The meeting started with the welcome note of Secretary, DoNER followed with a brief presentation by Joint Secretary in-charge of NESIDS/NLCPR giving the detailed background of the issues relating to the projects sanctioned under NLCPR scheme proposed for the consideration of the Committee. It was informed that the NLCPR Committee has been replaced with the IMC on NESIDS after coming into existence of the scheme of NESIDS and therefore the IMC is competent to review or discuss the issues relating to the ongoing projects of NLCPR scheme. It was also brought to the notice that the relevant para 5(iv) of NLCPR-State guidelines i.e. "*in case, no work order is received by Ministry of DoNER within a period of six months of the release of first installment of funds, the sanction of the project shall stand cancelled*" has been amended as "*in case, no work order is received by Ministry of DoNER within a period of six months of the release of token amount of Rs.10.00 lakh, the sanction of the project may be liable for cancellation*" on the recommendation of the IMC made in its first meeting held on 3.4.2018.

2. With this background the State-wise status of the work orders received/pending against the projects sanctioned under NLCPR scheme with the release of token amount of Rs.10.00 lakh were discussed as per following details:-

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

A. Projects delayed by six months and copy of award of tender received

S.No.	Name of the Project	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Date if sanction	Reasons for delay
1	Construction of 33kV S/C Transmission line from Kimin to Dollungmukh and Construction of 2X5 MVA, 33/11 kV Sub-station at Tanio village in Lower Subansari district in Arunachal Pradesh	1200.00	16.8.2017	While the correspondence for finalization of tender work was under taken from Division Office to Zonal Office via Circle Office. The newly created Kamle district has taken place by bifurcation from Lower Subansari District vide Government of Arunachal Pradesh Gazetted Notification no.(as enclosed) as a result file movement slows down and resulted into delay. Due to bye-poll election of 28 Likabali (ST) Constituency and 12 Pakke – Kesang (ST) Assembly Constituency, the Technical Sanction estimate of the Scheme got stuck for 10 days. As most of officials gone to cast their franchise rights during by-poll election.
2	Augmentation of Water Supply at Pasighat Township from Sirpo Source (Phase-I) in East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh	1956.58	27.6.2017	There has been a slight delay in the tender/work awarding process. This has been caused due to a complaint filed by one Shri Nalo Tamuk to the Deputy Commissioner of East Siang district for issuing LAC (Land Availability Certificate) to the Public Health Engineering Department on the basis of the NOC issued by the village authority and Gaon Burah, whereas he claims to be the owner of the land. The issue was sorted out and the DC has intimated the same to the department vide his letter dated 05.12.2017 and accordingly the tender process could be completed.

B. Projects delayed by six months but copy of award of tender not received

S.No.	Name of the Project	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Date if sanction	Reasons for delay
1	Renovation, modernization and improvement of T& D system i/c SS of Bhalukpong, kalaktang & Dirang and their adjacent areas in West Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh	2500.00	30.8.2017	Not submitted by State Government
2	Construction of RCC Bridge over river Dirang to connect Dirang HQ to Dirang Township i/c approach road	1869.26	16.08.2017	Not submitted by State Government
3	Construction of road from Nakhu to Sanchipan under Nafra Circle, West Kameng District in Arunachal Pradesh	2221.79	23.08.2017	Not submitted by State Government
4	Construction of road from Parsi-Parlo to Pipsorang circle HQ in Kra Daadi district in Arunachal Pradesh	1684.86	21.08.2017	• Copy of work order not received. • Late receipt of sanction memo and Technical reasons like opening of registration of Digital Signature for e-tendering etc, preparation of SBD & other coordination issues

ASSAM

A. Projects delayed by six months and copy of award of tender received

S.No.	Name of the Project	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Date if sanction	Reasons for delay
1	Construction of Road from NH-31 to Kashimpur Suplekuchi via Purbabharati.-(2013-14)	563.00	19.6.2017	Not submitted by the State Government

MANIPUR

A. Projects delayed by six months and copy of award of tender received

S.No.	Name of the Project	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Date if sanction	Reasons for delay
1	Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Litan and surrounding five villages in Ukhrul District, Manipur.	515.00	16.8.2017	i) in sanctioning Administrative Approval and Expenditure sanction given by the State Finance Department and ii) in obtaining approval of the NIT from the competent authority. The State Govt. has further clarified that there was one time marginal delay for about one month and this will not happen in future
2	Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Sanakeithel and surrounding four villages in Ukhrul District in Manipur	468.00	16.8.2017	(i) in sanctioning Administrative Approval and Expenditure sanction given by the State Finance Department and ii) in obtaining approval of the NIT from the competent authority. The State Govt. has further clarified that there was one time marginal delay for about one month and this will not happen in future

MIZORAM

Projects delayed by six months but copy of award of tender not received

S.No.	**Name of the Project**	**Cost (Rs. in lakhs)**	**Date if sanction**	**Reasons for delay**
1	Construction of 2 X 2.5 MVA, 33/11 KV S/s at P & E Complex with associated 33 KV line at Saiha Town	766.00	05-05-2017	The tender formalities was not completed within 6 months due to inadequate receipt of tender bid from competent contractors and it was re – tendered and opened on 09.02.2018.

2	Construction of 2 X 2.5 MVA, 33/11 KV S/s at P & E Complex with associated 33 KV lines in the heart of Lawngtlai Town	678.00	05-05-2017	The tender formalities was not completed within 6 months due to inadequate receipt of tender bid from competent contractors and it was re – tendered and opened on 09.02.2018.
3	Water Supply to Sainik School Chhingchhip	787.00	23-05-2017	Tendering of the project was specifically problematic due to the fact that GST was introduced by the time the project was approved, which was not in place when DPR was prepared. The project was retendered on 08.01.2018 and opened on 19.01.2018.
4.	Construction of Mini Sports Complex at Aibawk	400.00	05-05-2017	Due to unavoidable administrative procedures. The State Government has reasserted that such delays will not happen in future.

SIKKIM

Projects delayed by six months and copy of award of tender received.

S.No.	Name of the Project	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Date if sanction	Reasons for delay
1	Multi-purpose Auditorium at Tashi Namgyal Academy, Gangtok, East Sikkim	650.00	26.05.2017	State Government was requested to submit clarification on 06.04.2018. Being forwarded by State Government.
2	Upgradation of Football Stadium with other allied facilities at Mangan, North Sikkim (Phase-II)	900.00	06.12.2016	State Government was requested to submit clarification on 06.04.2018. Being forwarded by State Government.

TRIPURA

A. Projects delayed by six months and copy of award of tender received

S.No.	Name of the Project	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Date if sanction	Reasons for delay
1	North District Hospital: Phase-II (Hospital Quarters), Tripura	1110.05	12.05.2017	Due to enforcement of the code of conduct of Assembly Elections 2018

B. Projects delayed by six months but copy of award of tender not received

S.No.	Name of the Project	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Date if sanction	Reasons for delay
1	Dhalai District Hospital :Phase-II (Hospital Quarters), Tripura	1131.85	18.05.2017	Due to enforcement of the code of conduct of Assembly Elections 2018

Miscellaneous

S.No.	Name of the Project	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Date if sanction	Reasons for delay
1	Improvement of Melagarh--Sonamura Road (Length: 8.454 Km) Sipahijala District in Tripura	3050.00	28.09.2016	Ex-post facto of committee required since 1st instalment was released even after receipt of work order receipt after expiry of 6 months.
2	Construction of Road from BRTF Road to Essi Yase village under Tirbin in West Siang District	1705.11	27.06.2017	Ex-post facto of committee required since 1st instalment was released even after receipt of work order receipt after expiry of 6 months.

3 During discussions the Committee was informed that the revision in NLCPR guidelines in 2016, has brought down the vetting period of DPRs and the time taken in awarding the work from an average peroiod of 3-4 years to 3-6 months. Only in few cases the mandated period for award of work has crossed six months due to various reasons. The Committee also observed that piecemeal approach in awarding the work has almost been stopped with the introduction of the clause of placing the work order within six months for

claiming the remaining amount of first installment. Appreciating the encouraging improvements, the Committee recommended to process the release of balance amount of first installment in the projects where work orders have been received after six months with reasons. In the projects where work order has been received without citing reasons for delay, the same could be processed after ascertaining their reasons from the State Government. In case of the projects where work orders have not been received even after six months of the sanction of the project, the Committee advised that the State Governments may be requested to submit the reasons for delay along with work orders latest by 31st May, 2018 and the proposal may be processed for release of balance amount of first installment on finding the reasons satisfactory.

5 The Committee also discussed two projects under the miscellaneous category where first installment were released after receiving work orders after 6 months but before the necessary amendment made under the clause 5(iv) of the NLCPR Guidelines. The Committee recommended ex-post facto approval on release of their balance first installment considering the amendment made in Guidelines in the first IMC meeting.

6 In the light of the main spirit for introduction of the NESIDS scheme, the Committee also recommended that the objective of NESIDS scheme mentioned in para-2 of NESIDS guidelines may be amended as follows:- "*the broad objective of NESIDS scheme is to ensure focused development of North East Region by providing financial assistance for projects of (a) physical infrastructure relating to water supply, power, connectivity to enhance tourism.*" the other stipulations of the objective in para-2 will remain unchanged.

7 The Committee also took note of the savings of Rs. 286.23 crore accrued under NLCPR Scheme due to non-sanction of some of the retained projects by 15.12.2017 which could be utilized under the NESIDS scheme as per approval of the Cabinet (refer: para 6 of the Cabinet Note).

8. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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