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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of 3rd meeting of Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) on North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS - Regarding

Approved minutes of 3rd Meeting of Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) on North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER on 11th May, 2018 at 3.30 p.m. in the Committee Room (Room No. 243-A, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe), New Delhi is circulated for information and necessary action.



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Welcoming the participants, Joint Secretary in-charge of NESIDS/NLCPR made a brief presentation on the projects sanctioned under NESIDS scheme and fresh proposals for consideration of the Committee.

2. The Committee deliberated upon various proposals received from the State Governments and made the recommendations as described below:-

A. MANIPUR

S. No	Name of the project	Cost (Rs. in crore)	Remarks
1	Heritage circuit connecting various locations Koubru, Wangbrel, Thangjing and Marjing	20.00	The Committee discussed these projects in the light of "Swadesh Darshan Scheme" implemented by the Ministry of Tourism to promote tourism as a major engine of economic growth and job creation. After a detailed deliberation and also taking note of the views of the representative of Ministry of Tourism, the Committee recommended that the State Govt. of Manipur may pose these projects under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Ministry of Tourism. Ministry of DoNER would recommend higher allocation for Ministry of Tourism at R.E. stage in case they are short of funds.
2	Eco-Tourism at Loktak	30.00	
3	Lamphel Pat Waterbody Development for Tourism	40.00	
4	Water supply distribution network for Churachandpur for promoting tourism.	20.00	The Committee was briefed about the scarcity of drinking water supply in the district head quarters in Churachandpur which is a tourist destination having festivals such as Kut festival, Ngallui waterfall, Khuga dam and Lamdan mountaineering and trekking institute. The Committee recommended for funding of the project at the cost of Rs. 20.00 crore.
5	Augmentation of Senapati District Head Quarter Water Supply Scheme for promoting tourism	30.00	The Committee was briefed about the scarcity of drinking water supply in the district head quarters of Senapati which is a tourist destination having festivals such as annual Barak river festival, Cherry Blossom festival (Nov), Mao flower festival, Hengbung flower garden, Dzuko Valley (trenching & camping paradise) and Hornbill festival of Nagaland. The Committee recommended for funding of the project at the cost of Rs. 30.00 crore.
6	Construction of six overhead Tank & ground	42.00	The Committee was briefed by the State Government that Thongju is located towards

	<p>sump & necessary pipelines in the Thongju and its adjoining areas in Imphal East District for promoting Tourism</p>		<p>south eastern part of Imphal City and just beside the Trans Asian highway and about 8 km from Imphal city. The old palace at Lanthbal kunja (Canchipur) and Maharaj Gambhir Singh's Samadhi which attracts lots of tourists is situated just near to Thongju. Overall tourist flow in the state is also increasing because of annual Sangai festival, Shirui Lily festival, Barak festival and Pineapple festival etc. have ample opportunity for providing sustainable tourist destination in accommodation in Thongju area. As a result home stays are flourishing in this area which requires reliable, affordable and good quality water supply infrastructure in this area. Keeping this view in background and suggestions by Line Ministry, the Committee after due deliberation recommended for funding of the project at the cost of Rs. 42.00 crore.</p>
7	<p>Development into smart school in CC higher Secondary School, Sanjenthong & Johnstone Higher Secondary School</p>	20.00	<p>The proposal was discussed in detail and the Committee after due deliberation recommended that the State Govt. of Manipur to consider and examine the viability of the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Proposed school as a IT Hub and having provision to beam the class to other schools all over the State to obviate non availability of teaching staff in remote areas. (b) Two way interaction / teaching. (c) E-library and tablet bank. (d) Language Training Course. (e) Teaching in Manipuri and other local language also. (f) Possibility of using the facilities to impart skills after school hours can also be explored. <p>The committee also recommended exploring the feasibility to use bamboo material to the extent possible. The Committee after due deliberation recommended that concept note of the proposal may be revised ensuring the examination of above brought out point and vetted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.</p>

B. MIZORAM

S. No	Name of the project	Cost (Rs. in crore)	Remarks
1	Improvement and Upgradation of Lawngtlai to Tuipui Ferry Road	33.50	<p>The representative of the State Govt. of Mizoram brought out that the road would provide an alternate route to approach the famous <i>Phawngpui Tlang</i> (Blue Mountains), which is the highest mountain peak in the state. The <i>Phawngpui Tlang</i> is a National Wildlife Park and is the most attractive tourist destination in southern Mizoram. The surrounding area is inhabited by the Pawih (Lai) tribe which has rich unique cultural traditions.</p> <p>The representative further brought out that the road would also provide a substantially shorter route, and a more efficient approach to the <i>Palak Wetland</i> situated in the southernmost tip of the State, along the Myanmar border. The <i>Palak Wetland</i> is an interesting biodiversity hotspot boasting of a beautiful natural lake. The surrounding area is inhabited by the Lakher (Mara) tribe which has rich unique cultural traditions.</p> <p>The Mountains, Wetlands and their surrounding areas have huge potential for tourism which until now was relatively untapped because of communication and transportation obstacles.</p> <p>Keeping this view in background and suggestions by Line Ministry, the Committee after due deliberation recommended for funding of the project at the cost of Rs. 33.50 crore.</p>

C. SIKKIM

SL.	Name of the projects	Cost (Rs in crore)	Remarks
1	Construction of two lane balanced cantilever bridge over river Kanaka at Kayum Dzongu in North Sikkim	88.54	The Committee was briefed that the construction of the proposed project would provide better connectivity thereby enhancing the tourism activities in Dzongu, North Sikkim. Taking note of the comments of representatives of the State Government and line Ministry, the Committee recommended the project for funding at a cost of Rs. 88.54 crore
2	Underground Parking Space at Namchi	14.77	The Committee after considering the non-existence of proper Car parking at Namchi, which is also a favourite place of visit by the tourists, and the present proposal having potential of increasing inflow of tourist, recommended Car Parking component of the project at a cost of Rs. 14.77 crore. The Committee further advised that the State Government may pose balance component of the project to the Ministry of Tourism for funding under their existing scheme.
3	Heliport at Gangtok	15.00	The Committee discussed the project. Since the normative allocation for the state of Sikkim has been exhausted, this can be considered only if the overall allocation is enhanced, considering the performance of the State.

D. TRIPURA

S. No	Name of the project	Cost (Rs. in crore)	Remarks
1	Improvement of road from Gandacherra-Raishyabari road at ch.18.30 KM to Narikel Kunja (Length-8.00KM) under Raishyabari RD Block with a suspension foot bridge and other allied works'.	23.40	The State Government made the presentation to the Committee and brought out that the proposal is to augment the road to improve the connectivity which will provide access to tourist to Narikel Kunj, an Island surrounded by Dumbur Lake having serene beauty. The proposal will give all weather connectivity to six habitations and a number of Govt. Institutions, in addition to enhancing the tourism. It was noted that this is in Dhalai district. The Committee after due deliberation recommended for funding of the project at the cost of Rs. 23.40 crore and change the caption accordingly.
2	Improvement of road from Jatanbari to Mandirghat via Tirthamukh including 4 no. RCC Building and other allied works	56.62	The State Government gave the presentation to the Committee. It was noted that the tourist inflow is not substantial at present. The Committee after due deliberation recommended that the State Government may suggest projects in other sectors particularly in places mainly known for their tourist attraction like Jampui hills etc.
3	Improvement of Tourist spot connectivity from Amarpur (Fatiksagar) to Chabimura	24.42	The State Government gave the presentation to the Committee and brought out that the proposal is to augment the road to improve the connectivity which will provide direct connectivity from Amarpur to Chabimura, which is already famous for rock carvings, eco-tourism centre and Chakrak-Ma, a holi place for local tribe. The proposal shall enhance the sustainable tourism. The Committee after due deliberation recommended for funding of the project at the cost of Rs. 24.42 crore and change the caption accordingly.

3. The Committee opined that in the present scheme of things, no fund shall be released after 31st March, 2020. Thereafter, the State Government has to meet the liabilities, if any, from their own resources.

4. The Committee also recommended that in case of the projects falling under Education and Health sectors, the minimum cost of Rs. 20 Crore for each project may be relaxed on case to case basis according to their own merits.

5. The Committee advised the State Governments to expedite preparation of the DPR and vetting of the recommended projects.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.