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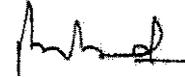
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Dated 28th September, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of 6th meeting of Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) on North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)-Reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the approved minutes of 6th Meeting of the Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) on North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER on 5th September, 2018 at 12.00 pm in Committee Room (Room No. 243-A), Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi for information and necessary action.

Encl. as above:



(B.N. Prasad)
Director

To

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Ministry of DoNER

(NESIDS Division)

Sub: Minutes of 6th Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/ NESIDS committee meeting held on 5th September, 2018 at 1200 Hrs. in the Committee Room No. A, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER.

The list of participants is at Annexure.

The 6th Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/NESIDS Committee meeting was held on 5th September, 2018 to discuss the projects broadly agreed by Secretary, DoNER and Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh for selection under NESIDS scheme during the meeting held on 23.7.2018 and 17.8.2018. The projects submitted by Government of Mizoram for sanction under NESIDS scheme were also placed in the meeting.

2. After a brief introduction of the participants, the meeting started with a small presentation made by Joint Secretary (NESIDS) mentioning about the salient features of the scheme of NESIDS. This was followed by project-wise detailed presentation by the concerned officials of the State Government of

Arunachal Pradesh. After discussion, the Committee recommended the following:-

Projects of Arunachal Pradesh for selection:

- i. **Infrastructure Development for Govt. Hr. Sec School at Kanubari, Longding District:**

The representative of the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh stated that the existing school building and hostels are very old and in dilapidated condition and it is proposed to demolish them and construct new structures in their place. It was told that around 1000 students were presently studying in the school, out of which nearly 600 students are from far flung areas and have to live in rented accommodation outside the schools premises. Therefore, the State Government has submitted this proposal.

After seeing the visuals of the existing structures, the Committee noted that the main building of the school is presently in good condition and need not be demolished, however the boys and girls hostel buildings need to be reconstructed. The Committee also recommended that some quarters for teachers may also be built. Accordingly, **the Committee recommended the proposal to construct boys and girls hostel of 100 seat each and also teachers' quarters at a total cost of Rs.8.00 crore.** The Committee also recommended that the DPR of the project may accordingly be prepared and vetted by SLEC.

ii. **Strengthening of CHC Basar to 40 Beds Hospital in West Siang District:**

During the presentation, the State Government official proposed for funding the infrastructure related works and equipments for expanding the existing 24 bedded CHC to 40 bedded to accommodate the super specialty facilities for the patients. The representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India advised that the State Government may first fully utilize the existing infrastructure and thereafter ask for funding for expanding it to a super specialty centre. Therefore, it was opined that the components for super specialty and equipments in the proposal may not be considered at this stage. However, the components for creation of physical infrastructure required for patients and the medical personnel may be considered for funding to strengthen the existing centre for which Rs.8.00 crore would be sufficient. However, the Committee recommended that the recommendation from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare may first be obtained indicating whether funding is possible for the purpose from their scheme or not during the next financial year as it was told by the representative of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare that Annual Action Plan for the current year is already finalized and approved.

iii. Augmentation of Water Supply at Hapoli Township in Lower Subansiri District

During the presentation, the State Government representative informed the Committee that Hapoli town, popularly known as Ziro is the district headquarter of Lower Subansiri District and a famous tourist destination. It was stated that large number of tourists visit the area to see the natural and scenic beauty of the Ziro plateau. During the famous Ziro festival, organized annually, lakhs of tourists visit the place and enjoy the celebrations held thereon. However, the existing infrastructure for drinking water is not sufficient to cater to the needs of these tourists especially during the festival season. Therefore, the State Government needs to strengthen the water supply system of the Hapoli town by putting this proposal for funding under NESIDS. During the discussion, the representative of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India supported the proposal stating that the different components proposed in the project are in order. However, the Committee suggested that the filtration/treatment plant may also be added in the project proposal. The tentative cost indicated by the concerned engineers of the State Government for this additional provisioning of filtration/treatment plant was around Rs.8.00 crore. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that the present proposal may be recommended for selection at the cost of Rs.20.00 crore and advised that the State Government may prepare the DPR

of the proposal including the components of filtration/treatment plant with their cost and the source of funding for this additional provisioning before placing the same to SLEC for vetting.

iv. **Augmentation of Water Supply at Aalo Township in West Siang District:**

The State Government representative briefed the Committee during the presentation that Aalo is the second largest town of the State and is *en route* to Mechuka. It was stated that Aalo is a picturesque confluence of Sipu and Siyom river and is a beautiful tourist destination of the State which falls under Itanagar - Ziro - Daporijo - Aalo - Pasighat tourist circuit. It was also stated that being the heart of Galo Community, Aalo celebrates Mobin festival, one of the most colourful festivals of Arunachal Pradesh in a grandeur and attractive manner during April, where tourists have also started to throng in numbers of late. Aalo is also prepared to resume hosting Yomgo river festival, an event to showcase culture, traditions of eco-tourism, rural and cultural tourism, adventure and religious tourism. However, the existing system to provide drinking water to the tourists are not adequate and therefore the State Government has submitted this proposal for funding to augment the water supply system to fulfill the safe water requirement for the tourists. During the presentation it was also explained that the channelizing of water from the

source of Siyom river to Aalo town would not be possible through gravity as the source is around 60 km away from the town which will not be viable. Therefore, provision of lifting from source has been proposed in the project. The representative of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India supported the proposal stating that the different components proposed in the project are in order. However, the Committee suggested that the filtration/treatment plant may also be added in the project proposal. The tentative cost indicated by the concerned engineers of the State Government for this additional provisioning of filtration/treatment plant would be around Rs.12.00 crore. Accordingly, **the Committee recommended that the present proposal may be recommended for selection at the cost of Rs.20.00 crore and advised that the State Government may prepare the DPR of the proposal including the components of filtration/treatment plant with their cost and the source of funding for this additional provisioning before placing the same to SLEC for vetting.** The Committee also recommended that the State Government may approach NESAC and Ministry of Water Resources to explore the recharging the source as a long term measure.

v. Augmentation of Water Supply to Bhalukpong Town:

During the presentation, the State Government representative informed the Committee that Bhalukpong is the gateway to the western sector of

Arunachal Pradesh which is the most favoured destination of tourists. Tourists visiting Tawang and Bomdila pass through Bhalukpong. Bhalukpong is located near the foot hill due to which rivers are dried up during winters and muddy during summers. The existing water supply system normally provides water supply once in two days which itself is not sufficient to provide adequate water for drinking to the fixed population leaving apart the floating population of tourists during the season. Therefore, the State Government has submitted the present proposal for funding to cater to the needs of fixed and floating population of the town. The representative of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India supported the proposal stating that the different components proposed in the project are in order. The concerned engineers of the State Government and the representative of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation agreed that treatment /filtration plant is also covered under the proposed cost of Rs.20.00 crore. Accordingly, the Committee recommended the project for selection at the cost of Rs.20.00 crore including the cost of treatment/filtration plant and advised the State Government to prepare the DPR accordingly for vetting by SLEC.

- vi. Infrastructure Development of Dolma Culture Centre at Lumla, Gorsam Culture Centre at Zemithang and Guru Padma Sambhava Park in Tawang District:

During discussion of the project, representative of Ministry of Tourism stated that the items proposed under the project are covered under their scheme. Therefore, the Committee recommended that the State Government may approach Ministry of Tourism for funding of the project.

vii. C/o Heritage village at Chiputa/Charbsi under Doimukh in Papum Pare:

During discussion of the project, representative of Ministry of Tourism stated that the items proposed under the project are covered under their scheme. Therefore, the Committee recommended that the State Government may approach Ministry of Tourism for funding of the project.

viii. Construction of Rigid Pavement Road in Tawang Township:

The State Government representative explained during the meeting that the proposal is for construction of 4 km of Rigid Pavement from Nehru Gonpa to Tawang Monastery which is very important from tourists point of view. Tawang, being one of the best location of tourist destination of the State, the proposed 4 km road out of 24 km from the National Highway -229, is presently in a very bad shape which causes inconvenience to the visiting tourists. Keeping in mind the increasing number of tourists year after year especially during the Tawang festival, the State Government has proposed this project for

funding under NESIDS. After due deliberation, the Committee recommended the project for selection at the proposed cost of Rs.20.00 crore.

ix. Construction of Road from Murga Bridge point to Rho village (15 km):

The representative of the State Government informed the Committee that first phase of the project undertaken under the NLCPR scheme has already been completed, the completion certificate of which will be submitted to the Ministry very soon. In the present proposal, only those components of work has been proposed which were not a part of phase-I of the project and is basically for improvement of the completed project of phase-I on which works relating to WBM II, WBM III and PMC for pavement would be undertaken apart from construction of cross drainages, CC drain and protection walls etc. Since the project is not for construction of new road but for black topping/metalling of the existing road constructed under phase-I, the Committee recommended that the name of the project may be changed to "Black topping of road from Babalong (Murga Bridge point) to Rho village (15 km)". After due discussions, the Committee recommended the project with the proposed changed name for selection at the cost of Rs.26.50 crore subject to the condition that the completion certificate of phase-I of the

project sanctioned under NLCPR scheme may be submitted to the Ministry by the State Government before vetting of DPR of this new project by SLEC.

x. C/o Road from Likwa Gyadi to Gyawpurang. (15.00 Km):

The representative of the State Government briefed the Committee that the proposed road falls under East Kameng district which has got huge tourism potential. Papu Valley is a tourist place famous for para-gliding sport, adventure tourism, trekking and hiking in the district. The district also has Pakke Tiger Reserve which is one of the most famous Tiger Reserves in North East India. Lali Modi peek is one of the attractions for the tourists visiting the area. Likwa Gyadi to Gyawepurang Road will open the area of Gyawepurang for tourist inflow. The area falls under ChayangTajo Circle which has got pristine beauty and is yet to tap its full potential due to lack of road connectivity. The area provides picturesque view of the snow cladded peaks of Himalayas and could be a camping base for the tourists. The project falls under Tezpur-Seijosa-Bhalukpong designated by Ministry of Tourism. During the discussion representative of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and the concerned engineers of the State Government agreed that pavement work is also possible to be included in the proposal under the same cost. Accordingly the Committee recommended the project including the pavement work for selection at the cost of Rs.22.78 crore.

xi. **Construction of road from BRTF road to PIDI, West Siang District.**

During the presentation, the representative of the State Government stated that the road falls under Mechuka Circle. Mechuka is known as Switzerland of India which literally means the 'medicinal water of snow'. The surreal valley has picture postcard views of snow-capped peaks, vast meadows and evergreen pine forests. Samten Yongcha Monastery, older than Tawang monastery is in Mechuka. The monastery is very old and of the Mahayana sect of Buddhism which is located on top of a hill and has an amazing view of the valley of Mechuka and the river of Yargyap Chu. Mechuka festival is held in the month of November to promote Adventure Tourism. Tourists from all over world use to come here for adventure sports. This project falls under Aalo-Mechuka Tourist Circuit. Due to less accommodation available at Mechuka for tourists, PIDI could be a place of base camp for them for which connectivity is needed. During the presentation the Committee noted that the protection work has not been proposed in the project and the cost of SDBM work is on the higher side. After taking opinion of the representative of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and the concerned engineers of the State Government, the Committee suggested to revise the project proposal reducing the cost of SDBM and to adjust the savings thereof for construction of protection walls in the project. Accordingly, the

Committee recommended the project for selection at the cost of Rs.20.00 crore with the suggested revision in components of work.

xii. Improvement and Extension of Likhabali Township Road 15.00 km:

The representative of the State Government briefed the Committee that Likhabali is one of the most widely known and important archeological site in the State. Malinithan is a popular tourist destination. It is an archaeological site which consists of a Hindu temple of the early medieval period. The temple was built with granite stone during the period of Aryan influence in the region. This area has huge scope of promotion of Spiritual Tourism. Likhabali is the gateway to Upper Subansiri, West Siang, Siang and Upper Siang districts. Tourist visiting these places has to touch Likhabali. Hence, the beautification of the Township road is necessary. This project falls under Itanagar-Ziro-Daporijo-Basar-Aalo-Pasighat Tourist Circuit. During the presentation the Committee noted that the proposal consists of various sectoral roads in the Likhabali town which is not permissible under the NESIDS guidelines. Therefore, the Committee suggested that the State Government may revise the proposal for undertaking only one single road of around 10 km up to Malinithan at the cost of Rs.10.00 crore. **After due discussion the Committee recommended the project of construction of only one single road of 10 km**

up to Malinithan at the cost of Rs.10.00 crore for which the State Government will prepare the DPR before by SLEC.

xiii. Construction of Road from Marung Gika to Panior Bridge Point via Sarch Gai, Mate, Kusuk and Pan-21.00 km in Papum Pare District:

The State Government informed that the components of work of phase-I of the project sanctioned under NLCPR scheme is yet to be completed. It was noted by the Committee that the proposed project is for black topping/metalling of the road including CD work and protection walls which were not parts of the components of work under phase-I. Further, the representatives of the State Government also were not able to convince the Committee about the tourism angle involved in the project. Therefore, the Committee recommended that the project may be kept as pending.

xiv. Construction of Road from Rawa Village to Jha Village (24 kms), East Kameng District:

The representative of the State Government informed the Committee that the Jha village is occupied by Puriok community under Bameng block. There is no proper road communication even the porter track is not constructed in this area. The Pakke river in the area is famous for river rafting and scenic view of Kra Dadi range. This road will provide better

communication for tourists visiting East Kameng District as the area has got huge tourism potential. He told that this project falls under Doimuk-Sagalee-Pakke Kesang Seppa Tourist Circuit. However, the representative of the State Government could not convince the Committee how these tourism products will get a boost from constructing the road to Jha Village as none of these destinations seem directly located in the route of the proposed road project. Therefore, the Committee recommended that the project may be kept as pending.

xv. **Construction of road from Longkhow to Pumao under Longding District (18 km) SH : FC, Culverts, RW, Bridge:**

The representative of the Stated Government informed that the area falling under the remote and backward Longding district has inter-state border with Nagaland. The area is inhabited by Wanchos having close connection with neighbouring Konyaks of Nagaland. There is huge scope of promoting inter-State tourism with Nagaland. People in Longding celebrate Oriah Festival which witnesses large tourist inflow from outside. Once the road is constructed, tourism opportunities in this remote area will improve drastically. The project will also promote Eco-tourism, adventure tourism like paragliding, trekking, hiking, etc. in the Pumao region from Nagaland and Assam. This will also check insurgency in the area. The project falls under Margherita-

Miao-Namdapha-- Vijoynagar Tourist Circuit. After deliberations, the Committee recommended the project for selection at the cost of Rs.20.00 crore.

- xvi. Construction of road from Rumgong to connect Kaying area (64 km) Molom to Bogne village 23 km in Siang District:

During the presentation, the Committee was not convinced how the road would enhance tourism. Therefore, the Committee recommended not to select the project for funding under NESIDS.

- xvii. Construction of road Sumsipathar (9.00Km), Arunachal Pradesh from Terung to in Tirap District:

During the presentation the representative of the State Government informed the Committee that the Namdapha National sanctuary is very close to this area and construction of this road will augment the tourist inflow in entire remote and backward Tirap and Changlang districts. This place is famous for Tea, Rubber, Large- Cardamom, etc. It has huge scope for tea-tourism, eco-tourism, adventure tourism and Agro-tourism. The project falls under Margherita-Miao- Namdapha-Vijoynagar Tourist Circuit. After due deliberation the Committee recommended the project for selection at the proposed cost of Rs.20.00 crore.

xviii. Construction of road from Chongkham to Meme via Namliang villag (13.50 km) in Namsai District, Arunachal Pradesh:

The representative of the State Government informed the Committee that the area is famous for Golden Pagoda and Theraveda Buddhist cultural hub. Lathao International Bana Meditation Centre, Phaneng Buddhist Temple, Empong Buddhist Temple and Pariyatti Sasana Buddhist Vihara are some of the important places where tourists often visit. Parasuram Kund is situated within the Kamlang Reserve Forest area and tourists have to go via Namsai to reach there. There is huge potential of cultural and religious tourism as this is an international religious tourist destination. The project falls under Tinsukia-Tezu-Hayuliang Tourist Circuit. During the visit of Golden Pagoda at Chongkham, the tourists could also visit the countryside of Meme in this aspirational district after the proposed road is constructed. **After due deliberation the Committee recommended the project for selection at the proposed cost of Rs.21.12 crore.**

xix. C/o Road from Bana to Richukrong Admn. CO HQ via Kaya Valley:

During the presentation the State Government representative briefed the Committee that the proposal is for construction of 10 km of road out of total stretch of 30 km. However, he was not able to convince the Committee that

how the funding for remaining 20 km would be worked out. In the absence of commitment of funding for remaining 20 km from the State Government, the Committee recommended the project to be kept pending.

Projects of Mizoram for Sanction

i) Alternate Gravity Water Supply Scheme of Aizawl:

The project was recommended for funding by 1st IMC for NESIDS held on 03.04.2018. Accordingly, State Government submitted the recommendations of State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC) for the project at the vetted cost of Rs. 119.00 crore. Considering recommendations of the SLEC, the Committee after due deliberations recommended the project for sanction at the cost of Rs. 119.00 crore subject to the condition that only the Central share of the GST shall be borne by the Central Government.

ii) Construction of 2×6.3MVA, 132/33kV Sub-Station at Mamit with associated 33kV tower line up to Zawlnuam via Zamuang in Mizoram:

The project was recommended for funding by 1st IMC for NESIDS held on 03.04.2018. Accordingly, State Government submitted the recommendations of State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC) for the project at the vetted cost of Rs. 41.81 crore. Considering recommendations of the SLEC, the Committee after due deliberations recommended the project for sanction at the cost of Rs. 41.81 crore.

iii) Improvement and Up gradation of Lawngtlai to Tuipui Ferry Road:

The project was recommended for funding by 3rd IMC for NESIDS held on 11.05.2018. Accordingly, State Government submitted the SLEC recommendations that the project may be recommended for sanction at the cost of Rs. 28.98 crore (estimated cost minus the contingency and compensation costs which amounted to Rs. 4.52 crore) subject to vetting by a third party institute of repute such as IIT, NIT, Central University etc. **The Committee discussed the proposal and after due deliberations, a decision was evolved that the proposal pertaining to Hill Areas / ADC Areas may be submitted by the State Government in consultation with their District Council Department.**

3. While recommending the above projects for selection/sanction, the Committee clarified that the Ministry will provide the funds for the projects under NESIDS scheme by March, 2020 only and thereafter, the State Governments have to make their own arrangements for funds to complete the projects.

4. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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