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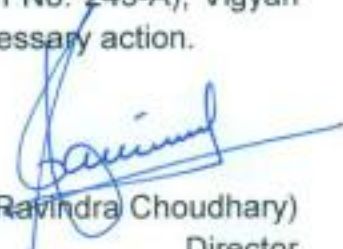
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Dated 17.10.2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of 7th meeting of Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) on North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)-Reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of 7th Meeting of the Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) as approved by the Competent Authority on North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER on 24th September, 2018 at 2.00 pm in Committee Room (Room No. 243-A), Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi for information and necessary action.

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Copy to:

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister of DoNER (I/C)
2. PS to Secretary, Ministry of DoNER
3. PS to Chief Secretary, Arunachal Pradesh/Tripura/Mizoram
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Ministry of DoNER
(NESIDS Division)

Sub: Minutes of 7th Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/ NESIDS committee meeting held on 24th September, 2018 at 2.00 p.m in the Committee Room No.243-A, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER.

The list of participants is at Annexure-I.

The 7th Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/NESIDS Committee was held on 24th September, 2018 to discuss three projects broadly agreed by Secretary, DoNER and Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh for selection under NESIDS scheme in the meeting held on 11th September, 2018 against the balance entitlement. Two projects submitted by Government of Meghalaya for selection under NESIDS scheme were also placed for discussion in the meeting for their selection under the remaining entitlement of the State. In addition, some issues relating to on-going NLCPR projects of Tripura and Mizoram were also placed in the meeting. The meeting was attended by the members of IMC, representatives of line Ministries/Departments of Government of India and officials of the State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya.

2. After a round of introduction of the participants, the meeting started with a brief 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 Governments of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya.

Projects of Meghalaya for Selection:-

- i) Construction including MBT of Pynursla-Latangriwan road towards Mawlynnong (Total length 13 km) with estimated cost of Rs. 30.00 crore.**

Representatives of Government of Meghalaya gave a presentation on the proposed project before the Inter-Ministerial Committee. It was clearly brought out that the proposed road will run parallel to the river Wah Jaskar and there are many tourist spots close to the proposed road viz., Urkyrming waterfall (approx. 265 ft. drop), a living root bridge, bamboo bridge, caves and will end at Mawlynnong village which is the cleanest village in Asia on record. The Committee deliberated on the proposal and after thorough discussions, it recommended selection of the proposal for funding .

- ii) Rehabilitation of Mawsmi-Shella Road upto Kynrem Fall (km8/00-15/500 and approach road to Khohramhah(Motrop) (km0/000 to km(0/315) and approach road to Thangkharang park (km0/000 to 1/470) Total length=9.285 km with an estimated cost of Rs. 20.00 crores.**

Representatives of Government of Meghalaya gave a presentation on the proposed project before the Inter-Ministerial Committee. The state representative explained that the three stretches of road proposed for rehabilitation are very important from the tourism point of view as these are the link roads to prominent tourist spots of the State. The Mawsmi-Shella road upto Kynrem falls connects many villages in the border areas and passes through major tourist spots such as Thangkharang Park and Khohramhah also known as 'Pillar Rock' in Sohra. The Committee deliberated on the proposal and recommended selection of the proposal for funding with the observations:-

- a) As per clarification given by the States' representative, the proposal is for 'Upgradation' of roads and not for 'rehabilitation' since change in specifications are involved.
- b) In consideration of extant guidelines, out of the different three stretches of roads proposed for rehabilitation, only a single stretch i.e. **Mawsmmai-Shella Road upto Kynrem Fall (km 8/00 - 15/500)** road is to be selected for 'Up gradation' while complying with relevant provisions of IRC specifications.
- c) Project title to be suitably modified so that actual starting point of road stretch is clearly mentioned.
- d) The proposed road being in the vicinity of popular tourist sites, quality of road to be constructed should be of standard quality which will be able to bear the traffic load.

It was also agreed that State Government should finalize these proposals within the balance entitlement available for the State under NESIDS.

Projects of Arunachal Pradesh for Selection:-

3. Before taking up the three projects against the balance entitlement of the State of Arunachal Pradesh under NESIDS in this 7th meeting of IMC, the Committee was informed that earlier the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh had submitted proposal of 19 projects against their overall entitlement of Rs. 299.40 crore under NESIDS for selection, which were discussed in the 6th Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/NESIDS Committee meeting held on 5th September, 2018. Out of these 19 projects, the Committee had recommended following 12 (twelve) projects worth Rs. 228.40 crore for **selection** and (04) four projects worth of Rs.68.00 crore to be kept **pending**:-

(A) Recommended for Selection:

S.No.	Name of the project	Cost (Rs.in crore)
i.	Infrastructure Development for Govt. Higher Secondary School at Kanubari, Longding District	8.00
ii.	Augmentation of Water Supply at Hapoli Township in Lower Subansiri District	20.00
iii.	Augmentation of Water Supply at Aalo Township in West Siang District	20.00
iv.	Augmentation of Water Supply to Bhalukpong Town	20.00
v.	Construction of Rigid Pavement Road in Tawang Township	20.00
vi.	Construction of Road from Murga Bridge point to Rho village (15 km)	26.50
vii.	C/o Road from Likwa Gyadi to Gyawpurang. (15.00 Km)	22.78
viii.	Construction of road from BRTF road to PIDI, West Siang District.	20.00
ix.	Improvement and Extension of Likhabali Township Road 15.00 km	10.00
x.	Construction of road from Longkhow to Pumao under Longding District (18 km) SH : FC, Culverts, RW, Bridge	20.00
xi.	Construction of road Sumsipathar (9.00Km), Arunachal Pradesh from Terung to in Tirap District	20.00
xii.	Construction of road from Chongkham to Meme via Namliang villag (13.50 km) in Namsai District, Arunachal Pradesh	21.12
	Total	228.40

(B) Recommended to be kept pending:

S.No.	Name of the project	Cost (Rs.in crore)
i.	Strengthening of CHC Basar to 40 Beds Hospital in West Siang District	08.00
ii.	Construction of Road from Marung Gika to Panior Bridge Point via Sarch Gai, Mate, Kujuk and Pan-21.00 km in Papum Pare District	20.00
iii.	Construction of Road from Rawa Village to Jha Village (24 kms), East Kameng District	20.00

iv.	C/o Road from Bana to Richukrong Admn. CO HQ via Kaya Valley	20.00
Total		68.00

4. It was also informed that out of the above 4 (four) pending projects the committee, in the 6th IMC meeting, broadly agreed to set aside Rs. 28 .00 crore for the two project namely **“Strengthening of CHC Basar to 40 Beds Hospital in West Siang District”**(Cost:- Rs. 08.00 crore) and **“Construction of Road from Rawa Village to Jha Village (24 kms), East Kameng District”** (Cost :- Rs 20.00 crore) for further discussions subject to submission of satisfactory justifications/comments from the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

5. It was also informed to the Committee that the minutes of 6th IMC/NESIDS Committee meeting duly approved by Secretary, DoNER have already been submitted to the Competent Authority for approval of the recommendations made in the minutes. The approval of the Competent Authority is awaited.

6. With this background, the presentation and discussion on the three projects were held in the 7th meeting of IMC as per following details:-

i. **Infrastructure Development of Sainik School at Niglok, Pasighat, East Siang**

During the presentation, the representative of the State Government stated that this was the first Sainik School sanctioned by Government of India in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. The 1st batch of students have already taken admission in the school during the last year. However, the present infrastructure of school is not sufficient to meet the requirement of the students as well as the school. Therefore, the State Government has submitted this proposal for creation of additional infrastructures in the school to cater the present and future needs of the students and their faculty members with an estimated cost Rs. 80.00 crore. In

reply to the query made by Financial Adviser relating to no provision of Girls Hostel in the present proposal, the State Government representative stated that initially there was no provision for admission of girl students in the school, therefore no components relating to construction of girls Hostel has been made in the proposal. But the Government is considering to give admission of girl students from the next academic session, therefore a provision for girls Hostel could be made in the present proposal. After detailed discussion and keeping in mind the balance entitlement available for the state, **the committee recommended the project for selection to fund the construction of components of Administrative Block and two blocks of Hostel Building with the capacity of 60 girls and 60 boys each at total of Rs. 20.00 crore under NESIDS and the balance funds are to be arranged by the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh from other sources to take up the remaining components of the project.**

ii. **Augmentation and Improvement of water supply at Miao township:-**

During the presentation, it was briefed to the Committee that this project was earlier sanctioned under NLCPR scheme on 3rd May, 2016 and token amount of Rs. 10.00 lakh was released. As per the extant NLCPR guidelines, the State Government was to submit the copy of work order within six months failing which the project would stand cancelled. Despite reminders, the State Government could not submit the copy of work order even after a lapse of around one and half years, hence the project was finally canceled on 4th January, 2018. Now the State Government has submitted this proposal with certain modifications like change in the place of source/head on the river, inclusion of water treatment /filtration plant etc. at revised cost of Rs. 28.97 crore against the saving of Rs. 18.29 crore arisen due to cancellation of the earlier project.

During the presentation, the representative of the State Government stated that Miao is a part of approved tourist circuit of Margherita-Miao-Namdhap-

Vijoyanagar. With rich cultural heritage of multi tribes inhabiting the place, maintaining in its original form, the tourism potentiality is abound around Miao Township. Moh Mol and Shawpaungyong festival are celebrated at Miao which attracts lot of tourists. He further stated that the present water supply is not sufficient to cater the needs of the visiting tourists. Therefore, the state government has posed this project for funding under the NESIDS. The representative of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation stated that the per capita cost of the project is around Rs. 11360.00 which seems to be in order. Therefore, a view emerged to support the project keeping in mind that Miao is a backward area and the NESIDS guidelines has a provision of taking up 25% projects from the backward areas. During the discussion the Committee also acknowledged/ratified the cancellation of earlier project and advised that the State Government may refund Rs.10.00 lakh released in the cancelled project. However, the Committee felt that the cost of the cancelled NLCPR project i.e. Rs.18.29 crore may be treated as saving and be added in the current total entitlement of Rs.299.40 crore for the State under NESIDS which on addition becomes to Rs.317.69 crore (Rs.299.40cr+Rs.18.29cr) and the revised proposed project of water supply at Miao may be considered against it.

The Competent Authority has approved as follows:-

"The above project was sanctioned on 03.05.2016 and finally cancelled on 4th January, 2018. Now again Committee is recommending the same project with enhanced cost from Rs. 18.29 crore to Rs. 28.97 crore with certain modifications.

The amount sanctioned in 2016 could not be utilized in last two years. Again keeping Rs. 28.97 crore for the same project further is not required.

Ministry of DoNER may fund this project with token amount of Rs. 4.73 crore subject to the condition that the balance funds would be arranged by the State Government from other sources. Concurrence of the IFD, Ministry of DoNER may be obtained if required, as suggested by the Committee”.

iii. Construction of road from Bomikoto village to Nilling circle HQ via Sima-Dbā. (L-25.00 KM) full stage (cost Rs.36.56 crore):-

During the presentation the State Government representative stated that the project is not covered under the core network of the PMGSY scheme of Ministry of Rural Development. But the proposed road is very important from tourists point of view. He highlighted that the tourists normally do not go beyond Ziro due to absence of proper road connectivity. He informed that the proposed road will connect the Ziro area to the upper Subansiri region of the State which is full of natural beauty and lush with variety of flora and fauna. The proposed road from Bomikoto village to Nilling circle would provide communication to the tourists visiting Sima-Dha lake which is located in the way of the proposed project. Since the road will connect the upper Subhansiri region, the tourists attending the Ziro festival may also be tempted to spare few days to visit the region and can enjoy the natural flora and fauna of the of the area of Subhansiri. They can also experience the adventure tourism potential like trekking, mountain-climbing, rock-climbing etc. To exploit this huge potential of tourism in the upper Subhansiri region, the State Government has posed this project for funding at the cost of Rs.36.56 crore.

The Competent Authority has approved that *“the project may be selected under NESIDS, at the proposed cost of Rs. 36.56 crore without any condition of funding by State Government”.*

Issues relating to Ongoing Projects under NLCPR:-

(i) Construction of District Administration Complex Khowai District, Tripura

The Committee was informed that the Project 'Construction of District Administration Complex, Khowai District, Tripura' was sanctioned on 05.12.2017 for an approved cost of Rs.20.60 crore. It was recommended in the 4th IMC that '*cases may be pursued with the State Governments and may be processed for release of balance funds towards first installment without placing before the Committee if they are received by 15th August, 2018*'. However, the work order dated 28.08.2018 was received on 07.09.2018 i.e. beyond the date of 15th August, 2018.

The State Government brought out the delay as "The Work Advisory Board (WAB) chaired by Chief Secretary didn't recommend the tender and returned with comment as 'deferred'. The tender for the District Administration Complex, Khowai was resubmitted to the WAB'.

After due deliberation, the Committee recommended to condone the delay in placement of Work Order beyond 15th August, 2018 and advised to release of 1st installment.

iii) Project "Construction of Medical Staff Quarters for CHC at Saitual and Thingsulthliah in Mizoram" under NLCPR Scheme.

The proposal of the State Government to foreclose the project on 'as and where is' basis was placed before the Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC). The project was sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 129.62 lakh for the construction of 16 nos. of quarters. The 1st installment of Rs. 46.66 lakh has already been released, against which 6 quarters have been constructed and the release amount of Rs. 46.66 lakhs has been fully utilized. Considering the substantial lapse of time since sanction of the project with corresponding changes in SOR, the State Govt.

decided to **proposed for closure of the project on ' as is and where is ' basis** and further clarified that any incurred liabilities may be met from the State funds.

Based on the request of the State Government, **the Committee after due deliberations recommended the project for foreclosure on 'as and where is' basis** and opined that any liabilities already incurred shall be met by the State funds as proposed by the State Govt.

iv) **Project "Construction of Bridge over Tuichang on Keituam - Artahkawn Road in Mizoram" under NLCPR Scheme.**

The proposal of the State Government to foreclose the project was placed before the Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC). The project was sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 259.49 lakh. The 1st installment of Rs. 81.00 lakh has already been released. The State Govt. brought out that the project faced several Technical and Local related issues and the Cost estimates had become obsolete. Further, it was brought out that the Work is now being undertaken under Central Road Fund (CRF).

It was opined by the Committee that the work carried out against the amount released as 1st installment may be included in the new estimates prepared and it shall be ensured that no funds is released under CRF against the work already carried out, out of released funds under NLCPR Scheme.

Based on the request of the State Government, **the Committee after due deliberations recommended the project for foreclosure.**

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

8. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

List of Participants of 7th IMC/NESIDS Committee meeting held on 24.09.2018

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