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Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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R.K Puram, New Delhi- 110056
Dated 26.11.2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of 8th 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 8th Meeting of Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) on North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER on 19th November at 10:30 a.m. in Committee Room No. "A", (Ground Floor), Vigyan Bhawan Annex, New Delhi for information and necessary action.

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Sub:— Minutes of 8th Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/ NESIDS committee meeting held on 19th November, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in the Committee Room No. A (Ground Floor), Vigyan Bhawan Annex, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER.

At the outset, Secretary, DoNER welcomed members of the IMC/NESIDS Committee, representatives from State Governments of NER and Line Ministries of the Government of India. Thereafter, Joint Secretary, NESIDS made a brief presentation detailing objectives of the scheme of NESIDS and the progress made in taking up the projects there under as per entitlement of the States. It was briefed that the meeting of IMC/NESIDS Committee has been called for considering the proposals for selection of the new projects recommended by the State Governments and sanction of the projects selected in the earlier meetings wherein the recommendations of SLEC, after vetting, were received from the concerned State Governments.

2. This was followed by State-wise presentations made by representatives of the State Governments for consideration of project proposals. After due discussions, the committee made the following recommendations -

A. PROJECTS FOR SELECTION

NAGALAND

i. “Construction of Road and Bridge from NH 29 at 7th Mile Model Village to Seithokema ‘C’ tourist destination, Dimapur District.” (10 kms.) costing Rs. 35.04 crores

Representatives of Government of Nagaland briefed about the proposed project to the Inter-ministerial Committee. After detailed discussions, the Committee felt that nature & scope of the present proposal was rather narrow and catering only to a point to point road. The value addition to the existing infrastructure and the potential to connect places of tourism interest compared to what is already existent needs to be clearly brought out. It was also reiterated that the NESIDS guidelines clearly stipulate infrastructure catering to tourism beyond just roads. Hence, the Committee recommended returning the proposal to the State Government for reconsideration.

ii. “Up-gradation of Road from Kiphire to Tourist Destination at Zungki river, Kiphire District” (11.0 kms.) at a cost of Rs. 20.00 crores
Representatives of Government of Nagaland briefed about the proposed project to the Committee. The Committee enquired about potential benefits to tourism sector in the area and it was submitted that the proposed project will improve connectivity to a major tourist spot, the Zungki river and which is expected to have a positive secondary effect on tourist footfalls to other tourist attractions in the area including camping, fishing, angling and other tourist activities. The Committee also took note of the fact that Kiphire is an identified "Aspirational district" and a part of the relatively undeveloped Eastern Nagaland. After thorough discussion on all aspects of the proposal, the Committee selected the project for funding at the proposed cost.

iii. “Providing connectivity to tourist destinations in and around Longleng Town, Longleng District” (12.05 kms.) at a cost of Rs. 20.00 crore

Representatives of Government of Nagaland briefed about the proposed project to the Committee. The Committee enquired about potential benefits to tourism sector in the area and it was submitted that the project will provide improved connectivity to tourist attractions like the famous Ahom’s cave in Bhumnyu village, and other tourist spots of significance such as Longleng peak and Naga Lempong. The State’s representatives said that the road will also facilitate tourist trekking sites being developed by the Tourism department of the State. The Committee advised that name of the proposed project should be “Upgradation of road from Naga Lempong to Ahom cave Trekking point”. The Committee also took note of the fact that Longleng district is a part of the relatively undeveloped Eastern Nagaland. After thorough discussions and considering all aspects of the proposal, the Committee selected the project for funding at the proposed cost.

iv. “Up-gradation of road from ADC Rest House to Lengha Kheti via Wangkhaoo College, Mon District” (12.00 Kms.) at a cost of Rs. 25.00 crore

Representatives of Government of Nagaland briefed about the proposed project to the Committee. The Committee enquired about potential benefits to tourism sector in the area and heard the submission from the State’s representatives. It was felt that the project was linear in nature in terms of a point to point road without necessarily adding tourism oriented value. Thereafter, considering the limited scope of the present proposal as presented, it was requested to provide a proposal which will serve the public interest on a wider scale towards creating a tourism ecosystem in sync with the NESIDS guidelines. After thorough discussions and considering all aspects, the Committee recommended returning the project for reconsideration.

v. “Providing connectivity to places of tourist interest in the District HQ of Tuensang district” (13.0 kms.) at a cost of Rs. 25.00 crore

Representatives of Government of Nagaland briefed about the proposed project to the Committee. The committee enquired about potential benefits to tourism
sector in the area and it was submitted that the project will provide seamless connection to places of cultural and scenic tourism interest in Tuensang viz., Kangshou to Tsoi via Yungphang. Significantly the route would serve as a cultural attraction by connecting the habitations of the four principal tribes of the area and give access to their dwellings arts and handicrafts etc. The Committee also took note of the fact that Tuensang district is a part of the relatively undeveloped Eastern Nagaland. After thorough discussions and considering all aspects, the Committee selected the proposed project for funding at the proposed cost.

The above recommendations for selection for funding were made with condition that the State will take all possible measures to develop other infrastructure in these axes which can facilitate tourism like inter alia power, water supply etc. The Committee also observed that most of the project proposals hitherto submitted to the Ministry for funding under NESIDS have been in the road sector and it was agreed that the State Government may come up with proposals in the other infrastructure sectors mentioned in the NESIDS guidelines.

(B) PROJECTS FOR SANCTION

**Manipur**

i. "Development of Road Connectivity from Khabam Lamkhai to Hannaching Heingang via Marjing Polo Complex, Heingang Ching, Imphal East for promoting Tourism", with estimated cost of Rs 29.19 crore.

The project was recommended for funding in 4th IMC on 20.07.2018 at the cost of Rs. 30.00 crore. Accordingly, State Government was requested to prepare DPR and vet the same through its State Level Executive Committee (SLEC). In response, SLEC of Manipur vetted the project at a cost of Rs. 2919.73 lakh. The State Government submitted recommendations of SLEC along with appraisal report and other mandatory certificates of the project. Considering recommendations of the SLEC, the Committee discussed the project and recommended the same for sanction at a cost of Rs. 29.19 crore.

ii. "Establishment of Infectious Disease Centre at Porompat, Imphal East", with estimated cost of Rs 20.04 crore.

The project was recommended for funding by 4th IMC for NESIDS held on 20.07.2018 at the cost of Rs. 20.00 crore. The project Appraisal Report and all the mandatory certificates have been submitted by the State Govt. Accordingly, State Government was requested to prepare DPR and vet the same through its State Level Executive Committee (SLEC). In response, SLEC of Manipur vetted the project at a cost of Rs. 20.04 crore. The State Government submitted recommendations of SLEC along with appraisal report and other mandatory certificates of the project. Considering recommendations of the SLEC, the
Committee discussed the project and recommended the same for sanction at a cost of Rs. 20.04 crore.

(C). Other Miscellaneous issues -

i. Two projects of Sikkim “Regional facility for Solid Waste Treatment and Disposal Project for Shipu to cater to South & West Sikkim” at a cost of Rs. 11.14 crore and “Solid Waste Treatment Project for Mangan in North Sikkim” at a cost of Rs. 10.00 crore under Swachhta Action Plan (SAP) of NLCPR were also placed in the meeting to be considered for relaxation of delay in submitting work order after expiry of six months. After due deliberations, the committee accepted the reasons for delay submitted by the State Governments and recommended for processing the proposals for release of balance funds towards first installment.

ii. The issue of Central Assistance for re-building totally washed away/damaged infrastructure during floods in 2017 was also discussed. The Committee was apprised that in the month of August, 2017, the Hon’ble PM had announced an assistance of over Rs. 2000.00 Crores for relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and flood mitigation to the North Eastern States and out of the total package, MDoNER has been mandated to release central assistance of Rs 200.00 Crores for the damaged infrastructure in the flood affected states. The 5 (five) North Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh (Rs. 41.74 crore), Assam (Rs. 101.52 crore), Nagaland (Rs. 13.52 crore), Manipur (Rs. 26.86 crore) and Mizoram (Rs. 26.86 crore) had submitted projects of cumulative worth of Rs. 200.00 Crores to the Ministry for release under NESIDS. Owing to fund constraints, non-conformity with NESIDS guidelines and disparate nature of the proposed works, the Committee deliberated on the matter and agreed that the Ministry could prepare a draft SFC note for a new scheme and approach the Finance Ministry for an additional Rs 200.00 Crore fund for the purpose.

3. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

4. The list of participants is given in Annexure.
List of Participants of 8th IMC/NESIDS Committee meeting held on 19.11.2018

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