

File No: NESIDS/4/2020-O/o US (NLCPR)
Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

Level-IV, East Block-10, Sector-1, R.K. Puram,

New Delhi-110066,
Dated: 23rd July, 2024.

To

The Chief Secretaries,
All the North Eastern States.

Subject: Revision of Guideline for administration of the scheme of "North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme-Other than Road Infrastructure(NESIDS-OTRI) circulated vide O.M. No. NESIDS/4/2020-O/o US (NLCPR) dated 21.8.2023 - Partial modification -regarding.

Madam/Sir,

In continuation to the letter No. NESIDS/4/2020-O/o US (NLCPR) issued by this Ministry vide dated 21st August, 2023 on the above mentioned subject, I am directed to say that the extant Guideline of the scheme of NESIDS(OTRI) inter-alia, describe the two stage process for sanctioning of a project i.e. in 1st stage is the approval of the concept note and in the 2nd stage is the approval of DPR with due recommendations by SLEC in both the stages.

2. However, some of the NE States have observed that due to the aforesaid two-stage sanction process involved in NESIDS-OTRI scheme, a lot of delay is caused each time to obtain recommendation of EIMC for final sanction of the project, and they have proposed to allow them to submit the DPR directly for the projects prioritized by the State Government for sanction of EIMC under the Scheme with the recommendation of the SLEC for consideration without resorting to the 1st stage approval of concept note as envisaged in the guideline.

3. The aforesaid demand of the NE States has been duly considered in this Ministry and it has been decided to incorporate para-10A as additional one in the present Guideline as follows :

"10 A. If the State Government chooses to propose approval of a Project at one go without going through the process of selection as required under para 8 of these Guidelines, they can get the DPR prepared at their own expense and submit the same along with an Executive Summary containing the points covered by a Concept Note. In such cases, the EIMC shall treat the DPR accompanied by the Executive Summary as a Concept Note as well, and the decision of selection can be done away with and the proposal will be scrutinized as if it is recommended by the EIMC as required under para 8 of these Guidelines; and AFS shall be issued if approved by the competent authority. In case the DPR is recommended by the EIMC under para 10 of these Guidelines, the cost of DPR preparation shall be reimbursed as a part of the Project cost. In case the DPR is not approved by the competent authority, the cost of DPR preparation shall not be reimbursed by the Ministry."

4. However, para-3 above will be subject to following conditions:

i) that there is a clear Executive summary enclosed with the project proposal and the DPR is duly vetted by an Institute of repute and duly recommended by the SLEC;

ii) that all requisite documents, checklists and clearances as envisaged in the NESIDS-OTRI guideline for concept note stage approval viz. Annexure-B and DPR stage approval viz. Annexure-C are accompanied with the DPR.

5. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister, MDoNER.

Yours faithfully,


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