

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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Dated: 22nd November, 2023.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the 42nd meeting of Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee for NESIDS (Other than Road Infrastructure) held on 06.11.2023 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of DoNER.

The undersigned is directed to refer the subject mentioned above and to forward herewith the minutes of the 42nd meeting of Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee for NESIDS (Other than Road Infrastructure) held on 06.11.2023 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) at the Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi for information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.



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- 1 CEO, NITI Aayog, New Delhi.
- 2 Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi
- 3 Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.
- 4 Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, New Delhi
- 5 Secretary, North Eastern Council, Shillong, Meghalaya
- 7 All Chief Secretaries of NE States (except Mizoram)
- 8 Addl. Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of DoNER
- 9 Secretary, Ministry Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi
- 10 Secretary, Ministry Tourism, New Delhi

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- 1 PA to Hon'ble Minister, MDoNER
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- 3 PPS to Secretary, MDoNER

Minutes of the 42nd meeting of Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee for NESIDS (Other than Road Infrastructure) held on 06.11.2023 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of DoNER in hybrid mode.

The 42nd meeting of the Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) for NESIDS (Other than Road Infrastructure, or OTRI, for short) was held on 06.11.2023 to discuss the project proposals received from State Governments of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura for consideration of projects for selection/change of scope and other miscellaneous issues in respect of the ongoing projects under NLCPR/NESIDS. List of participants is at **Annexure-I**

2. Welcoming the participants, Secretary, MDoNER initiated the discussion Agenda-wise.

2.1. Agenda No. I: Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting-

Minutes of the 41st meeting was issued on 5th October, 2023. As no comments were received from, the minutes were confirmed.

2.2. Agenda II: Action taken report on the decisions of the last meeting.

Under NESIDS (OTRI), DPRs of 17 projects were placed before the EIMC, of which 11 projects worth Rs 947.77 crore were recommended for sanction. Also, under BTC package, DPRs of 3 projects were placed before the EIMC, of which one project worth Rs. 14.38 crore was recommended for sanction. Further, out of 7 projects placed for selection, 2 projects worth Rs. 38.72 crore were selected.

2.3. Agenda III: Proposal for approval of DPR:

It was informed to all participants that there are 13 projects worth Rs 561.11 crore already selected in the meetings held in December 2022 and March 2023. However, the DPRs of the said projects are still awaited from State Governments. The project wise detailed status and comments of State Government is as follows:-

S. No	Name	Remarks	EIMC's Observation /recommendations
Assam			
1	River Front Development of Brahmaputra near Shanti Ashram in Kokilamukh, Jorhat (Rs 49.86 crore)	ACS Assam informed that the DPR is almost completed, and will be submitted after SLEC recommendations by 20 th November 2023	State Government to expedite submission of DPR/documents at the earliest.

Manipur			
2	Infrastructure Development in and around the Polo Ground at Ibudhou Ivlarjing, Heinqang, Imphal East- for enhancing the central share for the project from Rs.4.37 cr to Rs. 30.40 cr (Rs 26.03 crore)	The proposal for revision of administrative and financial sanction (AFS) is received from the State for enhancement of Central Share considering non-availability of allocation during the year of sanction, which is now available.	Revised AFS to be expedited by the Ministry.
3	Establishment of grid connected solar power plants at two 132 kV Sub-Stations at Elangkhangpokpi & Kakching and 5MW at the bank of Loktak Lake (Rs 33.38 crore)	Representative from the State confirmed that the DPR has been completed for two of the three locations. Loktak lake DPR, along with the other two, will be submitted after SLECs recommendation by 20 th November 2023.	State Government to expedite submission of DPR/documents at the earliest.
Meghalaya			
4	In-situ Nallah Treatment Technology- Restoration of Nallah with Ecological Units (RENU) for the drains of Myntu River within West Jaintia Hills district, Jowai. (Rs 19.42 crore)	The State Government representative informed that a revised priority list will be submitted. This project will be dropped from the selected projects list.	The project may be removed from list of projects already approved in principle at State Government's request.
5	Management of the Legacy Waste at Marten, Shillong. (Rs 40.56 crore)	The State Government representative informed that a revised priority list will be submitted. This project will be dropped from the selected projects list.	The project may be removed from list of projects already approved in principle at State Government's request.
6	Development of Heliport at Shillong in Meghalaya (Rs. 20.00 crore)	The representative from the State Government informed that the DPR is almost ready, and the same will be submitted by 20 th November 2023	State Government to expedite submission of DPR/documents at the earliest.

7	Implementation of Education IT Infrastructure in 240 Govt. Schools across Meghalaya(Rs 24.95 crore)	It was informed by the State Government representative that during the SLEC meeting held on 17.10.2023 the Education Department of Meghalaya was requested to submit proposal to Information Technology and Communications Department for the technical and feasibility report.	State Government to expedite submission of DPR/documents at the earliest.
8	Construction of Girls hostel Building for Tribal Students at Balawan college Umsning Ribhoi(Rs. 9.39 crore)	The State Government representative informed that a revised priority list will be submitted. This project will be dropped from the selected projects list.	The project may be removed from list of projects already approved in principle at State Government's request.
9	Upgradation of Meghalaya State Wide Area Network (MSWAN) Total Cost Rs.54.86 cr. (Rs.7.56 cr operational component excluded)(Rs 47.30 crore)	It was informed by the State Government representative that during the SLEC meeting held on 17.10.2023 the said project has been recommended. The DPR alongwith other requisite documents will be submitted by 20 th November 2023	State Government to expedite submission of DPR/documents at the earliest.
Nagaland			
13	Construction of Short Landing Strips in 4 (four) District Head Quarters in Nagaland(Rs. 140 crore)	The State Government representative informed that the agency selected for finalising DPR requires some more time for preparation of the DPR.	State Government to expedite submission of DPR/documents at the earliest.
Sikkim			
14	Analytics Powered Interactive Virtual Class-rooms(Rs 20.00 crore)	The State Government representative informed that the agency selected	State Government to expedite submission of

		for finalising DPR requires some more time for preparation of the DPR.	DPR/documents at the earliest.
Tripura			
15	Hoara Dam Project under West Tripura District(Rs 68.20 crore)	The State Government representative informed that the agency selected for finalising DPR requires some more time for preparation of the DPRs.	State Government to expedite submission of DPR/ documents at the earliest, along with necessary clearances.
16	Construction of rain water reservoir on Champai Cherra near Champaibari(Rs 62.01 crore)		

2.4. Agenda No. IV: Proposal for in principle approval.

S.No.	Name of the Project	Remarks	EIMC's recommendations
1	Bhogdoi Ecotourism infrastructure and River front Development (Rs 69.02 crore)	The projects were discussed in 39 th EIMC meeting held on 10.03.2023. EIMC was of the view that being eco-tourism projects, these would need deeper cost-benefit analysis. The cost benefit analysis has now been submitted by the State Government. Ministry of Tourism has submitted a format/SoP to be adhered to for approval of such projects. The final comments of Ministry of Tourism may be sought at DPR stage.	These being Eco-tourism projects, are deferred until tourist footfall, ecological and developmental benefits are ascertained by State Government. Also, comments/views of Ministry of Tourism to be obtained by State Government.
2	Doomdooma Ecotourism infrastructure and river front development (Rs 34.00 crore)		

2.5. Agenda No. V: Matter relating to ongoing projects

S. No	Name	Remarks	EIMC's Observation /recommendations
1	Infrastructure Development of Maternity & Child Hospital, Imphal East in Manipur (Rs. 40.00 crore) - Condonation of delay in issue of Work Order	The representative of the State Government stated that finalization of tender was delayed as the Special Tender Committee for the Engineering Cell was to be formed by placing the matter before the State Cabinet. Work Order was issued vide Order dated 20/03/2023 and land	Recommended for condoning the delay in issue of work order.

		development work has started. There is a delay of 6 months in issue of Work Order and requested for condonation of this delay.	
2	Procurement of 17 ALS Ambulance for 16 Districts and 1 Central Pool (Medical Directorate) in Manipur (Rs 4.25 crore)- Change in scope of work	The representative of the State Government stated that Ministry of DoNER had approved the project at a cost of Rs. 425.00 lakh for purchase of 17 ALS ambulances @ Rs 25.00 lakh per ambulance. The ALS ambulances were procured through GeM and it was found that the discovered price was Rs.29.50 lakh per ambulance and accordingly, 14 ALS ambulances could be procured. Accordingly, the State Government requested for approval of change the scope. Since the project was approved for procurement of 17 ALS Ambulances with total cost of Rs.425 lakh @ Rs.25 lakh/unit, any cost overrun owing to increase in cost of the Ambulances has to be borne by the State Government as per Scheme Guidelines.	EIMC was of the view that the cost of item procurement of ALS ambulance should be kept restricted to Rs 3.50 crore being the cost of 14 Ambulances @ Rs 25 lakh as sanctioned. On the basis of request of Chief Secretary Manipur, EIMC agreed that CS Manipur would send appropriate proposal in the next meeting after obtaining the State Governments decision on this matter.
3	Procurement of 2000 Nos, Oxygen Concentrators and Procurement of Oxygen Cylinder-D Type-2000 No and 1000 No D/B type in Manipur. (Rs 19.80 crore) (Cancellation of project)	Representative of the State government informed that Ministry of DoNER approved the project at a cost Rs.1980 lakh for procurement of Oxygen concentrators and oxygen cylinder and these items were not required any more due to the available stock and the low cases of COVID and requested the committee to cancel the project.	The committee recommended cancellation of the project, as requested by the State.
4	Setting up/installation of Liquid Medical Oxygen Tank and Vaporizer 3 Nos. (one 10 KL and	The representative of the State Government informed that the project was approved at a cost of Rs.568.63 lakh. During the second wave of Covid-19 when it was at its peak, Liquid	The committee recommended the proposal for change of scope of the project with reduced cost of Rs.148.37 lakh.

	two Nos. of 20 KL) at JNIMS, Imphal East (Rs 5.69 crore)	Medical Oxygen Tanks were procured on emergency basis and installed at JNMIS (10 KL) and at veterinary Complex (20 KL) from another source. Hence, project cost was reduced and requested the committee for approval of the change of scope of the project with reduced cost. Rs. 148.37 lakh	
5	Strengthening for covid 19 testing in Manipur (Rs. 19.25 crore)	The representative of the State Government stated that the project was sanctioned at cost of Rs.19.25 crore. The components of the project, such as consumables, reagents & kits etc costing Rs.1673.76 lakh, which were having a short shelf life, were not required due to substantial reduction in COVID-19 Cases. Only an amount of Rs. 241.32 lakh was required for rest of the approved component of the projects. Hence, the committee was requested to consider the change in scope of the projects with reduced cost.	The committee recommended the change in scope of the project with reduced cost of Rs. 251.32 lakh.
6	Strengthening of Diagnostics services: State of art diagnostic center at Pasteur Institute, Shillong Funded under NESIDS. (Rs 20.00 crore)	The representative of the State Government informed that the project was sanctioned under NESIDS at cost of Rs.20.00 crore on 08.03.2019. The outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic hindered the progress of the tendering process. Supply order for equipment for Radiology Services was given on 17.01.2022. and that for other two components of the project were given on 5.5.2023. Hence the committee has been requested to condone the delay in issue of work order. The Biochemistry Services cost as per Administrative and	The committee recommended the proposal for condonation of delay in issue of work order. However, any reduction in cost of component as per AFS may be deducted from the sanctioned cost of the project. Accordingly, the revised project cost is now Rs 19.71 crore (instead of Rs 20.00 crore) i.e. a reduction of Rs 29.09 lakh.

		Financial Services (AFS) was Rs 246.18 lakh, however, the work order was for an amount Rs 217.09 lakh. (negative change of Rs 29.09 lakh)	
7	Extension of Hotel Japhu at Kohima under NLCPR(RS 9.83 crore)	Representative of the State Government stated that the project was sanctioned on 04.07.2013 at a cost of Rs. 9.83 crore and 1st instalment of Rs. 353.92 lakh (i.e. 40% of Central Share of Rs. 884.80 lakh) was released on 05.07.2013. The physical progress the project is 70%. The plinth area has been reduced from 4866 sq m to 1527.57 sq m from the original DPR. Hence, the proposal is for approval of change of Scope of project with plinth area of 1527.57 sq m and reduced cost of Rs. 734.58 lakh.	As the reduction in plinth area is almost 1/3 of the original plinth area, the reduction in cost from the original Rs. 983.12 lakh to Rs. 734.58 lakh is not commensurate with the reduction in plinth area. State Government may rectify the reduced cost of the project accordingly and place the matter in the next EIMC with recommendation of SLEC for consideration.
8	Water Supply Scheme at Bishalgarh (1.00 MGD) at in Tripura" under NLCPR.(Rs 7.81 crore)	The State Government representative informed that the project was sanctioned on 29/06/2007 with an approved cost of Rs.781.06 lakh (shared on (90:10 centre:state ratio). Project is now physically completed. Completion Certificate along with other documents has been sent to Min. of DoNER. One component of the project viz. "Construction of Distributor Reservoir" costing Rs. 68.19 lakh could not be executed for want of suitable land during implementation of the project. As the project has already been completed, and no further fund is required, the proposal is for approval of the change in scope in the project.	The committee recommended the change of scope as proposed by the State Government with the advice to refund the amount of Rs. 61.37 lakh (i.e. 90% of Rs.68.19 lakh for the component at Sl. (vi) as mentioned in the AFS of the project.
9	Construction of one (G+3) Storied office Building for	The representative of the State Government stated that the project was sanctioned on	The Committee recommended the change of scope of the project with

	the accommodation of Directorate of Higher Education, Under NLCPR(Rs 10.91 crore)	20.02.2014 at a cost of Rs.10.91 cr (90:10 centre: state ratio). Out of these, an amount of Rs. 7.86 crore has been released in two instalment by the Ministry. State govt representative informed that G+3 building construction was done as per the approved AFS. The State government official further stated that there was an immediate requirement for construction of a new Education Directorate building as the existing building of the Directorate was in dilapidated shape and highly vulnerable to collapse. Hence, the committee is requested approve the to change in scope of the project so that this 4th floor may be constructed and the cost will be borne by the State Government.	the stipulation that central share of the project will be limited Rs. 9.82 crore i.e. 90% of the original approved cost (Rs.10.91 crore) and balance would be borne by the State Government.
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3. The committee also advised that wherever there is cancellation and reduction in project cost the State Government may prefer to pose new projects for the same amount.

4. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

List of Participants

42nd meeting of EIMC of NESIDS (OTRI) held on 6th November, 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe at 11.30 A.M.

Sl No.	Min./Deptt./ State	Name	Designation
1	Min. of DoNER	Shri Chanchal Kumar	Secretary – in - Chair
		Shri Angshuman Dey	Joint Secretary
2	Govt of Assam	Dr Ashish Bhutani	Addl.Chief Secretary (T&D Deptt)
		Shri Raj Chakraborty	SC & SS, PWD
		Shri Ashish kr Srivastava	EE, PWD (B)
		Shri Mukti Nath Upadhyay	US
3	Government of Manipur	Dr. Vineet Joshi	Chief Secretary
		Shri P K Jha	Commissioner(Health)
		Ms. N. Kulkarani Devi	Dir. (Planning)
		Dr. R. K. Radhesana	Joint Dir. (Planning)
4	Government of Meghalaya	Dr. Shakil P. Ahammed	Chief Secretary on VC
		Shri T.G Momin	Joint Secretary(Health) on VC
		Smt. D.B. Dkhar	Planning Officer on VC
		Shri K. Hynniewta	Jt. Secretary (Planning)
		Shir Dondor Marboh	Research Officer
5	Government of Nagaland	Shri R. Ramakrishnan	Pr. Secretary &Dev. Commissioner
6	Government of Sikkim	Shri A K Chand	R.C.
7	Government of Tripura	Shri J K Sinha	Chef Secretary on VC
		Shri Kiran Gitte	Secretary Planning
		Shri Abhishek Singh	Secretary(Power) on VC
		Dr. Sanjeev Rathore	Secretry(Health) on VC
8	Min. of Health & Family Welfare	Shri Nagendra kumar	US
		Shri S.Dutta	S.S.O
9	MDoNER	Shri Purushottam Verma	Director
		Shri Ankit Mishra	Deputy Secretary
		Shri S. D. Meena	Deputy Secretary
		Shri N K Saha	Under Secretary
		Shri Viveka Nand	Asstt. Section Officer
