

Infra/16/2025-O/o UNDER SECRETARY(MY)
Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
(NESIDS-Roads)

Jodhpur Officer's Hostel, Pandara Park,
India Gate, New Delhi - 110003.

Dated: 15.10.2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the 21st Meeting of Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC - 21) held on 29.09.2025 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER to consider various projects under NESIDS (Roads) - reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC-21) held on 29.09.2025 in hybrid mode under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region to consider various project proposals under NESIDS (Roads) for information and necessary action please.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl.: As above.


15.10.2025
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2. Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs
3. Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
4. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
5. Secretary, Logistics (DPIIT)
6. Chief Secretaries (All the 8 NER States)
7. AS & FA, Ministry of DoNER
8. Secretary, North Eastern Council, Shillong
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Minutes of the 21st Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC-21) meeting held on 29.09.2025 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER to consider various project proposals under NESIDS (Roads).

The 21st meeting of Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC-21) for NESIDS (Roads) Scheme was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of DoNER on 29.09.2025 in hybrid mode in Jodhpur Officers' Hostel, New Delhi. The list of participants is annexed.

2. The Secretary, Ministry of DoNER welcomed the participants and asked the Additional Secretary (Infrastructure Wing) to start the presentation. The deliberations and decisions are as under:

Agenda No.1 - The Minutes of the last Meeting of 20th EIMC held on 19.08.2025 were circulated vide MDoNER's O.M. No. Infra/11/2025-O/o UNDER SECRETARY(MY) dated 02.09.2025. As there were no comments received from any State Government/Line Ministry/NITI Aayog, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the 20th EIMC.

Agenda 2: DPR approval (01)

SN	Name of Project	State	Length (in KM)	Cost (in cr.)	Deliberations	Decision of EIMC
1	Upgradation of road from Lampong Sheanghah to Nyasa village via Longphoh, Shangnyu, Mon district (1240007)	Nagaland	18.00	36.66	It was conveyed that MoRTH, MHA, MoRD and DPIIT have supported the project. NITI made following observations during the meeting: (i) This road is of strategic importance as it is located at close proximity to the Indo-Myanmar border and Arunachal Pradesh, so certification from MHA or MoD must be obtained - Programme	Recommended for approval of DPR with central share of Rs. 23.09 Cr.

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				<i>Division clarified to NITI that the support from MHA has already been received.</i> (ii) Socio-economic impacts include improved market access for agricultural, dairy, handloom & horticulture goods for 18,000 people in 4 villages, however, these figures should be verified again with baseline surveys - Programme Division clarified that Baseline Survey has been done by the State Govt. while preparing the DPR and the same has been verified by NEC. (iii) PM Gati Shakti portal analysis is positive, however, special validation & direct demonstration of connectivity gap must be provided to confirm the proposal's conformity with visibility & necessity criteria mandated by MDoNER and Environmental & Social governance framework is advised - Programme	
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				Division clarified that the State Govt. has informed that the project aligns with SDGs Goal No. 8 (Economic Growth) & 10 (Reduced Inequalities) and the same has been verified by NEC. Also, there is no duplication with any other scheme as verified from PM Gati Shakti portal analysis, Geo Sadak Analysis of D/o Rural Development. (iv) EPC contract mode is noted yet terrain & remote location risks leading to relating to cost escalation, supply chain logistics & contractor capacity must be critically assessed incorporating robust risk mitigation measures in contract document - Programme Division clarified that the observations of NITI are noted and the State Government will be asked to incorporate the same in the EPC Contract. (v) Environmental, Forest & Land clearance must be	
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				substantiated by NOCs and encumbrance free right of way for the road must be clear beforehand - Programme Division clarified that all the required clearances & NOCs have already been provided by the State Govt. (vi) The proposed technical specifications of the project should be as per relevant IRC Codes - Programme Division clarified that relevant IRC Codes have been followed while preparing the DPR and the same has been vetted by the NEC and NEC has also ensured that new technology specifications are incorporated in the technical specifications leading to a reduction in cost of the project. It was also clarified to NITI that MoRTH & DoRD while vetting the project proposal, they check & verify that the project specifications & design is as per relevant IRC Codes and they both	
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				have supported the project. (vii) There should be independent quality audit & third-party monitoring provision should be enforced with dedicated budget – It was clarified that MDoNER already has a monitoring mechanism which does inspection of the sanctioned projects; (a.) Project Quality Monitoring (PQM) (b.) Third Party Technical Inspection by the govt engg colleges. PQM & TPTI inspections are done during the execution of the project and only if the inspection report scores high on outcome & quality scores then only the payment is released for the project. Further, representative of NEC clarified that:- Under NESIDS (Roads) scheme, only EPC Tendering format is being followed currently. At the tendering stage all the technical qualifications of the	
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				contractor will be checked & verified. For quality control of the project work, 1% of the project cost has been earmarked for quality control measures. State Govt. also engages a third party for day to day quality monitoring of the project. In view of the above discussion, NITI Aayog supported the proposal during the meeting. The Committee observed that the balance outlay of Nagaland is Rs. 23.09 Cr only. Therefore, the The excess amount for the project will have to be borne by the State Government. After detailed deliberations, the Committee decided to recommend the proposal.	
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Agenda 3: Concept Stage (01)

S N	Name of the Project	State	Length in Km	Cost (in cr.)	Deliberations	Decision of EIMC
1	Construction of 60 M span bridge over Rangpo Khola along Satam SamrukGangla road under Namchi District, Sikkim (60M) (1250008)	Sikkim	0.06	21.29	It was conveyed that MoRTH, DPIIT and DoRD have supported the project. MHA had sought additional information from the State Government on 17.09.2025 to which the State Government had furnished reply on 19.09.2025. The representative of MHA supported the project during the meeting. NITI Aayog had sought additional information on 23.09.2025 to which State Government furnished reply on 27.09.2025. The same was forwarded to NITI Aayog on PVS Portal. Representative of the NITI Aayog observed that the project does not have approval of the SLEC chaired by Chief Secretary - Programme Division clarified that the Minutes of SLEC have been attached in the reply furnished by State Government to the	Recommended for In-Principle approval.



				<i>additional information sought by NITI Aayog and the same has been forwarded to NITI Aayog via PVS Portal.</i> The Committee stated that the observations of NITI Aayog and MHA will be incorporated in the DPR and decided to recommend the proposal for in-principle approval.	
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Agenda 4: Change of Scope (01)

SN	Name of Project	State	Length (in KM)	Original Cost (in cr.)	Revised Cost (in cr.)	Deliberations	Decision of EIMC
1	Construction of Road from Shillong City to Umroi airport in Ribhoi district	Meghalaya	14.279	50.00	35.26	This project was originally sanctioned on 19.04.2022 at a cost of Rs 50.00 cr and the Contract Cost is Rs. 34.63 cr. It was conveyed that the proposal for change of scope has been supported by MoRTH & DoRD. Meghalaya State Govt. requested Change of Scope in the following items: • Change of Alignment:	To be placed in the next EIMC.

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						The alignment of the road deviated from the originally proposed in some stretches due to the objections from the landowners, who donated their land free of cost without any changes to the over-all length of the road. As the contract was on EPC, no additional cost for this change of alignment is involved. • Cross Drainage Works: Against the contract provision of 23 Box Culverts and 11 Hume Pipe Culverts (for Rs. 533.03 lakh), 38 Hume Pipe Culverts and 5 Slab Culverts have been constructed. State Government	
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						proposed an additional amount of ₹ 226.42 lakhs for the changes in culvert type. However, original contract cost has been reduced by ₹ 177.96 lakhs for change of scope indicating a negative change of scope. • Lined Drain: A proposal for 260 RM of lined drain for ₹ 58.09 lakhs has been submitted. This has been recommended at an additional cost of ₹ 9.35 lakhs. • Protection Works: An additional amount of ₹ 365.73 lakhs has been proposed towards protection works. This has not been considered in absence of	
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						detailed quantity for the Protection works in Schedule-B of the Contract, against the provision of ₹388.26 lakhs in Schedule-H. • Differential GST: Due to revision of GST from 12% to 18% w.e.f. July 2022, State Govt. proposed for additional amount of ₹ 185.64 lakhs, which has been corrected to ₹ 176.61 lakhs and may be considered. • Price Variation (as per Clause 19.10): As per the contract, the project was to be completed by April 2025. Price variation claims are considered up to this period. The admissible amount is ₹ 39.08 lakhs (inclusive of	
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						GST @18%) against the claim of ₹ 173.18 lakhs. The final additional cost for Change of Scope is Rs. 47.08 lakhs. NITI supported the proposal during the meeting and informed that they will upload their comments on the PVS portal. The representative from DoRD observed that the road project has an overlap of 1.25 km with PMGSY road. The PMGSY road was sanctioned in 2018 & completed in 2022. The Committee instructed the NEC Officials to inspect the road and give their report on the existing condition of the road. In view of the foregoing, the Committee decided to defer the proposal to the next meeting.	
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3. While reviewing the outlays, the State Governments were requested to submit the Concept Notes/DPRs to the Ministry on time as per their available balance outlays. The State-wise balance outlays is as below:

(Rs. in crore)

S N	STATE	Norma tive Alloca tion %	Alloca tion for State	In Principle Approval		DPR Approved		AFS issued		AA Issued by NEC		Balanc e Norma tive	Shelf
				No of proj ects	Amo unt	No of proj ects	Amo unt	No of proj ects	Amo unt	No of proj ects	Amo unt	Amou nt	Amo unt
1	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	13.06	354.9708	0	0	0	0	6	342.08	6	342.08	12.89	0
2	ASSAM	27.78	755.0604	2	54.11	0	0	7	690.28	7	690.28	10.67	0
3	MANIPUR	9.98	271.2564	0	0	0	0	9	261.38	8	214.48	9.96	0
4	MEGHALAYA	10.76	292.4568	2	200.07	0	0	2	30.58	2	30.58	61.81	0
5	MIZORAM	10.42	283.2156	2	186.96	0	0	3	110.2	3	110.2	0.00	0
6	NAGALAND	10.18	276.6924	1	39.41	0	0	7	253.6	7	253.6	0.00	0
7	SIKKIM	6.54	177.7572	1	22.5	0	0	3	101.36	3	101.36	53.90	21.29
8	TRIPURA	11.28	306.5904	1	98	1	30.72	5	234.29	3	168.28	0.00	0
	TOTAL	100	2718	9	601.05	1	30.72	42	2023.69	39	1910.86	149.22	21.29

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4. The State Governments were requested to expedite the completion of the ongoing projects, as this is the last year of the current 15th Finance Commission period. They were also requested to send the demand proposals as per the expenditure plans. The State-wise expenditure target and achievement of first two quarters is as below:

(Rs. in crore)

S N	State	Expenditure Plan for Q1 & Q2 FY 2025-26									
		Q1		Jul-25		Aug-25		Sep-25		Total Q2	
		Targ et	Expendit ure	Targ et	Expendit ure	Targ et	Expendit ure	Targ et	Expendit ure	Targ et	Expendit ure
1	Arunachal Pradesh	23.96	18.29	0.00	11.40	5.30	3.00	4.41	18.42	9.71	32.82
2	Assam	33.90	25.97	0.00	8.00	0.00	2.90	31.86	28.63	31.86	30.89
3	Manipur	35.88	18.05	0.00	2.60	10.41	5.57	0.00	0.00	10.41	18.17
4	Meghalaya	24.88	17.57	0.95	0.00	0.00	9.67	0.00	0.00	0.95	9.67
5	Mizoram	19.66	16.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Nagaland	61.29	25.71	0.00	36.21	14.33	13.35	29.00	8.00	43.33	49.56
7	Sikkim	11.64	15.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.95
8	Tripura	6.77	45.82	19.61	0.00	0.00	5.61	0.00	7.00	19.61	12.61
	Total	217.98	183.90	20.56	58.21	30.04	60.05	65.27	62.05	115.87	163.68

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5. TSA Balance

The State Governments were requested to withdraw the balance form TSA-1 Account and raise additional demand request if required.

(Rs. in crore)

State	NESIDS (ROAD)
	TSA-1
Arunachal Pradesh	26.80
Assam	3.40
Manipur	0.00
Meghalaya	1.55
Mizoram	0.13
Nagaland	50.40
Sikkim	0.01
Tripura	23.49
Total	105.78

6. It was re-iterated by the Committee that while preparing the DPRs of road Projects, new technologies for road construction should invariably be used as per the MoRTH and IRC Guidelines so that the roads have longer durability and protection from rain water.

7. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



List of Participants of the Meeting

From Ministry of DoNER

1. Shri Chanchal Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of DoNER (In-Chair)
2. Shri Shantanu, Additional Secretary, Infrastructure Wing, MDoNER
3. Shri Moneshwar Kalita, Superintending Engineer, NEC
4. Shri Shashikant Mehta, Deputy Secretary, Infrastructure Wing, MDoNER
5. Shri Sandeep Verma, Deputy Secretary, IFD, MDoNER
6. Shri Mahipal Yadav, US, Infrastructure Wing, MDoNER
7. Shri Sunil Kumar Jain, Executive Engineer, Ministry of DoNER
8. Shri Abhinav Saroha, ASO, MDoNER
9. Shri Abhinav Yadav, Sr. Consultant, Infrastructure Wing
10. Shri Ankush Ajmera, Consultant, Ministry of DoNER

From Other Ministries/ Departments

1. Shri Khilli Ram Meena, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Mizoram
2. Shri Debajit Bhuyan, Special Secretary, PWD (Roads), Govt. of Assam
3. Shri Dilip Kumar Borah, Secretary, Govt. of Assam
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5. Shri L.T. Dalong, Secretary (Planning), Govt. of Tripura
6. Shri Dr. Vijay Kumar, Commissioner & Secretary (Planning), Govt. of Meghalaya
7. Shri R.K. Sharma, Secretary (Planning), Govt. Arunachal Pradesh

8. Shri Rinzing Chewang, Secretary (Planning), Govt. of Sikkim
9. Chief Engineer, PWD, Govt. of Manipur
10. Shri Radhesana, Director (Planning), Govt. of Manipur
11. Shri Mohd Zubair Ali Hashmi, Director, NITI Aayog
12. Shri Lalatendu Behera, Superintending Engineer, MoRTH
13. Director (Project Coordination Planning), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
14. Development Commissioner, Govt. of Nagaland
15. Shri Ashish Srivastava, Joint Director, Ministry of Rural Development
16. Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Under Secretary (NE Division), Ministry of Home Affairs
17. Shri Arun Kumar, Under Secretary, DPIIT
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