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Government of India  
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region  
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New Delhi-110066  
Dated: 09.09.2024.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Minutes of the 48<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) for Special Development Packages of Assam held on 27.08.2024.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to subject cited above and to forward herewith the minutes of the 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) of Special Development Packages of Autonomous Councils of Assam held on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at 10:30 AM at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe (Conference Hall, Room No. 245), New Delhi-110011 under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) and Co-Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary of the Assam for information and necessary action, please.

Encl.: As above.



(Mahipal Yadav)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To,

1. Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog, , New Delhi
2. Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi
3. Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi
4. Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, New Delhi
5. Secretary, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi
6. Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, New Delhi
7. Secretary, Ministry of Textile, New Delhi
8. Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries
9. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
10. Secretary, DPIIT, New Delhi.
11. Chief Secretary, Assam
12. Secretary North Eastern Council, Shillong, Meghalaya.
13. Senior Economic Advisor, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi-110011.

14. Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, New Delhi-110011.
15. Joint Secretary (Infrastructure Wing), Ministry of DoNER, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi-110011.
16. Sr. Technical Director (NIC), MDoNER with the request to upload the Minutes of the Meeting in Ministry's website.

Copy for information to:

- i. PS to Hon'ble Minister, MDoNER
- ii. PS to Hon'ble MoS, MDoNER

**Minutes of 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) of Special Development Packages for Autonomous Council of Assam held on 27.08.2024 at 02:00 PM under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region through hybrid mode.**

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The 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) for Special Development Package of Assam was held on 27.08.2024 at 02:00 PM to discuss project proposals received from BTC. List of participants is at Annexure-1.

2. At the outset, Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) and Chairperson of the Committee welcomed the participants and directed JS(Infrastructure), MDoNER to start the presentation. The Agenda-wise deliberations and decisions were taken as follows:

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

The Minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting were issued on 06<sup>th</sup> June 2024. As there were no comments received from the State Government, therefore the Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

**Agenda No. II: Proposal for Approval of DPRs:**

DPRs against the following projects were discussed and the Committee made observations/ recommendations as follows:

S. No.	State	Name of Project	Deliberations	Decision
1.	Assam (BTC)	Construction of Institute of Hotel & Tourism Management Chirang (Rs.46.61 cr.)	(i) Comments from the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) was awaited as Representative from MoT informed that MoT has forwarded the DPR to National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology (NCHMCT) which is yet to furnish the comments.  (ii) NITI Aayog has sought additional information on this project and requested for a presentation on this project from BTC before their concerned	To be placed in next EIMC

			vertical for providing comments.  (iii)Chairman directed both MoT and NITI to forward their comments to this Ministry in one week.	
2.	Assam (BTC)	Construction of Bodoland Territorial Region Sports Academy at Udalgiri District, Assam' (Rs.184.83 cr.)	(i)Deptt. of Sports has supported the proposal from sports utility perspective and has suggested to do a thorough gap analysis regarding the establishment of proposed infrastructure.  (ii) NITI Ayog informed that they are examining the proposal and conveyed that they will share their comments in next 2 days.	To be placed in next EIMC
3.	Assam (BTC)	Bodoland Movement Memorial Museum, Salbari, Baksa(Rs.20.00 cr.)	(i)After compliance by state government on preliminary observations of M/o Culture, final Comments of M/o Culture on the Revised DPR is awaited. Chairman expressed his displeasure on such delay in providing comments and requested the Ministry to expedite the same.  (ii)NITI Aayog has observed on criteria and justification for selection of location, thorough feasibility study and wider stakeholder/expert consultation and Long-term sustainability model.  (iii)However, Chairman requested the representative	To be placed in next EIMC

		from NITI to provide its final comments in next 07 days.	
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**Agenda No. III: Proposals for In-Principle Approval:**

S. No	State	Name of Project	Deliberations	Decision
1.	Assam (BTC)	Food Processing Plant with cold storage facilities at Goladangi in Kokrajhar District, Assam (Rs.46.90 cr.)	(i) Representative from MoFPI supported this proposal and informed to send their written comments to this Ministry in one week.	To be placed in next EIMC
2.	Assam (BTC)	Food processing plant with cold storage facilities at Lalpool, Udalguri District (Rs.43.07 cr.)	(ii) NITI has observed that the proposal may look for convergence with suitable schemes of MoFPI to avoid duplicacy of incentives.	
3.	Assam (BTC)	Food processing plant with cold storage facility at Nakuchi, Baksa District (Rs.49.36 cr.)	(iii) After submission of compliance by the state government to NITI on 27.08.2024, NITI was requested to furnish its final comments for all these 3 proposals in one week.	
4.	Assam (BTC)	Institute of livelihood Management, Tangla, Udalguri (Rs.25 cr.)	(i) As neither any representatives were present nor the comments were received from Deptt. of Animal Husbandry and Dairy, so Chairman directed to send one reminder requesting to furnish the comments immediately.  (ii) NITI has observed that the Sankalp under NRLM and NIRD are run by Govt. of India to provide for sustainable	To be placed in next EIMC

			<p>livelihood and sector development which is to be looked into to avoid any duplication.</p> <p>(iii) Further in compliance to the observations by NITI, the Ministry clarified that there is clear provision for establishment of Livelihood Management Institute in the Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) of BTC.</p> <p>(iv) Further, NITI was also requested to expedite its final comments within one week.</p>	
5.	Assam (BTC)	Training, production and marketing centre for Handloom & Textile product at Haltugaon, Kokrajhar District (Rs.30.21 cr.)	<p>(i) Comments from MSDE and Ministry of Textile awaited.</p> <p>(ii) However, representative from Ministry of Textiles supported this proposal subject to the condition that the Training component from this project to be deleted as their Ministry also conducting such training programs which may be a duplication of efforts.</p>	To be placed in next EIMC
6.	Assam (BTC)	Training, production and marketing centre for Handloom & Textile product at Udhiyaguri, Baksa District (Rs.31.26 cr.)	<p>(iii) NITI Aayog mentioned that following details required for:</p> <p>gap analysis for justification of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criteria of identification of beneficiaries;</li> </ul>	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Trainings to be offered;</li> <li>▪ the modality for operationalizing the partnership ;</li> </ul> <p>for which response from SG is awaited.</p> <p>(iv) However, Chairman requested the representatives to provide its final comments in next 07 days.</p> <p>(v) As the state government was requested to delete the training portion from the proposal, hence, consultation from MSDE not required.</p>	
7.	Assam (BTC)	Development of Bamboo Nursery cum production and processing centre at Aie Powali in Chirang District and Khayerghutu in Kokrajhar District. (Rs.32.33 cr.)	<p>(i) D/o A&amp;FW has forwarded the concept note to Assam State Bamboo Mission (ASBM) for which comments from ASBM is awaited.</p> <p>(ii) As neither any representatives were present nor the comments were received from Deptt. of Agriculture and FW, so Chairman directed to send one reminder requesting to furnish the comments immediately.</p> <p>(iii) State government of Assam was also requested to follow up this matter with both ASBM and Deptt. of Agriculture and FW for expediting their comments on</p>	To be placed in next EIMC

			the project.	
			(iv) NITI Aayog informed that they had sought additional information, which was received on 27.08.2024. They will examine the response of the State Government and provide their final comments in one week.	
8.	Assam (BTC)	Promotion of Eco Tourism in 7 identified places: i. Manas National Park: Rs. 25.00 Cr ii. Bornodi (Bogamati): Rs. 35.00 Cr iii. Chakrashila (Baokhungri): Rs. 20.00 Cr iv. BhairabKunda: Rs. 20.00 Cr. v. Kachugaon (Raimona): Rs. 20.00 Cr vi. Diplai Lake & Dhir Beel: Rs. 20.00 Cr & vii. Sareswar Lake (Gurudham, Kazigaon): Rs. 25.00 Cr	(i) Ministry of Tourism supported this proposal in principle and informed that they will send their comments immediately after formal approval of the same.  (ii) When the representative from MoEFCC raised the issue of Forest clearance for the project, the state government clarified that as there is no forest land in the project area, so there is no need for any forest clearance. But the representative from MoEFCC informed that it is an Eco-sensitive zone.  (iii) MoEFCC informed to send its comments in one week.  (iv) NITI Aayog observed that possible scope of PPP developer is not clear. Govt. should invest in building of basic infra, connectivity to the site and other common facilities. Other hard infra and O&M should be in the scope of Pvt. Developer only.	To be placed in next EIMC



		Existing and projected tourist footfall may also be indicated.	
		(v) NITI informed to finalise their comments after the said presentation.	

3. Before concluding the meeting, Chairman reiterated that the State Government while submitting the new project proposals, should provide the details regarding operationalization, maintenance and sustainability of the project along with all statutory clearances as per Annexure-B for Concept Notes and Annexure-C for DPRs, as per the guidelines of NESIDS (OTRI) issued vide No. NESIDS/4/20202-US(NLCPR) dated 21.08.2023.

4. Further, from now onward, all the Project proposals, whether it is Concept notes or DPRs, the same to be uploaded on the Poorvottar Vikash Settu Portal by the concerned agencies posing the projects which has already started functioning, and all ancillary processes starting from uploading of projects to sanction will be done through this portal only.

5. Lastly, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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**Annexure-I****List of Participants**

**48<sup>th</sup> meeting of EIMC for Special Development Packages of Assam held on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe at 02.00 PM.**

Sl. No.	Organization	Officers attended
1	Members of the EIMC of NESIDS(OTRI)/their representatives	Shri Chanchal Kumar, Secretary, MDoNER – in Chair Shri Asit Gopal, Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor, Ministry of DoNER Shri Shantanu, Joint Secretary, MDoNER
2	Govt. of Assam	Shri Akashdeep, Principal Secretary, BTR, Kokrajhar Shri Jayanta Sarmah, Director/CHD, Tourism Dept. Shri Sujit Baglari, Secretary, BTR-Assam Shri Mapoleom Kerketta, BTR, Dev Fellow, BTC Shri Avinash Chirania, Architect, BTC Shri Shivang Bansal, Consultant, BTC (Vastunidhi) Shri Amit Upadhyay, A.V.P. , BTC(Fortress) Ms. Pooja Patil, Planner, BTC(Kokrajhar)
3	NITI Aayog	Ms. Kavya Rajendran, Consultant Shri Devdasshan Chetia, Young Professional
4	Ministry of Home Affairs	Shri N.R. Minz, Deputy Secretary (NE.I)
5	Ministry of Tourism	Shri Pawan, Under Secretary
6	Ministry of Textile	Shri Bharat Bhushan, Assistant Director Shri Nipun Pande, JDC
7	Ministry of External Affairs	Shri Vinjay Kumar, Section Officer
8	Department for Promotion of Industries and Internal Trade	Shri Ashwani Kumar, Section Officer
9	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Shri Sunil Sharma, Joint Director
10	NEC	Shri Moneshwar Kalita, Superintending Engineer
11	Ministry of DoNER	Shri B.B. Panigrahi, Joint Director Shri Sandeep Verma, Deputy Secretary Shri Sunil Kumar Jain, Executive Engineer Shri Mahipal Yadav, Under Secretary Ms. Kusum Singh Sharma, Sr. Statistical Officer