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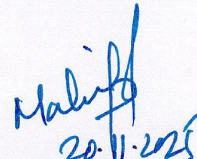
Dated: 20.11.2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the 61st meeting of Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) of NESIDS-OTRI held on 28.10.2025 at 11:30 AM.

The undersigned is directed to refer to subject cited above and to forward herewith the minutes of the 61st meeting of Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) of NESIDS-OTRI held on 28.10.2025 at 11:30 AM. under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region at Jodhpur Officers' Hostel, New Delhi- 110003 for information and necessary action, please.

Encl: As above.


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To:

- i. Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog, New Delhi
- ii. Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs
- iii. Foreign Secretary, Min of External Affairs, New Delhi.
- iv. Secretary, DPIIT, New Delhi
- v. Secretaries of the concerned Line Ministries/Departments
- vi. Chief Secretaries of concerned NE States.
- vii. Secretary, North Eastern Council, Nongrim Hills, Shillong, Meghalaya
- viii. Principal Secretary (Planning), of all NE states
- ix. DS (IFD), MDoNER
- x. Sr. Technical Director (NIC), MDoNER with the request to arrange to upload the Minutes of the Meeting in Ministry's website

Copy for information to:

- i. PS to Hon'ble Minister, MDoNER
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- iii. PPS to Secretary, MDoNER
- iv. PS to Addnl. Secretary, MDoNER

Minutes of 61st meeting of Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) of NESIDS-OTRI held on 28.10.2025 at 11:30 AM under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

The 61st meeting of Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) of NESIDS-OTRI held on 28.10.2025 at 11:30 AM under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER, through hybrid mode, to discuss the project proposals received from the State Governments of NER. List of the participants is at Annexure-I.

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

Agenda I: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 60th EIMC of NESIDS(OTRI)

The Minutes of the 60th EIMC meeting of NESIDS (OTRI) held on 29.09.2025 were issued vide O.M. dated 08.10.2025. Further an addendum to the Minutes of the meeting were issued vide O.M. dated 17.10.2025. No further comments have been received from the State Governments, NITI Aayog and Line Ministries. Accordingly, the minutes of the meeting of the 60th EIMC were confirmed.

Agenda II: Proposal for Approval of DPRs (05 projects) :

S.No	State	Project Name	Deliberations	Decision
1	Manipur	Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Kamjong District Head Quarters (Rs. 6.24 Cr.)	The State Government has submitted DPR along with the Concept Note with the approval of SLEC dated 04.07.2025. The DPR was shared with NITI Aayog and M/o Housing & Urban Affairs on 16.09.2025. M/o Housing & Urban Affairs has sought additional information on 13.10.2025 to which State Government has replied on 22.10.2025. The Compliance of State Government has been forwarded to MoHUA on 24.10.2025. The representative of MoHUA conveyed that they will examine the response of the State Government and revert back on the portal. The representative from NITI Aayog commented that the components of the project do not comply with the Harmonised Master List (HML) of infrastructure sub sectors issued by DEA. It was further requested that MDoNER may issue clarification in this regard for interpretation of similar cases in the future.	To be placed in next EIMC

			The Programme Division conveyed that a meeting was held on 08.10.2025 to discuss upon the interpretation of the HML during which the representative from the DEA clarified that the HML defines infrastructure to attract long-term capital into the specified sectors and that the HML does not preclude any Ministry from public expenditure under their schemes on sectors not included in the HML. The Minutes of the meeting were shared will the participating Ministries/departments on 16.10.2025. Accordingly, the Committee asked Programme Division to issue the necessary clarifications regarding the the interpretation of HML of DEA vis-a-vis the Guidelines of schemes of MDoNER. The Committee further directed the MoHUA to submit its comments at the earliest.	
2	Meghalaya	Greater Baghmara Water Supply Scheme Phase II (Rs. 120.00 Cr.)	The project (Concept Note & DPR) was recommended by the State Government during SLEC dated 28.03.2025. The DPR was uploaded on PVS portal on 09.05.2025 and forwarded to NITI Aayog and M/o Housing & Urban Affairs on 26.05.2025. NITI Aayog had earlier commented that the components of the project do not comply with the Harmonised Master List (HML) of infrastructure sub sectors issued by DEA. It was further requested that MDoNER may issue clarification in this regard for interpretation of similar cases in the future. During the 60th EIMC, the Committee had next asked the Programme Division to obtain the necessary clarification on the Harmonized Master List (HML) of infrastructure sub sector issued from the Department of Economic Affairs. In this context, a meeting was held on 08.10.2025 during which the representative from the DEA clarified that the HML defines infrastructure to attract long-term capital into the specified sectors and that the HML does not preclude any Ministry from public expenditure under their schemes on sectors not included in the HML. The Minutes of the meeting were shared will the participating Ministries/Departments on 16.10.2025.	To be placed in EIMC

		Programme Division conveyed that the clarifications regarding the interpretation of HML of DEA vis-a-vis the Guidelines of schemes of MDoNER will be issued soon by MDoNER. MoHUA had sought certain clarification with regards to the DPR and had requested the State Government to Submit the revised DPR. Representative of State Government conveyed that they will submit the revised DPR within 1-2 days. The Committee directed the State Government to submit the revised DPR at the earliest.	
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Agenda III: Proposal for In principle Approval (05 projects):

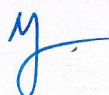
S. No.	State	Name of Project	Deliberations	Decision
1	Mizoram	New Construction of 40-bedded Hostel Building for Auxiliary Nursing & Mid-wifery School, Zemabawk, Mizoram (Rs. 10.00 Cr.)	The Proposal was uploaded on the portal by State Government on 26.05.2025 and was forwarded to NITI Aayog and D/o Health & Family Welfare on 10.07.2025. D/o Health & Family Welfare has supported the project with certain comments on 16.10.2025. NITI Aayog had earlier raised the observation that creation of accommodation/residential building is in the negative list of the Scheme Guidelines. It was clarified by the PD that the proposed hostel is not an administrative building and is a hostel to support a medical institution. Representative of NITI Aayog conveyed during the meeting that they support the proposal. The Committee after due deliberations recommended the proposal subject to	Recommended for Concept Note approval at a cost of Rs. 10.00 Cr.

			incorporation of suggestions of NITI Aayog/ DoHFW in the DPR	
2	Nagaland	Shifting and Construction of Water Treatment Plant and Allied Infrastructures and Replacement of 300MM Dia D.I Pipe Mainline for Water Supply to the State Capital Kohima Town at Kohima Science College, Jotsoma (Rs. 37.10 Cr.)	The Proposal was uploaded on the portal by State Government on 20.03.2025 and was forwarded to NITI Aayog, D/o Drinking Water & Sanitation and M/o Housing & Urban Affairs on 10.06.2025. NITI Aayog has conveyed that it does not support this project on 23.09.2025 stating that the Kohima is not a dispersed village/habitation. State Govt. has submitted the reply on 25.09.2025 against which the final comments of NITI Aayog were awaited. M/o Housing & Urban Affairs has sought additional information on various aspects of the project on 14.08.2025 against which the response of State Government was submitted on 20.08.2025. MoHUA has further requested for an online meeting the State Department which was held on 27.10.2025. The Committee asked the MoHUA to share their observations raised during the online meeting through the PVS portal also. The Committee further directed NITI Aayog to submit its final comments.	To be placed in next EIMC
3		Development of Expo Area in NER Agri Expo, Nagaland (Rs. 133.21 Cr.)	The Proposal was uploaded on the portal by State Government on 21.05.2025 and was forwarded to NITI Aayog on 21.07.2025, D/o Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade and M/o Housing & Urban Affairs on 30.07.2025 and D/o AFW on 24.10.2025. M/o Housing & Urban Affairs has supported the project on 16.09.2025	To be placed in next EIMC

			D/o Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade supported the project on 13.08.2025 Comments of DoAFW and NITI Aayog are awaited. The Committee asked the DoAFW and NITI Aayog to submit their comments at the earliest.	
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Agenda-IV: Proposal for Condonation of Delayed (02 projects):

S. No.	State	Name of Project	Deliberations	Decision
1	Manipur	Installation of grid connected SPV Power Plant of capacity 600kWp at 132/33 kvElangkhangpokpi, Power sub-station, Kakching district in Manipur (Rs. 33.39 Cr.)	The Committee was informed that the AFS was issued on 20.01.2025 at a cost of Rs. 33.39 Cr. As per the AFS, the Work Order had to be issued within 6 months of the issuance of AFS. However the work order was issued on 29.09.2025. Accordingly, the State Government had submitted the proposal for condonation of delay with the recommendation of SLEC stating that the issue of work order got delayed due to delay in tendering.	Recommended for Condonation of Delayed
2	Tripura	Infrastructure Related to IT Projects in 240 Schools across Tripura (Rs. 26.44 Cr.)	The Committee was informed that the AFS was issued on 22.02.2024 at a cost of Rs. 26.44 Cr. However the work order was issued on 11.09.2025 The SG has conveyed that issue of work order got delayed because the project involved multiple stages of administrative processing, including technical vetting, financial scrutiny, approval of the Departmental Purchase Committee (DPC), and subsequent	Recommended for Condonation of Delayed



		issuance of the Letter of Intent (LOI) and Work Order. The State Government had submitted the proposal for condonation of delay with the recommendation of SLEC.	
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Agenda-V: Proposal for Proposal for Fore-Closure (01 project):

S. No.	State	Name of Project	Deliberations	Decision
1	Arunachal Pradesh	Construction of road from Pachi to Rigom via Fachang, Tabri Lochung and Bokar (33 km) (Rs. 14.17 Cr.)	It was informed that the project was sanctioned on 24.12.2010 for an approved cost of Rs. 14.17 Cr. The amount released towards the project is Rs. 5.10 Cr. The project has been recommended for foreclosure on 'as is where is basis' by the SLEC of Arunachal Pradesh. The project has been inspected by Shri Millo Pushang, State Coordinator, FTSU, Arunachal Pradesh on 10.07.2025 and has reported an outcome score of 8. It was reported that the road has been completed up to blacktopping from the starting point to Bokar village (20 km), partly funded by NLCPR and partly by PMGSY. As per the report, the implementing agency had completed only the jungle clearance and formation cutting of road upto 18.991 Kms out of total road length of 33 Kms with expenditure of Rs 6.4074 Cr. Out of which only Rs 5.10 cr has been funded through NLCPR. The remaining works of the road have been taken over by Rural Works Department (RWD) under PMGSY program as Stage-II (consisting of CD works, & Blacktopping) in the name of C/O. stage-II	Recommended for foreclosure on as is where is basis

		road from Pachi to Lochung (20 KM). Remaining works of 13 KM connecting Rigom village from Bokar village, as proposed in the initial DPR is yet to be started. After detailed deliberation, the Committee recommended that the project may be foreclosed on as is where is basis.	
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3. The Competent Authority has raised certain observations in respect of the following DPR and Concept Notes and the same shall be communicated to concerned State Govt. separately:

- DPR of Construction of Football Playground at Botsa EAC Hq, Kohima District, Nagaland (Rs. 20.83 Cr.).
- DPR of Implementation of Educational Infrastructure related to IT Projects in 160 Schools across Sikkim (Rs. 25.81 Cr.).
- DPR of Establishment of 100 Bedded Sepahijala District Hospital at Bishramganj, Sepahijala, Tripura (Rs. 47.46 Cr.)
- Concept Note of Promotion of Bamboo Industry for Socio-Economic Development in Nagaland through Bamboo Pulp Production (Rs. 15.00 Cr.).
- Concept Note of Implementation of Educational Infrastructure related to IT projects in 425 schools across Tripura (Rs. 49.13 Cr.).

4. It was conveyed to the State Governments of NER to submit the project proposals against their normative balance outlays at the earliest as these outlays are valid till 31st March, 2026. The balance outlay of the State governments for NESIDS (OTRI) is summarized below:

(all figures in Rs cr.)

Sr No .	State	Outlay till 31.03.2026	AFS issued after 01.04.2022		DPR Approved after 01.04.2022 but AFS not issued		In-principle Approved after 01.04.2022 but DPR not approved		Balance Normative allocation		Shelf of projects	
			No.	Amount (₹ in Cr.)	No.	Approved Cost (₹ in Cr.)	No.	Approved Cost (₹ in Cr.)	Amount (₹ in Cr.)	No.	Amount (₹ in Cr.)	

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1	Arunachal Pradesh	495.75	6	297.49	0	0	1	20	178.26	1	105
2	Assam	1054.50	6	1050.73	0	0	0	0	3.77	0	0
3	Manipur	378.83	5	251.83	0	0	1	49.97	77.03	0	0
4	Meghalaya	408.44	3	174.66	0	0	2	166.5	67.28	1	50.5
5	Mizoram	395.53	6	137.17	2	54.99	5	161.73	41.64	1	10
6	Nagaland	386.42	3	66.83	1	49.83	7	107.33	162.43	18	275.97
7	Sikkim	248.25	1	145.30	0	0	1	20	82.95	0	0
8	Tripura	428.18	5	194.54	0	0	5	178.65	54.99	1	49.13
	Total Outlay	3795.91	35	2318.55	3	104.82	22	704.18	668.35	22	490.6

5. It was further communicated to the State Government that the expenditure plan shared by the State government for the period from April 2025 to Oct 2025 is in general on the lower side in respect of all the NER States. State Governments were requested to expedite the progress of ongoing works and submit the demand requests to the Ministry through the Poorvottar Vikas Setu portal.

6. The Committee reiterated that the State Government while submitting the new project proposals under NESIDS (OTRI) 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 Comprehensive guidelines of NESIDS (OTRI) issued vide O.M. no. NEC-11/14/2022-UNDER SECRETARY(A) – E.com no. 118108 dated 26.09.2025.

7. All concerned Line Ministries and NITI Aayog were requested to expedite their comments for the project proposals those are being forwarded to them and furnish the same on time so that final decisions can be taken in the meetings without further delaying the process.

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

Annexure-I**List of Participants**

61st meeting of EIMC of NESIDS(OTRI) held on 28th October, 2025 at 11:30 AM in Conference Room at Jodhpur Officers' Hostel, Pandara Park, India Gate, New Delhi-110003.

Sl. No.	Organization	Officers attended
1	Members Of The EIMC Of NESIDS(OTRI)/Their Representatives	Shri Chanchal Kumar, Secretary, MDoNER – In Chair Shri Shantanu, Additional Secretary, MDoNER
2	Govt. Of Arunachal Pradesh	Smt. Ponung Boring Dupak, Director, on VC
3	Govt. of Assam	Smt. Reena Mech, Secretary, T&D Deptt., on VC Shri Arjun Mandal Superintendent Engineer, PWBD, on VC Shri Ranjit Dutta, Assistant Executive Engineer, PWRD, on VC Shri Dilip Terang, Secretary, KAATC, on VC
4	Govt. of Manipur	Shri Sailesh Kumar Chourasia, Commissioner, Power, on VC Shri Kirankumar Laishram, Chief Engineer, PHED, on VC Smt. Thangiam Yogita Devi, Superintending Engineer, Planning and Monitoring Circle, PHED, on VC Shri Laishram Irish Singh, Superintending Engineer, Rural Circle-II, PHED, on VC Shri Chamdalung Rongmei, Executive Engineer, Kamjong PHE Division, PHED, on VC Dr. R.K. Radhesana Devi, Director, Planning, on VC
5	Govt. of Mizoram	Shri Lalmalsawma Pachuau, Secretary, Planning Department, on VC Smt. Lalchhanhimi, Joint Director, Directorate of Nursing, on VC Smt. Biakthansangi Hrahsel, Deputy Adviser-cum-Deputy Secretary, Planning Department, on VC Smt. B. Vanlalruati, Economist, Planning Department, on VC Shri H. Lalengzauva, Research Officer, Planning Department, on VC
6	Govt. of Nagaland	Smt. Temsunaro Aier, Development Commissioner, on VC Smt. Vilhouhunuo Sachu, Addl. Development

		Commissioner, Planning, on VC
		Shri Imlikokba Longkumer, Asst. Development Commissioner, Planning, on VC
		Shri Anthony Ngully, Commissioner & Secy., Youth Resources & Sports Department, on VC
		Shri Leyang, Chief Engineer, PHED, on VC
		Dr. Tolto Metha, Team Leader, Nagaland Bamboo Development Mission, on VC
		Dr. Cressida, Dy. Director, Agriculture Department, on VC
7	Govt. of Tripura	Shri Gitte Kirankumar Dinkarrao, Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Public Works (R&B), Industries & Commerce (Information Technology), on VC
		Shri L.T. Darlong, Secretary, Planning (P&C) Department, on VC
		Shri Raval Hamendra Kumar, Secretary, Education Department, on VC
		Shri Udayan Sinha, Additional Secretary, Planning, on VC
		Shri Sanjoy Kr. Das, Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B), on VC
		Prof. (Dr) Tapan Majumdar, Director of Health Services & Ex Officio Joint Secretary, on VC
8	NEC	Shri Moneshwar Kalita, Superintending Engineer
9	NITI Aayog	Mohd. Zubair Ali Hashmi, Director, on VC
10	Ministry of External Affairs	Shri Hermon Kujur, Under Secretary, on VC
11	Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade	Shri Arun Kumar, Under Secretary, on VC
12	Ministry of Home Affairs	Shri Mukesh Kumar, Under Secretary (NE), on VC
13	Department of School Education & Literacy	Shri Tej Pal Singh, Under Secretary, on VC
14	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	Shri Ashutosh Agrawal, Under Secretary, on VC
15	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Shri Srikant, DC, on VC
16	Department of Sports	Shri O.P. Chanchal, Under Secretary, on VC
17	Department of Telecommunications	Shri Upendra Bakolia, Joint Administrator(T&A), DBN, on VC
18	Ministry of DoNER	Shri Silabhadra Das, Deputy Secretary
		Shri Mahipal Yadav, Under Secretary
		Shri Pawan Singh, Assistant Section Officer
		Shri Sanket Kumar, Consultant