OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of 146th Meeting of the Committee to administer the non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCP) scheme - Regarding

Approved minutes of the 146th Meeting of the NLCP Committee held on 14th December, 2016 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER in Committee Room No.243 A, Vigyan Bhawan Annex, New Delhi are enclosed for information and necessary action.

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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To

1. Ms. Jhanja Tripathy, Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of DoNER
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3. Shri Samir Kumar, Eco. Adv, M/o Drinking Water and Sanitation
4. Dr. Joram Beda, Planning Secretary, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh
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11. Ms. Preeti Pant, Director, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
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6. Director (NIC) for uploading of the minutes in the Project portal.
Minutes of the 146th meeting of NLCPR Committee held on 14.12.2016 under the Chairmanship of Shri Naveen Verma, Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region in Committee Room No 243 A, Vigyan Bhawan Annex, New Delhi.

The following officers were present in the meeting:-

i) Shri Jitendra Kumar Sinha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of DoNER
ii) Smt Jhanjha Tripathi, Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, M/o DoNER
iii) Shri V.B Pathak, Principal Secretary cum Development Commissioner, Govt. of Sikkim
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At the outset, Secretary, DoNER welcomed the representatives from the State Governments and the Central Ministries/Departments. Thereafter, Joint Secretary (NLCP) briefed the representatives about the background of the NLCP scheme and also the outcome of the previous meetings.

2. The Committee was apprised about the action taken to amendment of [Para 5 (ix)] of the revised NLCP guidelines by replacing it with a new provision that “normally fresh sanction will not be issued if unspent balance of a State is more than three times of the normative allocation of the
State”, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee in its 145th meeting. While noting this, the Members requested that a comprehensive compendium incorporating the changes in the guidelines may be prepared.

3. After Power Point Presentation (PPT) made by the State Government of Sikkim, Manipur and Assam, the Committee considered the new projects recommended by the SLECs for funding under NLCPR scheme based on the revised guidelines and made following recommendations:

(A) Sikkim:
(i) Development of Tourist Infrastructure for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra (Cost 50.00 crore).

The Committee retained the project in-principle with the observation that the State Government may compare cost per sq. mtr. with that of prefabricated buildings constructed by Army/ITBP in the same area and explore possibility of constructing a mixture of Dormitories and Double bedded rooms. Further, construction of a single block of 1 (one) storey may also be explored against the proposed construction of administrative block of two (2) storey building. To get the best model of the building, the Govt. of Sikkim may be requested to convene meeting with BMPTC (Building Material and Technology Promotion Council). It was also recommended that a joint meeting may be convened with the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of DoNER to assess additional requirements for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra to take a final view on the proposal. Views of the Ministry of Tourism in this regard may also be obtained. State Govt. was
also requested to consider ways to meet operating expenses vis-à-vis the cost to be recovered from the pilgrims.

(ii) **Up-gradation and modernization of the power distribution network of Namchi and its surrounding areas with high voltage distribution system (HVDS), South Sikkim (Cost-Rs 22.85 crore).**

The Committee retained the project in-principle on the condition that the project has not been funded under Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) of Ministry of Power. The Committee further suggested that provision of street lighting be omitted in the proposal and all benefits/gains likely to accrue from the project on implementation may be quantified in monetary terms. It was noted that this project will lead to improvement in quality of power. Views of the Ministry of Power on the proposal may also be obtained. Further, it may be examined whether this can be covered under the Smart City Scheme of the Ministry of Urban Development.

(iii) **Construction of Community Centre at Gyalshing, West Sikkim.**

This project was earlier shortlisted keeping in view the importance of Gyalshing area of Sikkim from tourism point of view. The Committee observed that the proposal is to construct a new facility more for the use of local residents. The Committee recommended that the Govt. of Sikkim may reconsider the concept of "Community Centre" as "Tourist Centre" with multi-tasking function to cater to both the locals
and tourists. It also suggested that initially a smaller centre may be proposed which may be expanded at later stage depending upon the success/utility of the facility. The possibility of implementing the project on a PPP basis may also be explored by State government.

(iv) Considering the balance amount of entitlement available for State Development Commissioner of Government of Sikkim stated that other projects recommended by the SLEC may also be considered. Accordingly, the committee shortlisted the project of “Construction of 120.0 m span composite bridge over Ramam river along Nayabazar Singla road in West Sikkim” as this would provide alternate connectivity to neighboring West Bengal.

(B) MANIPUR

(i) Improvement of Pemikhong Drainage System from Khurai Konsam Leikai to Porompat Thawamthaba Leikai, Imphal East (Cost-Rs 10.01 crore).

From the presentation made by the representative of the State Government of Manipur, it was not clear whether the project falls under urban area or rural area. The committee also noted that the scheme is basically of drainage with the secondary benefit of flood control. In view of this, the Committee recommended that the State Government may revisit their proposal and pose under AMRUT scheme of the M/o Urban Development to the extent it falls under municipal
area. State Government may pose the remaining portion of the project falling within the rural area to the Ministry for funding under the scheme of NLCPR.

(ii) **Conservation & Development of Ipum Lake at Khomidok, Imphal East (cost - Rs 10.43 crore)**

The Committee discussed the proposal in details and retained the project *in-principle*. For better conservation and maintenance of the lake, the Committee advised that the State Government may form User Association in consultation with the local people. The Department of Fishery, Government of Manipur, may also be consulted to develop pisciculture, potential of water resource and also for generating income of the local people. However, there needs to be better clarity about the benefits of the project particularly about construction of retaining wall in terms of biodiversity, pisciculture, tourism, etc. It was also suggested that water treatment plant can also be incorporated in case the aim is to provide drinking water to the nearby villages. There also needs to be clarity about the agency which would be responsible for maintenance. To explore feasibility and viability of retaining the project for funding under NLCPR scheme, an officer from the Ministry of DoNER may be deputed.

(C) **ASSAM**

The Committee discussed the following two (2) project proposals posed by the State Government of Assam on the
recommendation of SLEC:-

(i) Construction of Multi Disciplinary Sports Complex at Khanikar in Dibrugarh District (Phase-I) (Cost-37.74 crore)

(ii) Construction of Daulagupu Sports Stadium with 3 storied RCC Dormitory Building at Haflong in Dima Hasao District (Phase-I).

Since both the projects are proposed in phases and not in totality, the Committee expressed its inability to retain the project in phase-wise. The representative from Department of Sports, Government of India mentioned that they have also sanctioned projects for construction of an indoor stadium as well as an outdoor stadium in Dibrugarh. Therefore, the Committee felt that the State Government may furnish justification for the need for a new sports complex. The State Government was also advised to reconsider their projects and consult the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to ensure non-duplication/overlapping before posing the project to the Ministry of DoNER for funding under the scheme of NLCPR. Moreover, the State Government representatives were not able to respond to the questions as no representative from the State of D/o Sports was not present.

Further, it was agreed that in future meetings of the NLCPR Committee may be held at the State level where fruitful discussions can be held in presence of State Government officers. For the purpose, representatives of the concerned
central Ministries may be requested to plan for a two day visit so that inspections of some of the on-going / completed projects may also be taken along with the meeting.

(D) ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Before considering the project proposals, the Committee discussed the normative allocation of the State and observed that apart from 6 retained projects costing Rs 117.80 crore, the SLEC of Arunachal Pradesh has recommended 05 new projects amounting to Rs. 105.00 crore and 11 non-vetted projects of Rs. 163.54 crore for retention, the total of which comes to Rs.268.54 crore. Since the value of 11 non-vetted and 05 new projects have already exceeded the balance amount of entitlement of Rs. 155.20 crore (3X Normative allocation – value of already retained projects), the Committee advised the State Government to reprioritize their projects within the balance entitlement.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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