

Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/NESIDS Committee held on 26.02.2021 from 03:00-4.00 p.m. in the Committee Room (Room No. 243-A), Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of DoNER.

1. The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/NESIDS Committee was held on 26.02.2021 from 03:00-04:00 p.m. to discuss:-
  - a. Eight project proposals received from State Government of Assam for sanction and one project sanctioned under NESIDS for change in scope along with revision of cost.
  - b. Two Project proposals received from Government of Nagaland for Sanction.
  - c. One project proposal of State Government of Tripura each for selection under NESIDS, sanction under NESIDS, and for change in scope of work along with revision of cost for a project under NLCPR State scheme (Total 3 no.s projects).

Chief Secretaries of Assam, Nagaland and Tripura co-chaired the meeting. List of participants is at Annexure I.

2. At the outset Secretary, MDoNER welcomed all the Chief Secretaries, members of IMC/NESIDS Committee, representative of State Governments and line Ministries of the Government of India. Thereafter, the Committee took up each of the projects for detailed discussion and recommendations as detailed below:

### **ASSAM**

3. **Eight (8) Projects for Strengthening of infrastructure in existing higher secondary schools located in Assam with a total estimated cost of Rs 12.75 crore -For Sanction**

3.1 Eight (08) projects had been selected under NESIDS in the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of IMC/NESIDS Committee held on 20.01.2021. The State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC), Assam in its meeting held on 24.02.2021 recommended these Eight (08) projects for sanction.

3.2 Department of School Education and Literacy (SEL), Ministry of Education has already conveyed Ministry's support to the proposed projects. Representative of SEL raised a query of provision of Girls' Toilet in some of the Higher Secondary Boys School. On this Government of Assam clarified that provision of Girls' toilet is for female teachers and administrative staff. SEL representative suggested to incorporate the provision of Rain Water Harvesting and Solar Panels in each school which, Government of Assam has agreed to do within the proposed cost. SEL has also brought out that in future the USI Code should indicated while proposing such projects to facilitate project monitoring. This was endorsed by the committee. Representative of NITI Aayog also supported the proposal.

3.3 Copy of final checklist-cum-agenda notes, as circulated/placed before the committee, alongwith its all enclosures, are at Annexure IIA to IIIH.

3.4 After due deliberation and taking into account the recommendation of SLEC & Balance Normative Allocation of the State under NESIDS 2020-21, the Committee recommended the following Eight (08) projects for sanction under NESIDS:-

S. No.	Project	Amount (Rs. in crore)
1.	Construction by Strengthening of Cotton Collegiate HS School, Panbazar, Guwahati	3.00
2.	Construction by Strengthening of Government. Boys HS School Dibrugarh	1.75
3.	Construction by Strengthening of Dhubri Government. Boys HS School, Dhubri	1.75
4.	Construction by strengthening of Kuralguri HS school, Golaghat	1.25
5.	Construction by strengthening of Silchar Government. HS School, Cachar	1.25
6.	Construction by strengthening of Tezpur Government. HS School , Tezpur, Sonitpur	1.25
7.	Construction by Strengthening of Lakhimpur Government. HS School, Lakhimpur	1.25
8.	Construction by strengthening of Karimganj Government. HS School, Karimganj	1.25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12.75</b>

**4. Project "Construction of Double Lane Road from Lanka to Umrangso via Diyungmukh, Haflong Tinali and Panimur in Dima Hasao District of Assam" sanctioned under NESIDS with approved cost Rs188.79 crore – For change in scope of work and revision of project cost.**

4.1 Chief Secretary, Government of Assam and representatives of PWD (Road), Assam explained that the need for change of scope was felt during execution of the work. Assam conducted the axle-load survey and observed that a number of heavy vehicles with loading capacity of more than 20 tonnes are plying on the road. As a result technical modifications were warranted in the design to cater MSA value of 10, to achieve desired pavement composition as per present condition. Therefore, State government has proposed that pavement of the road is to be redesigned from originally MSA value of 5 to MSA value 10 to achieve the desired pavement composition.

4.2 Representative of Public Works (Roads) Department informed that the project "Construction of double laning of road from Lanka to Umrangso via Diyungmukh, Haflong Tinali and Panimur in Dima Hasao District of Assam" under NESIDS has been approved by Ministry of DoNER with estimated cost of Rs.188.79 crore covering total length of road 68.915 KM, where the pavement was designed adopted the MSA value below 5. The work was awarded to the Contractor with bid amount of Rs.169.12 crore saving an amount of Rs. 18.79 crore (difference between Approved cost-Tender Value).

4.3 Government of Assam has earlier proposed to upgrade the road in respect of MSA for the length of 24 km by using this saving, in 25<sup>th</sup> IMC meeting held on 20.01.2021. The Committee was of the view that in place of piecemeal sanctions and upgradation being funded in patches, the construction of the entire stretch of the road with upgraded specifications, if required as per report/recommendations of committee of experts, should be looked upon as a single project. The State Government should consider the entire stretch of road of 68.915 km as a single project, and make a revised DPR with upgraded specification. As there was balance Normative Allocation of Rs 38.38 crore under NESIDS for the State of Assam, against which proposals had not been received, the Committee had agreed to consider covering additional cost of the project (over and above the original sanctioned cost of Rs 188.79 crore) under NESIDS, subject to the limit of balance Normative Allocation at that time, with the balance of the project cost having to be borne by the State Government.

4.4 As suggested by IMC, revised DPR has been prepared at a cost of Rs. 281.17 crore to cover the entire 68.915KM road with MSA value 10. Government of Assam has also informed that a Technical Committee was constituted by the Chief Secretary, Assam, to examine the matter. This Technical Committee has recommended the revised DPR of the project, and has also examined the above circumstances and justifications and concluded that as the traffic density of the road has increased considerably during the course of tendering and execution of a part of the contract, this may lead to damage of road in future which would render the entire expenditure infructuous. Based on their recommendation, and following due process, SLEC in its meeting held on 24.02.2021 has recommended the project for approval of Change in Scope in IMC meeting. The DPR has been vetted by Assam Engineering College, Guwahati.

4.5 During detailed discussion, state government has informed that out of the total increased cost of Rs 92.38 crore, approx Rs 80 crore is due to up-gradation of MSA 5 to 10. The balance amount is on account of Slope Protection Works and Side Drain and Cross Drainage Works.

4.6 In the absence of representative of MoRTH in the meeting, it was decided that MoRTH should be asked to examine the matter in respect of: (i) the need/justification of upgradation of road from 5 MSA to 10 MSA ; and (ii) on comparison of SoR to SoR of original DPR viz a viz revised DPR, whether an increase of about Rs. 80 crore is justified/correctly worked out for entire length of road for this upgradation from 5 to 10 MSA.

4.7 Further, on observation of different amount mentioned in vetting report and Abstract of Cost, representative of PWD(Road), Assam has explained that in vetting report, project cost is arrived by scaling down using gross project cost of revised DPR in ratio of original tender cost and original sanction cost. However, in Abstract of Cost, project cost is arrived by scaling down the revised cost of Civil Work by the same ratio. To summarise the information brought by state government:

Original Cost of Work = Rs 188.79 cr.

Revised cost as per DPR, based on current SoR = Rs. 281.17 crore

Revised cost of the civil work based on current SoR = Rs. 278.54 crore

Cost Recommended by Technical Committee - Rs 250.78 crore

Cost recommended by Assam Engineering College - Rs 253.18 crore

4.8 The Committee noted that the proposal for change in scope sent by the State Government included certain clauses regarding the proposed tendering process. It was decided that such issues are to be dealt with by the State Government, as per NESIDS guidelines, and laid down procedures and guidelines of State Government for execution of such works, and it was not for the NESIDS Committee to delve into such issues. Those issues need to be worked out by the State Government, with the approval of their competent authority at appropriate level and executed by observing the laid down tendering process.

4.9 Committee also noted that after considering proposal of strengthening for eight existing higher secondary schools located in Assam with total cost of Rs 12.75 crore, Rs 38.38 crore would be the balance normative allocation for Assam.

4.10 Copy of final checklist-cum-agenda notes, as circulated/placed before the committee, alongwith its all enclosures, are at Annexure III.

4.11. After detailed deliberations, Committee recommended to approve the change of scope of the project along with revision in sanctioned cost to Rs 250.78 crore (cost recommended by the Technical Committee constituted by the State Government), limiting MDoNER's share to Rs 227.17 crore (Rs 188.79 crore + Rs 38.38 crore) i.e. balance normative allocation available under NESIDS, subject to the vetting by MoRTH on the aspects mentioned in para 4.6 and balance project cost over and above this and/or any additional cost for any item not included, if any, would be borne by the state government.

## NAGALAND

### 5. Project "Strengthening of Health Infrastructure of various Health Facilities" in Nagaland for sanction under NESIDS

5.1 The Chief Secretary along with the other concerned officials of Health, Finance and Planning Department of state Government participated in the meeting through Video Conferencing. Representative of Nagaland briefed the committee about the project proposal and components selected in 24<sup>th</sup> IMC meeting. It was again informed to committee member that project of 21.01 crore was selected on the basis of recommendation of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and accordingly State Government has come up with the project proposal for sanction.

5.2 The Committee selected above project under NESIDS in its 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of IMC/NESIDS held on 22.12.2020. The State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC), Nagaland in its meeting held on 08.02.2021 recommended the said project for sanction at Rs. 21.00 crore.

5.3 Representative of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and NITI Aayog conveyed their support in the meeting.

5.4 Copy of final checklist-cum-agenda notes, as circulated/placed before the committee, alongwith its' all enclosures, are at Annexure IV.

5.5 After due deliberation and taking into account the recommendation of SLEC & balance Normative Allocation of the State under NESIDS 2020-21, the Committee recommended the project "Strengthening of Health Infrastructure of various Health Facilities in Nagaland" at cost of Rs. 21.00 crores.

**6. Project "In service Teachers Training cum Examination centre with Residential Facilities" with estimated cost of Rs 20.00 crore for sanction.**

6.1 It was informed to the committee that Nagaland has Rs. 36.50 crores balance normative Allocation under NESIDS 2020-21 and in total vetted cost two projects viz. In service Teachers Training cum Examination centre with Residential Facilities & Strengthening of Health Infrastructure of various Health Facilities in Nagaland is 41 crores.

6.2 The Chief Secretary along with the other concerned officials of Education, Finance and Planning Department of state Government participated in the meeting through Video Conferencing.

6.3 The Committee selected above project under NESIDS in its 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of IMC/NESIDS held on 22.12.2020. The State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC), Nagaland in its meeting held on 08.02.2021 recommended the said project for sanction at Rs. 20.00 crore.

6.4 Representative of Ministry of Education and NITI Aayog conveyed their support in the meeting.

6.5 Copy of final checklist-cum-agenda notes, as circulated/placed before the committee, alongwith it's all enclosures, are at Annexure V.

6.6 After due deliberation and taking into account the recommendation of SLEC & balance Normative Allocation of the State under NESIDS 2020-21, the Committee recommended the project "In service Teachers Training cum Examination centre with Residential Facilities" at cost of Rs. 20.00 crores, subject to the availability of fund under NESIDS 2020-21 for Nagaland after sanctioning the project "Strengthening of Health Infrastructure of various Health Facilities in Nagaland" and condition that funding from MDoNER would be limited to Rs 15.50 cr (i.e. balance available normative allocation) and balance cost would be borne by state government.

#### TRIPURA

7. Project "Procurement of 21 (Twenty One) nos. Advance life support and patient transportation ambulances under Directorate of Health Services at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.51 crores" under NESIDS-For Selection.

7.1 The Chief Secretary, Tripura, along with officials of State Government, participated in the meeting through Video Conferencing (VC). The Chief Secretary explained in detail the important aspects of the project proposal and underlined the importance of the project.

7.2 NITI Aayog has supported the proposal. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has informed that the State Government may consider adding Advance Life Support Ambulances based on population norms. Based on the population of the State, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare supports the proposal for procurement of 7 Nos. of Advance Life Support Ambulance with the advice that the State Government may deploy them under 102 Call Centre rather than facility-based deployment. Cost of the items may be determined by following transparent procurement procedure. Regarding 12 patient transportation ambulances, representative of MoHFW was of the view that Tripura already has sufficient density of these as per norms. To this, Chief Secretary and representatives of the State Government clarified that these 12 ambulances are proposed as replacement of existing ones which have outlived their lives and are unusable. For ALS ambulances, Chief Secretary justified the nine numbers on the grounds of remoteness and inaccessible areas.

7.3 After detailed discussions with the representative of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and State Government, the Committee was of the view that due to remoteness of North Eastern Region, 9 (Nine) Nos. of Advance Life Support Ambulances may be considered. Further, 12(Twelve) no of the patient transportation ambulances may be considered subject to the condition that competent authority of State Government certifies that 12(Twelve) no of patient transportation ambulances would be purchased only against the replacement of existing over aged Ambulances which are to be condemned and replaced as per laid down norms.

7.4 Copy of Final Checklist cum Agenda Notes, as circulated/placed before the committee, along with all its enclosures, is at Annexure VI.

7.5 After due deliberations, the Committee recommended in-principle approval of the project proposal "Procurement of 21 (Twenty One) nos. of Advance life support and patient transportation ambulances under Directorate of Health Services" for selection subject to certification by competent authority of State Government that 12(Twelve) no of the patient transportation ambulances would be purchased only against the replacement of existing over aged Ambulances, which are to be condemned and replaced as per laid down norms, and the project has to be sanctioned in the current financial year.

8. Project "Procurement of Pulse Oximeter and Antigen Test Kits etc for combating Covid 19 pandemic in Tripura" under NESIDS at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.90 crores- For sanction.

8.1 The Chief Secretary, Tripura alongwith officials of Health participated in the meeting through Video Conferencing (VC). The Chief Secretary deliberated in detail on the project proposal and underlined the importance of the project.

8.2 The Committee selected above project under NESIDS in its 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of IMC/NESIDS held on 22.12.2020. The State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC), Tripura in its meeting held on 18.01.2021 recommended the said project for sanction at Rs. 3.90 crore. Copy of Minutes of the meeting of SLEC, Appraisal Report and Requisite Certificates by State Government is at Annexure IIA; Annexure II B

8.3 The representatives of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare supported the proposal.



8.4 Copy of Final Checklist cum Agenda Notes, as circulated/placed before the committee, along with all its enclosures, is at Annexure VII.

8.5 After due deliberations, the Committee recommended the project proposal "Procurement of Pulse Oximeter and Antigen Test Kits etc for combating Covid 19 pandemic in Tripura" for sanction at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.90 crore.

9. Project "Transmission Project (Phase-I): 400 KV S/Stn. at Surjamaninagar (to be charged at 132 KV) & infrastructure development, West Tripura" sanctioned under NLCPR with approved cost Rs. 79.96 crore - For change in scope of work and cost revision.

9.1 The Chief Secretary, Tripura alongwith officials of Power department participated in the meeting through Video Conferencing (VC). The Chief Secretary, Tripura explained the need for change of scope in the above sanctioned power project under NLCPR. The project 132 KV sub-station at Surjamaninagar has already been completed and is in operation since July 2012 except for Provision for 400 KV component. The component of "Provision for 400 KV sub-station main equipments" with approved cost of Rs. 17.03 Crore in the project under NLCPR at Surjamaninagar has not been executed by the State Utility (Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited) at Surjamaninagar, as it was decided to evacuate power from the power plant at Palatana to Surajmaninagar at 132 KV, and not 400 KV. Subsequently power demands necessitated that supply to Surajmaninagar also be via a 400 KV line, due to which upgradation of the 132 KV line to 400 KV line was taken up under NESIDS as the project "Up-gradation of 132 KV Surjamaninagar sub-station to 400 KV in Tripura", with a much wider scope, at a cost of Rs. 171.38 Cr. Due to above mentioned reasons, State Government has submitted that the project Transmission Project (Phase-I): 400 KV S/Stn. at Surjamaninagar (to be charged at 132 KV) & infrastructure development, West Tripura sanctioned under NLCPR" with approved cost Rs. 79.96 crore may be closed and balance amount against the said project may be released to the State.

9.2 Copy of Final Checklist cum Agenda Notes, as circulated/placed before the committee, along with all its enclosures, is at Annexure VIII.

9.3 NITI Aayog and Ministry of Power has supported the project proposal.

9.4 After detailed deliberations, the committee recommended the project "Transmission Project (Phase-I): 400 KV S/Stn. at Surjamaninagar (to be charged at 132 KV) & infrastructure development, West Tripura sanctioned under NLCPR" with approved cost Rs. 79.96 crore for change in scope by omitting one component viz. Provision for 400 KV sub-station main equipments along with cost revision at a reduced cost of Rs. 50.50 crore (Central share: 90 % of the Rs. 50.50 crores i.e. 45.45 crores).

10. Balance Normative Allocation of Rs 1.46 Cr of Tripura is still available. The Committee recommended to utilize this Balance available Normative allocation of Rs.1.46 Cr of Tripura against the project " Augmentation of Gyalshing water supply scheme in West Sikkim" by transferring this amount to increase the share of the cost to be borne by the Central Government (MDoNER) in the Project of Sikkim under NESIDS. With this recommendation, the central share against the project of Sikkim will be increased from Rs.34.99 crore to Rs.36.45 crore.

11. With the above sanctions/selections, the position of Normative Allocation/ available Allocation of the NER States under NESIDS for F.Y. 2020-21 reflects as under:

(Rs. in crore)

States	Normative Allocation for F.Y. 2020-21	Project sanctioned including the recommendations of IMC		Project selected but not yet sanctioned		Available allocation (II-IV-VI)
		(No)	(Cost)	(No)	(Cost)	
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
Arunachal Pradesh	69.87	2	69.87	0	0	0
Assam	148.62	9	148.62	0	0	0
Manipur	53.4	1	53.4	0	0	0
Meghalaya	57.56	2	57.56	0	0	0
Mizoram	55.75	3	55.75	0	0	0

Nagaland	54.46	3	54.46	0	0	0
Sikkim	34.99	1	36.45	0	0	0
Tripura	60.35	2	55.38	1	3.51	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>535.00</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>531.49</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.51</b>	<b>0</b>

Note - Table shows only MDoNER component of the projects.

12. Meeting ended at 4.00 pm with vote of thanks to the participants.

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## Annexure-I

List of Participants

Sl. No.	Organization	Officers attended
1.	Members of Inter Ministerial Committee/NESIDS Committee	Dr. Inder Jit Singh, Secretary, M/o DoNER (in chair)
		Shri Jishnu Barua, Chief Secretary, Government of Assam (Co-chair), on VC
		Shri J. Alam, Chief Secretary, Government of Nagaland (Co-chair), on VC
		Shri Manoj Kumar, Chief Secretary, Government of Tripura (Co-chair), on VC
		Shri Naveen Kumar, NITI Aayog, on VC
		Shri S.S. Dubey, JS&FA, M/o DoNER, on VC
		Shri Saurabh Endley, JS, M/o DoNER
2.	Other Members/Special Invitees from Line Ministries/NITI Aayog	Shri Sanjay Rana, JS, Ministry of External Affairs, GoI, on VC
		Shri P.P. Gupta, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Education, GoI, on VC
		Shri Naveen Kumar, Eco. Officer (NE States Division), NITI Aayog on VC
		Shri Krishna Mohan Uppu, DS, Ministry of Home Affairs, on VC
		Shri Satish Kumar Singh, Dy.L&DO-IV, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, on VC
		Shri Rajesh Kumar, US(States), Ministry of External Affairs, GoI on VC
3	Government of Assam	Shri Rajesh Kemprai, Commissioner & Spl. Secretary, Public Works (Roads) Department, on VC
		Shri B. Kalyan Chakravarthy, IAS, Principal Secondary, Education , on VC
		Shri Sameer Kumar Sinha, Principal Secretary , on VC
		Dr. J. B. Ekka, Principal Secretary, on VC
		Shri Preetom Saikia, Commissioner & Secretary, on

		VC
		Dr. K. K. Nath, Commissioner & Secretary, on VC
		Shri Bhugidhar Barua, Joint Director, T&D Deptt, on VC
4.	Government of Nagaland	Shri.T. Akyuba, Deputy Development Commissioner, on VC
		Shri. N. Zhasa, Asst. Development Commissioner, on VC
		Smt. Kevileno Angami, Special Secretary, Education, on VC
		Shri C. Shanavas, Principal Director, Education, on VC
		Er. Hokato Sema, Executive Engineer, Education, on VC
		Er. Vilini Q. Words, SDO, Education, on VC
		Dr. Neikhrilie, Director, Health Deptt, on VC
		Er. Moanaro, Executive Engineer, Health Deptt, on VC
5.	Government of Tripura	Shri A. Roy, IAS, Secretary, Planning, on VC
		Dr. Siddharth Shiv Jaiswal, IAS, Mission Director, NHMT, on VC
		Sri Ranjan Debbarma, AGM. TSECL, on VC
		Dr. Subhasis Debbarma, Director, Health Department, on VC
6.	Ministry of DoNER, GoI	Shri Ravindra Choudhary, Director
		Shri S. D. Meena, Deputy Secretary

	Shri Dibyojit Dutta, Sr. Technical Director (NIC)
	Shri G.S. Maheshwal, SE, TW
	Shri Purushottam Verma, DS (IFD)
	Shri A.K. Pandey, US
	Shri N.K. Saha, US
	Ms. Kusum Singh, SSO
	Ms. Shimpy, ASO