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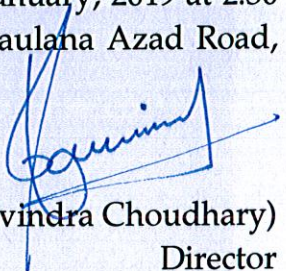
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Dated: 04.02.2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of 11th meeting of Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) on North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)-Reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of 11th Meeting of the Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) as approved by the Competent Authority on North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER on 24th January, 2019 at 2.30 pm. in Committee Room 243-A, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi for information and necessary action.

Encl. as above:


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To

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Copy to:

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister of DoNER (i/c)
2. PS to Secretary, Ministry of DoNER
3. PS to OSD, Ministry of DoNER
4. PS to Chief Secretry, Assam/Tripura
5. Director (BNP), Ministry of DoNER
6. DS (IFD), Ministry of DoNER
7. SE, Technical Cell, Ministry of DoNER
8. Web Manager for uploading of the minutes of the meeting in the project portal.
9. Guard file.

Sub: Minutes of 11th Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/ NESIDS committee meeting held on 24th January, 2019 at 2.30 p.m in the Committee Room No.243-A, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER.

The list of participants is at Annexure-I.

The 11th Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/NESIDS Committee was held on 24th January, 2019 to discuss the projects of Assam and Tripura for selection under NESIDS scheme against their balance entitlement. The meeting was attended by the members of IMC, representatives of line Ministries/Departments of Government of India and officials of the State Governments of Assam and Tripura. The meeting was also attended by OSD to MDoNER Dr. Inderjit Singh.

2. After a round of introduction of the participants, the meeting started with a brief presentation made by Joint Secretary (NESIDS) mentioning about the salient features of the scheme of NESIDS. This was followed by project-wise detailed presentation by the concerned officials of the State Governments of Assam and Tripura.

Assam

i) Proposal for Digital Classrooms in Higher Secondary Classes of Assam

Representative of Government of Assam gave a presentation on the proposed project before the Inter-Ministerial Committee and explained that the proposal is for two rooms each of fifty schools out of total 632 Higher Secondary schools. The proposal consists of software Infrastructure including LED panel with PC, and operation and maintenance (M&O) for one year including "License for "Cloud Hosted Solution" & "Data Charges". The following were brought out during discussion:

- a. The representative of the Line Ministry brought out that their Ministry is having scheme named as "Samagra Shikhsa", which encompasses the provision of "Digital Class Room".

- b. This Ministry considers the proposals, which are not covered under any existing scheme of any Line Ministry. The State Government may first explore the feasibility to take up the proposal under "Samagra Shiksha" Scheme.
- c. Error was observed in the projected figures.
- d. The maintenance and operation (M&O) cost for a period of one year, which is in the tune of half of the whole proposal, is not admissible under this scheme.

The Committee opined after due deliberation that the State Government may first implement the project, "Digital Class Room" in seven Aspirational Districts as a Pilot project from other resources.

ii) Agriculture Infrastructure Development and Training along with Rain Water harvesting in Higher Secondary Schools of Assam.

Representative of Government of Assam gave a presentation on the proposed project before the Inter-Ministerial Committee and explained that there are 150 numbers of "Vocational Training Schools" and fifteen out of these schools are having course in Agriculture. As per the Concept Note, the proposal is to teach Agriculture as part of a science curriculum or as a part of math lesson. The Representative of the Line Ministry brought out that the course should focus on specific topic, like, floriculture, fishery, soil water conservation, etc., to result into generation of self-employment.

The Committee, after due deliberation, recommended that the SG should work out and reformulate the proposal having job oriented courses and specific topics. The proposal should be for implementing firstly in only fifteen schools, where Agriculture curriculum already exists.

iii) Construction and Extention of New Complex of Assam Higher Secondary Education Council, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati

Representative of Government of Assam gave a presentation on the proposed project before the IMC and explained that the objective of the proposal is

"To build required infrastructure for establishing a knowledge center, faculty hostel and interactive digital studio in order to impart modern quality education to the students of HS level and also for training teachers and faculties"

The scope of work caters for Office Building, Rest House, extended Office Complex, Public Toilet and Cultural Hall, as brought out during the presentation.

After detailed discussion, it was observed that the scope of work is not commensurate with the objective of the proposal as there is more emphasis on office facilities, cultural hall etc., rather than a functional knowledge centre per school. It is also observed that the hostel facility would not have adequate overall yearly occupancy rate.

The Committee after due deliberation recommended to work out fresh proposal to meet the brought out objective.

Tripura

**(i) Promotion of Tourism through Augmentation of Power Infrastructure
"Construction of 400 KV Sub-station at Surjamaninagar, West Tripura" (Cost: Rs.171.38 crore)**

It was briefed to the Committee that the project was earlier discussed in the 10th IMC meeting held on 9.1.2019. It was informed to the Committee that the State Govt. of Tripura had submitted this proposal for part funding under NESIDS to the extent of the combined savings of the two projects, namely "Construction of Rain Water Reservoir on Upper Catchment of Haora River near Champaknagar (Rs.34.60 crore)" and "Construction of Rain Water Reservoir on Champacherra near Champaibari including rehabilitation of Katakhal Drain in Tripura(Rs.86.78 crore)" selected in 5th IMC meeting which they had requested to drop. It was also informed to the Committee that during the discussion on the project in 10th IMC meeting, representative of M/o Power, Govt. of India stated that the techno-economic feasibility of this project is being examined by them and would firm up their views within 7-10 days. Accordingly, the Committee recommended to place the proposal for discussion in the next meeting of IMC, on the receipt of the comments of M/o Power, Govt. of India.

In compliance to the recommendations of 10th IMC meeting, M/o Power, Govt. of India forwarded their comments vide their letter no.12/18/2017-Trans. Dt. 22.01.2019 stating that "the Govt. of Tripura may please be allowed to avail of necessary grant from the Ministry of DoNER to upgrade its 132 KV Surajamaninagar S/s to 400 KV".

On receipt of the said comments, the proposal was placed before the 11th IMC meeting held on 24.1.2019. The State Govt. gave a detailed presentation on the project proposal indicating that the project would promote tourism in the tourist destinations like, Ujjayanta Palace, Unakoti, Neermahal Lake Palace, Chabimura, Pilak, Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary (Bison National Park), Bhuvaneswari Temple, Science Museum, Fourteen Goddess Temple (Kharchi), Indo-Bangla International Border, Tripura Sundari Temple, Narikel Kunja (Dambur Lake), Rowa Wildlife Sanctuary, Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary, Jampui Hill, Tripura State Museum, etc. They also reiterated that although the cost of the project is Rs.171.38 crore but the State Govt. is requesting for part funding of the project to the tune of Rs.121.38 crore arising out of the savings of dropping of the two projects selected in the 5th IMC meeting and the balance fund in the project would be arranged from the State Govt. resources. During the presentation and discussion on the project proposal, OSD, MDoNER indicated that the linkages of the proposal with promotion of Tourism appeared to be weak. This was also agreed to by the representative from the M/o Tourism. The IMC was also of the view that the comments given by the M/o Power does not include specific comments on the Techno-economic feasibility of the project, as was decided by the 10th IMC. It was, therefore, decided to retain the project, subject to the condition that before finalisation of DPR, the State Government should indicate the present levels of power supply, including quality, outages etc., in the tourist destinations which shall be promoted by this proposal, and link as to how the improved quality and availability of power would have a positive impact on Tourism. They should then send the same to the Mo Tourism and M/o Power. M/o Tourism should then indicate their views on the comments given by the SG, and indicate how the project would promote tourism. MoP should also give specific comments on the techno-economic feasibility of the project. With the above advice to State Govt., M/o Tourism, M/o Power, **the Committee recommended to drop the earlier selected projects namely "Construction of Rain Water Reservoir on Upper Catchment of Haora River near Champaknagar (Rs.34.60 crore)" and "Construction of Rain Water Reservoir on Champacherra near Champaibari including rehabilitation of Katakhal Drain in Tripura(Rs.86.78 crore)" and to retain the present proposal "Promotion of Tourism through Augmentation of Power Infrastructure Construction of 400 KV Sub-station at Surjamaninagar, West Tripura" for part funding to the extent of Rs.120.88 crore, the balance available for the State of Tripura under NESIDS, as of now, out of the total cost of Rs.171.38 crore and balance funds would be arranged by the State Govt. from their own sources.**

3. While making above recommendations, the Committee clarified that the Ministry will provide the funds for the projects under NESIDS/NLCPR scheme

till March, 2020 only and thereafter, the State Governments have to make their own arrangements for funds to complete the projects.

4. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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