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Dated 11th September, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of 5th meeting of Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) on North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS - Reg.)

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the approved minutes of 5th Meeting of the Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) on North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER on 17th August, 2018 at 1200 Noon in Committee Room no. "A", Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi, for information and necessary action.

(B.N. Prasad)
Director

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5. Joint Secretary (NEC), M/o DoNER, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe
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7. Director (BNP), M/o DoNER
8. Director (VLRK), M/o DoNER
9. DS (IFD), M/o DoNER
10. SE, Technical Cell, M/o DoNER
11. Director (NIC)/Web Manager for uploading of the minutes of the meeting in the project portal
12. Guard file
Sub: Minutes of 5th Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/ NESIDS committee meeting held on 17th August, 2018 at 1200 Hrs. in the Committee Room No. A, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER.

The list of participants is at Annexure.

The 5th Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/NESIDS Committee was held on 17th August, 2018 to discuss the projects submitted by Government of Assam for selection under NESIDS scheme. The meeting was attended by the members of IMC, representatives of line Ministries/Departments of Government of India and officials of the State Government. The concerned officials of Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), Karbi Anglong Autonomous Territorial Council (KAATC) and Dima Hasao Autonomous Territorial Council (DHATC) also participated in the meeting to have a detailed review of the implementation of the projects sanctioned under the packages.

After a brief introduction of the participants, the meeting started with a small presentation made by Joint Secretary (NESIDS) mentioning about the objectives of the scheme of NESIDS, the details of the entitlement of the State and the project proposals submitted by the Government of Assam for selection under the scheme. This was followed by project-wise detailed presentation by the
concerned officials of the State Government. After discussions, the Committee recommended the following:-

i) Water Supply Project in Tinsukia Town (Phase-III) cost Rs. 28.74 Crore.

Representatives of Government of Assam briefed the Committee that the proposed project is the phase-III of Tinsukia water supply scheme. The phase-I and phase-II had already been sanctioned by the Ministry of DoNER under the NLCPJ scheme and are presently ongoing. It was stated that only remaining components of phase-I and phase-II have been proposed under the present proposal of phase-III. The State Government submitted that the immense potential of tea tourism due to huge presence of tea gardens in and around Tinsukia town, proximity to Dibrugarh – Chaikhawa National Park will be exploited by supplementing/strengthening the existing water supply facility for the tourists through this project. Considering all these aspects, the committee recommended phase-III of the project for selection under NESIDS scheme at the proposed cost of Rs. 28.74 crore with the condition that the State Government must ensure non-overlapping of the components of Phase-I and Phase-II with the proposed items under phase-III. It was also clarified that the funds under the NESIDS scheme for the project will be provided by the Ministry only up to March, 2020 and accordingly State Government may complete the project during this period failing which the State Government will have to complete the project from their own sources.

ii) Phase II expansion of Maniram Dewan Trade Centre, cost Rs. 69.31 Crore.
Representatives of Government of Assam submitted that the centre will provide facilities for trade and business activities in the area. It was told that after declaration of Act East Policy, region has become the gateway to ASEAN countries including neighbouring countries like Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal. Thus, there is necessity for setting up of an international level Trade Centre in the Area for trade activities. The committee appreciated the unique concept of ‘Trade Tourism’ through the project however showed inability in funding it under NESIDS as only the sectors of water supply, power and connectivity which will enhance the tourism, are eligible for funding under the scheme. During the discussion the representative of Ministry of Tourism informed that they have a central agency scheme under which such type of projects are considered. It was also informed that North Eastern Council (NEC) has a scheme for funding such projects. Keeping in view these deliberations, the Committee advised the State Government to pose this project to Ministry of Tourism or to NEC for funding under their scheme.

iii) Construction of Manikanchan Bhawan, Panjabari, Guwahati, cost Rs. 25.00 Crore.

Representatives of Government of Assam submitted that the construction of 850 seater auditorium has been proposed for funding under NESIDS scheme. The State Government officials informed that the proposed 850 seater auditorium will be constructed at midway of existing Mahadev auditorium and Shankardeva International Auditorium which were constructed earlier under the scheme of Ministry of Culture. It was clarified that the instant project is not covered under the sectors for which financial support is accorded under NESIDS scheme. The Committee
therefore suggested the State Government to pose this project either to
Ministry of Culture or to NEC for funding.

iv) Construction of RCC Bridge over river Aie at Aie Powali including
approach and protection work in Chirang District, cost Rs. 69.74
Crore.

Representatives of Government of Assam briefed to the Committee
that the proposed bridge will be constructed over the river Aie at the point
Aie Powali of Barpathar on the eastern side to connect Tukrajhar on
western side of the river which will provide an alternate and shorter route
to Manas National Park and will also provide the tourists an option in form
of better connectivity for visiting Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan. The
representative of Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) informed that Aie
Powali is connected with the National Highway at Kajalgaon with a 27 km
road for the traffic. Out of this, a stretch of around 15 km has already been
widened and remaining portion will be widened once the proposed bridge
is approved under NESIDS. The representatives of the Ministry of
Tourism and Ministry of Road Transport & Highways supported the
concept of the project. After detailed deliberations, the committee
recommended the project for selection under NESIDS at the proposed cost
of Rs. 69.74 crore subject to the condition that the remaining stretch of the
road from national highway to Aie Powali on the eastern side may be
widened simultaneously by the State Government or by the BTC. It was
also clarified that the funds under the NESIDS scheme for the project will
be provided by the Ministry only up to March, 2020 and accordingly State
Government may complete the project during this period failing which the
State Government will have to complete the project from their own sources.

v) Improvement/Special Infrastructure development of JSB Civil Hospital in Chirang District, cost Rs. 25.00 Crore.

Representatives of Government of Assam briefed about the project to the Committee. It was stated that the project will improve the Medical facility as well as it will provide residential accommodation for Medical Officers and staffs working in the Hospital. It was further added that there are 17 medical doctors posted there but there is only 6 residential quarters. With the improved facilities, people of the area will get better services and medical care within the same complex. The representative of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare submitted that they have sanctioned Rs.1.5 crore for construction of quarters for District Hospital under National Health Mission (NHM) Scheme. Considering these facts, the Committee recommended the project for selection under NESIDS for funding at a cost of Rs. 23.00 crore for remaining work after deducting the component and their cost already sanctioned under National Health Mission (NHM). It was also clarified that the funds under the NESIDS scheme for the project will be provided by the Ministry only up to March, 2020 and accordingly State Government may complete the project during this period failing which the State Government will have to complete the project from their own sources.

vi) Construction of 100 Bedded Hospital at Maibong in Dima Hasao District, cost Rs. 44.23 Crore.
Representatives of Government of Assam briefed the Committee that the proposal is for upgrading the existing 30 bedded hospital at Maibong to 100 bedded by creating additional facilities. It was stated that the project will improve the health services in Maibang, Dima Hasao District. During the discussion, the representative of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare stated that they have sanctioned funds for District Hospital and Community Health Centre in Dima Hasao district under NHM which is still lying with them unutilized. The officials of State Government could not justify that the existing facilities of the present 30 bedded hospital are being fully utilized. They were requested to give necessary information to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare whether there is any justification for upgrading it to a 50 bedded hospital at this stage.

vii) Infrastructure Development for Adventure Tourism at Centre Rock Garden, Karbi Anglong, cost Rs. 20.35 Crore.

Representatives of Government of Assam briefed about the project to the Committee. After going through the details of presentation made by the officials of the State Government, the submissions made by the representative of Ministry of Tourism and the discussions held during the meeting, the Committee was of the view that the project is not covered under NESIDS. The Committee advised the State Government that it may be posed under the Swadesh Darshan scheme of Ministry of Tourism or under KAATC package or to the NEC.

viii) Infrastructure Development of Greater Kheroni Piped Water Supply Scheme, cost Rs. 22.57 Crore.
Representatives of Government of Assam/Autonomous Council briefed the Committee that the waterfalls in the area have huge tourism potential and the proposed infrastructure for the water supply scheme at Kheroni will facilitate drinking water to the tourists visiting the area. After due discussions, the Committee recommended the project for selection under NESIDS for funding at a cost of Rs. 22.57 crore with the condition that scheme will augment facilities of water supply to the tourist bound areas only. It was also clarified that the funds under the NESIDS scheme for the project will be provided by the Ministry only up to March, 2020 and accordingly State Government may complete the project during this period failing which the State Government will have to complete the project from their own sources.

2. After the discussions on the above projects under NESIDS, the Committee was briefed about the delay in submitting the work orders beyond six months after their sanction along with reasons in the NLCPR projects of “Construction of NL Dulagupu Sports with 3 storied RCC Dormitory Building Haflong in Dima Hasao” and “Construction of Medical College at Nalbari”. After due consideration the Committee recommended that these projects may be processed for release of first installments.

3. Two projects of Government of Tripura considered in the 4th Meeting of the IMC/NESIDS Committee namely; “Construction of Rain Water Reservoir on Upper Catchment of Haora River near Champaknagar” and “Construction of Rain Water Reservoir on Champacherra near Champaibari including rehabilitation of Katakhal Drain” at a total cost of Rs.179.85 crore were also placed before the Committee for discussion. It was informed that Committee had requested the State Government in the 4th Meeting of IMC/NESIDS Committee that the State Government may reconsider the proposals as per availability of
balance funds under the entitlement of the State. In response the State Government proposed to bear the cost of Rs.58.47 crore over and above the available fund of Rs.121.38 crore. Accordingly, the Committee recommended these projects for part funding under NESIDS as per following details:

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<th>SN</th>
<th>Name of the Project</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Construction of Rain Water Reservoir on Upper Catchment of Haora River near Champaknagar</td>
<td>49.60 + 1.67*</td>
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<td>16.67</td>
<td>Central Govt. will bear the part of infrastructure portion of the project and rest will be borne by the State Government.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Construction of Rain Water Reservoir on Champacherra near Champaibari including rehabilitation of Katakhal Drain in Tripura</td>
<td>124.40 + 4.18*</td>
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*Preliminaries (Preparation of DPR including preliminary investigation and field survey) including consultancy service and GST.

4. After the discussion on the selection of projects under NESIDS was over, Joint Secretary (NESIDS) gave a small presentation on the overall scenario of implementation of the three packages i.e. packages of BTC, KAATC and DHATC of Assam. He also briefed about the status of release of funds available under the three packages during 2018-19. Showing concern on ‘no release’ of funds under BTC and DHATC during the current financial year, the Committee advised the concerned officials of State Government of Assam as well as the Councils to submit the proposals to the Ministry so that the funds may be released under the packages and cut in budgetary allocations may be awarded at RE stage. The Committee also suggested them to submit the new proposals for funding against
the balance value of the packages of KAATC and DHATC apart from forwarding the physical and financial reports of the sanctioned projects without further delay and complete the projects where all admissible instalments have been released.

Committee also suggested the State Government to revise time frame as no funds shall be released after 31st March, 2020 under NESIDS.

5. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
ANNEXURE

MEETING ATTENDENCE SHEET

5th North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) Committee meeting held on 17th August, 2018 at 12.00 Noon in Committee Room No. A, Ground Floor, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe), Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER.

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