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Office Memorandum

Subject: Minutes of the First Meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) of the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) Scheme held on 28.10.2022 at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi.

The undersigned is directed to forward the Minutes of the First Meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) of the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) Scheme held on 28.10.2022 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of DoNER, in the Conference Room No. 245, First Floor, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, from 11:00 AM onwards for information and necessary action.

Encl : (i) Minutes of Meeting
(ii) Project wise check list


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2. Secretary, D/o Atomic Energy, New Delhi
3. Secretary, D/o Science and Technology, New Delhi
4. Secretary, D/o Agriculture & Farmer Welfare, New Delhi
5. Secretary, M/o Road Transport & Highways, New Delhi
6. Secretary, M/o Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi
7. Secretary, M/o Housing & Urban Affairs, New Delhi
8. Secretary, M/o Rural Development, New Delhi
9. Secretary, M/o Environment & Climate Change, New Delhi
10. Chief Secretary, Govt of Mizoram
11. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim
12. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
13. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam
14. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Manipur
15. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya
16. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Nagaland
17. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura
18. Secretary, NEC, Shillong
19. AS &FA, M/o DoNER

20. FA, D/o Science and Technology, New Delhi
21. FA, D/o Atomic Energy, New Delhi
22. Director, Dr D. Borooah Cancer Institute, Guwahati
23. Director General, NECTAR, Shillong
24. Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Sikkim, New Delhi
25. Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai under D/o Atomic Energy

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The First Meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) of the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) Scheme was held under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of DoNER, on 28th October 2022 from 11:00 AM in the MDoNER Conference Room No. 245, First Floor, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi. The EC considered the seven project proposals - as submitted by the concerned States / Central Department / Agency pursuant to the announcement in Union Budget 2022-23 - for suitable recommendation.

2. Participants in the meeting included the Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram ; Secretary, NEC ; AS&FA, MDoNER ; Sr.EA, MDoNER ; Adviser (NE), NITI Aayog ; representatives from the concerned Central Ministries, Implementing Agencies, and other stakeholders for these projects. Government of Sikkim was represented by Joint Resident Commissioner, who requested that their projects be considered in another meeting of the EC. The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

3. At the outset, the Senior Economic Advisor (MDoNER) and Member Secretary (EC), welcomed all participants to the meeting on behalf of the Chairman. He informed that the Union Cabinet has formally approved the PM-DevINE Scheme on 12th October 2022 with a total outlay of Rs. 6,600 crore for the remaining four years of the 15th Finance Commission period (2022-23 to 2025-26). He also informed that the EC meeting has been convened to consider the initial 7 project proposals that were announced in the Union Budget 2022-23 along with the PM-DevINE Scheme. He further informed that the brief presentation on projects by their respective implementing agencies will be followed by deliberations and comments of the North Eastern Council (NEC) and the concerned Central Ministries / Departments. It was also explained to the participants that the project acceptance would depend on its soundness in terms of its viability and tangible socio-economic impact ; for which the EC would appraise the projects as per the already circulated detailed Scheme Guidelines, inter alia, emphasizing quality and completeness with regard to the following key aspects -

- a) Availability of the Concept Note, Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the identified projects.
- b) Technical and economic appraisal recommendation of the project from institutions of national repute like IIT / IIM / NIT, etc.
- c) Recommendation of the State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC) chaired by the Chief Secretary of the concerned State / or the concerned Central Ministry / Department for Central Government projects.
- d) Availability of 'Statutory' and 'Regulatory' clearances such as Forest & Environment, Land Acquisition, Availability of Stone Quarry (if applicable), etc.

- e) Certificate of Non-duplication of the project with any other Scheme of MDoNER or that of any other Central Ministry / Department or State Government initiative.
- f) Details of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) impacted and development gap addressed along with quantified details for Output-Outcome deliverables – including the number of beneficiaries, the quantum of employment generation, etc.
- g) Implementation timeframe with details of measurable financial and physical milestones.
- h) Operations & Maintenance (O&M) costs of up to 4 years to be included in Total Project Cost, which would make the project sustainable over longer time frame.
- i) Institutional arrangement and alignment with PM Gatishakti Master Plan for infrastructure projects.

4. Secretary (MDoNER) and Chairman (EC) highlighted to all participants that as per the EFC recommendation on PMDevINE, all capital expenditure projects should have proper Operation & Maintenance up to 4 years of operations (and the cost on this account may be made a part of the Total Project Cost) ; and a suitable mechanism for O&M of projects after 4 years to ensure project sustainability, and creation of a fund / scheme at the State / Central Ministry / Department level might need to be suitably considered to provide for this.

5. The project-wise presentations by the respective implementation agencies and summary of discussion and deliberations that followed are stated below.

(A) Establishment of Dedicated Services for the Management of Paediatric and Adult Haemotolymphoid Cancers in North East India, at Dr. B Borooah Cancer Institute, Guwahati (Multi-State) at a cost of Rs 129 crore.

(i) Recommended for in-principle approval of the project at a cost of Rs 129 crore.

(ii) The DPR (total project cost is Rs 300 crore including DAE's contribution of Rs 171 crore) alongwith techno economic appraisal report from a reputed institute may be submitted prior to the next EC meeting in November 2022.

(iii) Written undertaking for bearing OPEX cost, estimated to be Rs 200 crore per year by BARC, needs to be submitted by DAE prior to the next EC meeting in November 2022.

(iv) Copy of MOU with the NER States signed so far, if any, alongwith plan for expansion of the facility to other parts of the NER will be submitted by Tata Memorial Center.

(Action: DAE / Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute / Tata Memorial Institute)

(B) NECTAR Livelihood Improvement Project (Multi-State): A Value Chain on Utilization of Banana Pseudo Stem for Value-Added Products at a cost of Rs 67 crore.

- (i) NECTAR will submit Techno Economic Appraisal Report by ICAR.
- (ii) M/o Agriculture and Farmer Welfare and DST may send their comments on the project proposal expeditiously.
- (iii) Details on social benefits, livelihood generation opportunities, development of market linkage of the products, system for concurrent monitoring and exit plan for sustainability of intervention after project completion / disengagement of NECTAR need to be clearly spelt out for further deliberation. Also experience / best practices of any similar projects may be shared in support before the next EC meeting.
- (iv) Draft of MoU / MoA with NER State Governments / Agencies as required with regard to the project be also submitted.

(Action : D/o Agri& FW, DST, NECTAR)

(C) Promoting Scientific Organic Agriculture in North East India, using Improved Farming Technique & Digital Data Management through Capacity Building of Farmers and Facilitating Certification at a cost of Rs 45 crore.

- (i) NECTAR will submit Techno Economic Appraisal Report by ICAR.
- (ii) M/o Agriculture and Farmer Welfare and DST may send their comments on the project proposal expeditiously.
- (iii) Sikkim had become an organic State by implementing organic farming projects across the State (2007). After almost 15 years, Sikkim would have its share of challenges and success. Also, Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCD-NER) under Ministry of Agriculture has been operating in NER States for some years. NECTAR should study in depth the experiences of the 2 initiatives for best learning experience, besides the good experiences of other State(s). Supplementary report may be submitted by NECTAR after studying the experience of Sikkim and other States in terms of sustainability.
- (iv) Details on social benefits, livelihood generation opportunities, development of market linkage of the products, system for concurrent monitoring and exit plan for sustainability of intervention after project completion / disengagement of NECTAR need to be clearly spelt out for further deliberation. Also experience / best practices of any similar projects may be shared in support before the next EC meeting.

(v) Draft of MoU / MoA with NER State Governments / Agencies as required with regard to the project be also submitted.

(Action : D/o Agri& FW, DST, NECTAR)

(D) Construction of Aizwal By-pass on Western Side at a cost of Rs 500 crore.

(i) Retained for consideration of recommendation for approval for a cost of Rs 500 crore, subject to any amount beyond this being borne by the Government of Mizoram.

(ii) Request of Government of Mizoram for inclusion of Rs 44.23 crore for land acquisition was not accepted by the EC as per PM-DevINE Guidelines. Government of Mizoram will immediately start land acquisition process and complete it within 4 months.

(iii) Project may be implemented on EPC basis as per standard MORTH document, with provision for liquidated damages to minimize construction risk (of time and cost overrun) falling on the public sector. Authority Engineer must be employed in light of the size and importance of the project.

(iv) Revised DPR by including cost escalation clause for EPC contract, if permissible/applicable, be submitted by the Government of Mizoram. The DPR will thereafter be referred to MORTH for their views / suggestions for incorporation while implementing the project. MORTH will provide their comments within 7 days of receipt of revised DPR.

(v) Government of Mizoram will also obtain forest and other statutory clearances as required and ensure tendering of the project within 6 months of this meeting (by end-April 2023). The project should be completed by March 2026. Central Government will not fund any expenditure beyond this date.

(vi) Institutional arrangement of the project for integration with PM Gatishakti Master Plan has to be submitted.

(Action : Government of Mizoram, MORTH)

(E) Construction and upgradation of Bamboo Link Road from Tuirial Airfield to North Chaltlang (18 km) at a cost of Rs. 33.58 crore and from Lengpui to Saiphal Bamboo Plantation (41 km) at a cost of Rs. 66.42 crore in Mizoram

(i) Retained for consideration of recommendation for approval for Construction and upgradation of Bamboo Link Road from Tuirial Airfield to North Chaltlang (18 km) at a cost of Rs. 33.58 crore ; and from Lengpui to Saiphal Bamboo Plantation (41 km) at a cost of Rs. 66.42 crore in Mizoram.



(ii) Government of Mizoram will submit a detailed study report from an institution of national repute on the expected impact of these roads and market linkages for bamboo development. The benefits of these roads towards better alignment with the viable economic opportunities, inter alia, the proposed Ethanol 2G initiative of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas need to be clearly spelt out.

(iii) Government of Mizoram will also obtain forest and other statutory clearances as required and ensure tendering of the project within 6 months of this meeting (by end-April 2023).

(F) Gap funding for Passenger Ropeway System from Pelling to Sanga-Choeling in West Sikkim at a cost of Rs 64 crore.

(i) At the request of Government of Sikkim, the project has been deferred for consideration to the next EC meeting. However, it was decided that the DPR of the project will be sent to MORTH for their comments within 7 days of receipt of the same by MDoNER.

(Govt. of Sikkim, MORTH)

(G) Gap funding for Passenger Ropeway from Dhapper to Bhaleydungta in South Sikkim at a cost of Rs 58 crore.

(i) At the request of Govt. of Sikkim, the project has been deferred for consideration to the next EC meeting. However, it was decided that the DPR of the project will be sent to MORTH for their comments within 7 days of receipt of the same by MDoNER.

(Govt. of Sikkim, MORTH)

6. NER States may ensure that all relevant documents as indicated in para-3, also including those as per checklist in the related Annexure, are submitted to MDoNER for consideration of their projects under PM-DevINE scheme by EC to avoid any delay, as all PMDevINE projects are targeted to be sanctioned latest by March, 2024 and are expected to be completed by March, 2026.

(All NER States)

7. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



List of Participant

First meeting of the Empowered Committee of the PM-DevINE Scheme

Sl No.	Ministry/Department	Name	Designation
1.	M/o DoNER	Shri Lok Ranjan	Secretary
2.	NEC, Shillong	Sh. K.Moses Chalai	Secretary
3.	M/o DoNER	Shri Shashi Ranjan Kumar	AS & FA
4.	M/o DoNER	Dr. Kumar V. Pratap	Senior Economic Adviser
5.	G/o Mizoram	Dr. Renu Sharma	Chief Secretary
6.	G/o Mizoram	Sh. Lalmalsawma Pachuau	Secretary (Planning)
7.	NITI Aayog	Sh. Prem Singh	Adviser
8.	NECTAR	Sh. Arun Kumar Sharma	Director General
9.	NECTAR	Dr. Krishana Kumar	Adviser
10.	G/o Sikkim	Sh. Sunil Kumar	Jt. RC
11.	DAE	Sh. Pankaj Chaturvedi	Deputy Director
13.	MoRTH	Sh. Uday Singh	General Manager
14.	MoRTH	Sh. Sumit Kumar	Superintendent Engineering
15.	NHLML	Sh. Prasant Jain	Asst. VP
16.	MoHUA	Sh. Y.S. Yadav	Deputy Secretary
17.	D/o Science & Technology	Dr. M. Mohanty	Head
18.	D/o Science & Technology	Ms. Neelam	Under Secretary
19.	M/o Rural Development	Sh. K. M Singh	Deputy Secretary
20.	M/o Health & F W	Sh. Sarita Nair	Deputy Secretary
21.	M/o DoNER	Shri Purushottam Verma	Deputy Secretary
22.	M/o DoNER	Sh. Anup Kumar Mandal	Under Secretary

**PROJECT- WISE CHECK-LIST FOR FURTHER SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS BY
IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES BEFORE THE NEXT EC MEETING IN NOV 2022**

(A) Establishment of Dedicated Services for the Management of Paediatric and Adult Haemotolymphoid Cancers in North East India, at Dr. B Borooah Cancer Institute, Guwahati (Multi-State) at a cost of Rs 129 crore.

<p>Essential documents already received</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concept Note for the project - Preliminary Project Report - Recommendation from DAE - Statutory & Regulatory Clearances - Details of the expected outputs and outcomes - Comments of M/o Health & FW
<p>Essential documents awaited</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DPR (reflecting total project cost of Rs. 300 crore, including DAE's contribution of Rs. 171 crore). - Techno Economic Appraisal report from IIT/NIT/IIM, etc.
<p>Supplementary documents / information required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written undertaking from DAE for bearing of OPEX cost of Rs. 200 crore per year as estimated by BARC. - Copy of MOU with NER States signed so far, along with plan for expansion of facility to other parts of NER - Percentage of SC/ST population in the project area - Location of project area/location (backward areas covered)

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<p>Essential documents already received</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concept Note for the project - Detailed Project Report - Techno-Economic Appraisal reports from IIM Shillong and NIT Arunachal Pradesh - Statutory & Regulatory Clearances - Details of the expected outputs and outcomes
<p>Essential documents awaited</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NECTAR to submit Techno-Economic Appraisal report from ICAR - Comments of M/o Agriculture & Farmer Welfare and DST on the proposal
<p>Supplementary documents / information required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Note on the project covering the aspects of socio-economic benefits of the project, opportunities for livelihood generation, plan for developing market linkage of products, system for concurrent monitoring, and NECTAR's exit plan for self-sustainability of the project. - Note on experience/ best practices of any similar projects in support of implementation/ expansion of the project. - Copy of a draft MOU/MoA with NER State Govts/ agencies as required with regard to the project - Percentage of SC/ST population in the project area - Location of project area/location (backward areas covered)

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<p>Supplementary documents / information required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Note on the project covering the aspects of socio-economic benefits of the project, opportunities for livelihood generation, plan for developing market linkage of products, system for concurrent monitoring, and NECTAR's exit plan for self-sustainability of the project. - Note based on a study of similar initiatives for adoption of best practices and learning from good/bad experience of other States/agencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Organic farming projects of G/o Sikkim (2007); and Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCD-NER) of M/oAFW - Note on experience/ best practices of any similar projects in support of the project. - Copy of draft MOU/MoA with NER State Govts/ agencies as required with regard to the project - Percentage of SC/ST population in the project area - Location of project area/location (backward areas covered)

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Essential documents awaited	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Revised DPR including the cost escalation clause for EPC contract (as applicable).- Comments/suggestions from the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MORTH) on Revised DPR.- Statutory & Regulatory Clearances<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Forest and Environment clearance certificateo Land acquisition certificate- Details of the institutional arrangement for integration with PM Gatishakti Master Plan- Details of physical and financial milestones
Supplementary documents / information required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Undertaking from State Government to bear any cost beyond Rs. 500 Crore- Note on the justification of formation cutting cost of 26%.- Percentage of SC/ST population in the project area- Location of project area/location (backward areas covered)

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<p>Essential documents awaited</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments of NITI Aayog, M/o Environment & CC - Statutory & Regulatory Clearances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Forest and Environment clearance certificate
<p>Supplementary documents / information required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study report on the expected socio-economic impact of these roads and the market linkages for bamboo development in the region (from an institution of national repute). Note shall cover the following - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Benefit(s) of these roads towards better alignment with viable economic opportunities. - Percentage of SC/ST population in the project area - Location of project area/location (backward areas covered)

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