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Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
(NESIDS-Roads)

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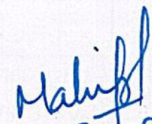
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the 20th Meeting of Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC - 20) held on 19.08.2025 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER to consider various projects under NESIDS (Roads) – reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC-20) held on 19.08.2025 in hybrid mode under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region to consider various project proposals under NESIDS (Roads) for information and necessary action please.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl.: As above.


02.09.2025

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To:

1. Chief Executive Officer (CEO), NITI Aayog
2. Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs
3. Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
4. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
5. Secretary, Logistics (DPIIT)
6. Chief Secretaries (All the 8 NER States)
7. AS & FA, Ministry of DoNER
8. Secretary, North Eastern Council, Shillong
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3. Shri Moneshwar Kalita, Superintending Engineer, NEC
4. Shri Lalatendu Behera, Superintending Engineer, MoRTH
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Copy for information to:

1. PPS to Secretary, Ministry of DoNER
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Minutes of the 20th Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC-20) meeting held on 19.08.2025 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER to consider various project proposals under NESIDS (Roads).

The 20th meeting of Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC-20) for NESIDS (Roads) Scheme was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of DoNER on 19.08.2025 in hybrid mode at Conference Room, Jodhpur Officers' Hostel, New Delhi. The list of participants is **annexed**.

2. The Secretary, Ministry of DoNER welcomed the participants and asked the Joint Secretary (Infrastructure) to start the presentation. The deliberations and decisions were as under:

Agenda No.1 - The Minutes of the last Meeting of 19th EIMC held on 08.07.2025 were circulated vide MDoNER's O.M. No. NESIDS/39/2025-O/o UNDER SECRETARY(MY) dated 22.07.2025. As there were no comments received from any State Government/Line Ministry/NITI Aayog, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the 19th EIMC.

Agenda No. 2- Projects for In-Principal Approval (02):

SN	Name of Project	State	Length (in KM)	Cost (in cr.)	Deliberations	Decision of EIMC
1	Construction of Road from Singri to No. 1 Sitamari under NESIDS for the year 2024-2025 (L= 6.2 Km) (1250007)	Assam	6.2	22.91	<p>It was conveyed that the MoRTH, MH, MoRD, NITI Aayog & DPIIT have supported the project.</p> <p>The project was considered in EIMC-19 held on 08.07.2025 and certain observations were made about different stretches of the proposed alignment having proximity with existing roads.</p> <p>State Government Assam replied on 16.07.2025 and provided a drone video which showed that the existing roads which are in proximity to the proposed alignment are feeder roads (unsurfaced) and don't overlap with the proposed alignment.</p> <p>After detailed deliberations, the Committee decided to recommend the project in principle.</p>	Recommended for In-principle approval.
2	Surface Improvement, Anti-Erosion Works Along The Road From Nh-10 (Mayfair Fatak) To Ibp Road Via A. dampool And Bhanjakri Falls In Gangtok District, Sikkim (7.76 Km)	Sikkim	7.76	31.61	<p>It was conveyed that the MoRTH, MHA and MoRD, NITI Aayog & DPIIT supported the project.</p> <p>PD observed that the overall condition of the road surface is good, except the stretch that runs parallel to the Rani Khola River which has been damaged due to scouring from the river.</p>	Not Recommended for In-principle approval.

				<p>EIMC suggested to the State Government that the overall condition of the road surface is good so, Surface Improvement & Anti-Erosion Works can be taken up by the State Government and the Bridge works can be taken up separately through the funding from the MDoNER.</p> <p>After detailed deliberations, the EIMC suggested to the State Government of Sikkim that they may submit the Bridge work's proposal separately in one go as Concept Note and DPR.</p>	
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Agenda No. 3- Consideration of Projects for Change of Scope (02):

SN	Name of Project	State	Length (in KM)	Cost (in cr.)	Deliberations	Decision of EIMC
1	Improvement/Upgradation of Roadur connecting Tadubi to Chowainamei Kunao and maopung Dung, Senapati District	Manipur	10.045 km	Vetted Revised Cost Rs. 43.79 cr	<p>This project was originally sanctioned on 16.10.2023 at a cost of Rs 41.66 cr.</p> <p>The proposal for change of scope has been supported by MoRTH, MoRD, DPIIT and MHA.</p> <p>The proposal was discussed during the 19th EIMC. The State Government had requested for CoS in 4 components and the EIMC had made the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional earthwork was proposed by the State Government. However, the proposed work was not accepted by the 19th EIMC. Increase in Length of Breast wall to 400m was proposed by the State Government. However, the 19th EIMC recommended to limit it to 250m based on the vetted estimate of NEC. 	Recommended for approval of change of scope

- Increase in Length of Retaining wall to 50m was proposed by the State Government and was accepted by the 19th EIMC.
- Increase in Crash barrier length to 2000m was proposed by the State Government. However, the 19th EIMC recommended to limit it to 1500m based on the vetted estimate of NEC.
- Road furniture for entire length of the project (10045m) was proposed in EIMC-19, but the EIMC observed that in EPC contracts, if some item was already provisioned in the contract, the enhancement of its rates is not permissible merely on the ground that the rate provisioned in the contract was insufficient. The road furniture is to be provided as per the IRC specification. The representative of MoRTH agreed to the observation of the EIMC in this regard.

The Programme Division conveyed that based on the observations of the 19th EIMC, the State Govt. was requested to re-examine the road furniture component in light of the original scope of work and the IRC code and resubmit the proposal.

It was further conveyed that the State Government has resubmitted the proposal after removing the component of road furniture, in entirety, from the Change of Scope proposal and the NEC has vetted the same at a revised project cost of Rs 43.79 cr.

The representative of NITI Aayog quoted para 15.1 of NESIDS Roads

				<p>Guidelines and stated that the cost for change of scope should be borne by the State Govt.</p> <p>In response, representative of the NEC quoted the para 12.1 of the Guidelines of NESIDS (Roads) which mentions the provision for change of scope. It is mentioned in the guidelines that the ground situation may necessitate some minor change in scope/cost of the projects. Any such minor change in the scope/cost should be placed before the EIMC giving adequate justifications for such minor changes.</p> <p>The Committee observed that the Scheme guidelines permit the change of scope for this project and EPC also mandate that for cost variation within 10% of the estimated cost, change of scope can be allowed.</p> <p>After detailed deliberations, the Committee decided to recommend the Change of Scope proposal as per the vetted estimate of NEC.</p>	
2	Upgradation of Moirang Sendra Road upto Sendra Hillock and Road from Moirang Sendra Road to Omba Hillock and Keina Bazar on Moirang Khunou to Thanga Keibul Road- 8.50 km for promoting Tourism Bishnupur in Manipur	Manip	4.30	<p>Vetted Revised Cost - Rs. 14.74 cr</p> <p>This project was originally sanctioned on 29.07.2019 at a cost of Rs. 20.32 Crore.</p> <p>The State Government of Manipur has requested for CoS in 2 components</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in length from 8.50 Km to 4.30 Km from Omba Junction to Omba Tourist Resort and Keina Bazar on Moirang Khunou to Thanga Road due to overlap with PMGSY road Stone Pitching on embankment towards Loktak Lake from Ch: 2.62 Km to 3.52 Km <p>The proposal for change of scope has been supported by MoRTH, MoRD, DPIIT and MHA.</p> <p>NITI also supported the project with following observations:</p>	<p>Recommended for Change of scope subject to the observations in Column 6.</p>

				<p>i. Coordination with Loktak Development Authority</p> <p>ii. Minimal disturbance to local environment</p> <p>iii. No-overlap with existing PMGSY road</p> <p>iv. Quality assessment of adjoining PMGSY road</p> <p>v. Formal Documentation</p> <p>vi. To justify the significant cost increase of the protection work.</p> <p>Programme Division stated that the project was sanctioned in 2019 when the PM Gatishakti Portal was not in use. However, in the current scenario all new proposals are being checked for overlap with other GoI schemes through the Gatishakti Portal. There is no duplication at present.</p> <p>The Committee observed that the project is completed and the suggestions of NITI Aayog may be adhered to during the implementation of other projects of similar nature.</p> <p>After detailed deliberation, the Committee decided to recommend the Change of Scope subject to submission of compliance to the observations of NITI Aayog by the State Government.</p>	
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3. The Competent Authority has raised certain observations in respect of the following two DPRs and the State Govt. of Mizoram is being requested to provide their response thereon separately:

- i. Construction of Pukzing to Silsury Road (Intermediate Lane), Mizoram (Length L = 21.00 Km) (1240019)
- ii. Construction of Tualpui to Champhai Road, Mizoram (21.00 KM) (1240004)

4. While reviewing the outlays, the State Governments were requested to submit the Concept Notes/DPRs to the Ministry on time as per their available balance outlays. The State-wise balance outlays is as below:

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(Amount in Rs. Cr)													
SL NO.	STATE	Normative Allocation %	Allocation for State	In Principle Approval		DPR Approved		AFS issued		AA Issued by NEC		Balance Normative	Shelf
				No of projects	Amount	No of projects	Amount	No of projects	Amount	No of projects	Amount	Amount	Amount
1	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	13.06	354.9708	0	0	0	0	6	342.08	6	342.08	12.89	0
2	ASSAM	27.78	755.0604	1	31.2	0	0	7	690.28	6	644.97	33.58	22.91
3	MANIPUR	9.98	271.2564	0	0	0	0	8	259.17	7	212.35	12.09	0
4	MEGHALAYA	10.76	292.4568	2	200.07	0	0	2	30.58	2	30.58	61.81	0
5	MIZORAM	10.42	283.2156	2	186.96	0	0	3	110.23	3	110.2	0.00	0
6	NAGALAND	10.18	276.6924	1	39.41	0	0	7	253.67	7	253.6	0.00	
7	SIKKIM	6.54	177.7572	1	22.5	0	0	3	101.36	1	35.35	53.90	31.61
8	TRIPURA	11.28	306.5904	1	98	1	30.72	5	234.29	5	234.29	0.00	0
	TOTAL	100	2718	8	578.14	1	30.72	41	2021.56	37	1863.42	174.26	54.52

5. The State Governments were requested to expedite the completion of the ongoing projects, as this is the last year of the current 15th Finance Commission period. They were also requested to send the demand proposals as per the expenditure plans. The State-wise expenditure target and achievement of first two quarters is as below:

S. No	State Name	July-25		Aug-25		Sep-25		Q1 – (Target & Achievement)			Q2 – (Target & Achievement)		
		Exp. Plan Submitted by SG	Achievement	Exp. Plan Submitted by SG	Achievement	Exp. Plan Submitted by SG	Achievement	Expenditure plan submitted by State	Total Expenditure	Shortfall	Expenditure plan submitted by State	Total Expenditure	

1	Aruna chal Pr adesh	0	11.40	5.30	-	4.41	-	23.96	18.29	5.66	9.71	11.40
2	Assam	0	8.00	0	-	31.86	-	33.90	25.97	7.93	31.86	8.00
3	Manip ur	0	2.60	10.41	-	0.00	-	35.88	18.05	17.83	10.41	2.60
4	Megha laya	0.95	0	0	9.67	0.00	-	24.88	17.57	7.31	0.95	9.67
5	Mizora m	0	0	0	-	0.00	-	19.66	16.71	2.95	0.00	0
6	Nagala nd	0	36.21	14.33	-	29.00	-	61.29	25.71	35.58	43.33	36.21
7	Sikkim	0	0	0	-	0.00	-	11.64	15.78	-	0.00	0
8	Tripur a	19.61	0	0	-	0.00	-	6.77	45.82	-	19.61	0
Total		20.56	58.21	30.04	9.67	65.27	-	217.98	183.90	77.26	115.87	67.88

6. It was re-iterated by the Committee that while preparing the DPRs of road Projects, new technologies for road construction should invariably be used as per the MoRTH and IRC Guidelines so that the roads have longer durability and protection from rain water.

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

List of Participants of the Meeting

From Ministry of DoNER

1. Shri Chanchal Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of DoNER (In-Chair)
2. Shri Shantanu, Joint Secretary , Infrastructure Wing, MDoNER
3. Shri Moneshwar Kalita, Superintending Engineer, NEC
4. Shri Silabhadra Das, Deputy Secretary, Infrastructure Wing, MDoNER
5. Shri Sandeep Verma, Deputy Secretary, IFD, MDoNER
6. Shri Mahipal Yadav, US, Infrastructure Wing, MDoNER
7. Shri Sunil Kumar Jain, Executive Engineer, Ministry of DoNER
8. Shri Abhinav Saroha, ASO, MDoNER
9. NEC Secretariat

From Other Ministries/ Departments

1. Shri Khilli Ram Meena, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Mizoram
2. Shri Ravindra Telang, Chief Secretary, Govt. Sikkim
3. Shri Jitendra Kumar Sinha, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura
4. Shri Debajit Bhuyan, Special Secretary, PWD (Roads), Govt. of Assam
5. Shri Mohd Zubair Ali Hashmi, Director, NITI Aayog
6. Shri L.Behera, Suptt. Engineer, MoRTH
7. Director (Project Coordination Planning), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
8. Development Commissioner, Govt. of Nagaland
9. Ms. Shalini Das, Joint Director, Ministry of Rural Development
10. Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Under Secretary (NE), Ministry of Home Affairs
11. Shri Sher Singh Meena, Under Secretary, DPIIT
12. Shri Jibanjyoti Sarma, Executive Engineer, PWD (Roads), Govt. of Assam
13. Shri Ranjit Dutta, Assistant Engineer, PWD (Roads), Govt. of Assam
14. Planning Department, Govt. of Manipur
15. Chief Engineer, PWD, Govt. of Manipur
16. Shri Vanlaldina Fanai, Commissioner, Planning Deptt., Govt. of Mizoram
17. Shri Lalmalsawma Pachuau, Secretary, Planning Deptt., Govt. of Mizoram
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