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MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Revised Guidelines for release of funds under Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) Package.

The Guidelines for release of funds under BTC Package was circulated vide this Ministry's OM of even number dated 31.12.2004. In order to further streamline the existing procedures and to accelerate the developmental process in BTC areas of Assam, a need was felt to revise the existing guidelines. Accordingly, the guidelines have been revised and copy of the 'Revised Guidelines' is enclosed herewith for your reference.

2. The 'Revised Guidelines' has the approval of the Minister for Development of North Eastern Region and comes into effect from 14.01.2009 superseding the earlier guidelines issued vide OM of even number dated 31.12.2004.

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**REVISED GUIDELINES FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS UNDER BODOLAND
TERRITORIAL COUNCIL (BTC) PACKAGE.**

- (1) The BTC will prepare an annual list of priority projects within the overall framework of Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) and Master Plan for BTC area for balanced socio-economic infrastructure development across sectors and will submit the same to the Ministry of DONER through the Government of Assam by 30th November.
- (2) The BTC/Government of Assam will prepare and submit Concept Papers for these projects which will include details of major components of projects and the benefits that will accrue from these projects. This will also include the estimated cost of the project.
- (3) The NLCPR Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER will consider these projects in the overall context of the Accord and recommend the retention of projects for sanction.
- (4) The Government of Assam/BTC will be intimated about the retention of projects who will then prepare the Detailed Project Reports and cost estimates for each of the retained projects and will have a techno-economic examination done by a competent technical authority.
- (5) The State Government will constitute a Standing Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Assam with the following members :
 - (i) Commissioner/Secretary, Planning.
 - (ii) Commissioner/Secretary, Finance.
 - (iii) Commissioner/Secretary, BTC.
 - (iv) Commissioner/Secretary to Chief Minister.
 - (v) Commissioner/Secretary of the Department concerned with the Project as a special invitee.

The Committee will co-opt any other officer/representative of Government to assist the Committee. The Standing Committee will consider DPRs along with the comments/reports of the competent authority regarding the techno-economic examination of the project.

- (6) The Standing Committee while approving the DPR will firm up the cost of the Project. A copy of the DPR, along with a copy of the techno-economic analysis and the recommendation of the Standing Committee will be sent to the Ministry of DONER.
- (7) The work of preparation of DPRs, their techno-economic examination and their approval by the Standing Committee will be completed within a period of 3 months.
- (8) The Standing Committee will also decide the implementing agency and fix time limits for the implementation of the project.

- (9) Immediately on receipt of the approval of the Standing Committee for a project, 50% of the firmed up cost will be released by Ministry of DoNER to the State Government in lump sum.
- (10) After 75% of the released amount of the first installment is utilized, BTC through Govt of Assam will send a proposal to DoNER with relevant UCs, QPRs (on the proforma already prescribed for NLCPR projects) and photographs of completed works (depicting mandatory NLCPR signboards) for the release of balance 50% or the balance amount of the approved project cost.
- (11) The Standing Committee will monitor, review and evaluate the progress of implementation periodically with special reference to the time limits fixed for various stages of implementation. The Standing Committee will also ensure that the completion report of the project is sent to the Ministry of DoNER immediately after the implementation of the project.
- (12) The B.T.C./Government of Assam will ensure timely implementation/completion of projects in accordance with the approved cost and no revision/escalation in the project cost will be entertained.
