Minutes of 126th Meeting of NLCPR Committee held on 22.09.2014 at 11.00 hrs. under Chairmanship of Secretary, M/o DoNER in his Chamber, Ministry of DoNER, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi.

Present

1. Shri Rajiv Takru, Secretary, M/o Development of North Eastern Region ..........in Chair
2. Shri A.M. Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of DoNER .......... Member Secretary
3. Shri S.N. Brahmo Choudhary, Adviser (NE), Planning Commission
4. Shri S.L. Meena, Director (IFD), M/o DoNER represented JS&FA.

Following officers were also present as special invitees:

Shri Brajesh Mishra, Director, Shri R.C. Dhankar, Director and Shri B.N. Prasad, Dy. Secretary of Ministry of DoNER.

Item No.1 : Confirmation of the minutes of 125th Meeting of the NLCPR Committee held on 13.06.2014.

The minutes of the Meeting was circulated vide O.M. No.DNER/NLP/6(CXXVI)/2014 dated 13.06.2014. Minutes of 125th Meeting of NLCPR Committee held on 13.06.2014 were confirmed.

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Item No.2 : Action taken report decisions/recommendations made by NLCPR Committee in the 125th Meeting held on 13.06.2014.

Committee noted that Ministry have taken action on recommendations made in its 125th meeting dated 13.06.2014. The committee recommended further follow up action on the item no. 3 & 11.

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Item No.3 : Increased focus on ongoing projects.

Committee was informed that in view of the huge committed liability in respect of ongoing projects under NLCPR Scheme (balance fund to be released for their completion) and large number of retained projects pending appraisal / approval vis-a-vis the yearly allocation of fund for the NLCPR Scheme, following decision has been communicated to the NE State Government on 27.08.2014:-

(i) Change of focus from new projects to ongoing projects, whereby the North Eastern States may give top most priority to expeditious completion of ongoing projects.
(ii) Neither any fresh sanction shall be made against the retained projects nor any new project be retained till the committed liability against the ongoing projects comes down to the level of annual budgetary allocation to the NLCPR scheme.

(iii) The guidelines of NLCPR Scheme are being revised to make it transparent & simple for facilitating expeditious approval of new projects and timely completion of ongoing projects.

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**Item No.4:** Revision of Guidelines of NLCPR Scheme and related issues.

Following decisions were taken:-

1. For the time being only the ongoing projects will be considered for releases under NLCPR scheme and no new project will be considered except critical projects that would require specific justification.

2. There are numbers of ongoing NLCPR projects which are pending completion because of imposition of artificial cuts in the estimated cost / scope of the work during appraisal / approval as a result of budgetary constraints of the Ministry. Such projects may be reviewed and reconsidered for additional funding support from NLCPR scheme, subject to justification and concrete proposal of their completion by the State Government. DPRs of only those projects will be taken up for consideration by the Committee which are really critical in nature.

3. The revised guidelines drafted by the NLCPR Division were discussed and it was decided that these guidelines may be sent to Integrated Finance Division for vetting and thereafter the approval of the Hon’ble Minister may be obtained.

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Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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