Minutes of the 33rd Meeting of the NLCPR Committee held at 11:00 AM on 10th May 2005 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, M/DoNER in Committee Room, Vigyan Bhavan Annexe.

Present

1. Shri Lakshmi Chand, Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region…..In Chair.

2. Shri N.A. Viswanathan, AS&FA, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

3. Dr. Hari Krishna, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

4. Shri S.N. Brohmo Choudhury, Director (SP-NE), Planning Commission.

5. Shri R.R. Jha, Director (NE-II), Ministry of Home Affairs.


7. Shri N. Misra, Section Officer (Fin.V), Ministry of Home Affairs.

Shri S.C. Garg, JS, PF(I), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance and Shri Rajiv Agarwal, Joint Secretary (NE), Ministry of Home Affairs were granted leave of absence.
Item No.1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the NLCPR Committee held on 28.02.2005

Minutes of the 32nd Meeting were confirmed.

Item No.2: Action taken report of decisions/ recommendations made by NLCPR Committee in the 32nd Meeting held on 28.02.2005

The Committee noted the progress of action taken by the Ministry of DoNER on the decisions/ recommendations made by the NLCPR Committee in the 32nd meeting held on 28.02.2005. It was decided that the remaining action be completed urgently and progress reported in the next meeting.

Item No.3: Consideration of Priority List 2005-2006 of Assam for retention of projects for detailed examination.

The Committee noted that the Government of Assam submitted a priority list of 29 projects with an estimated cost of Rs. 345.34 crore for 2005-2006. After deliberations, the Committee recommended to retain the following 7 projects (Estimated Cost Rs.114.76 crore) for detailed examination:

(i) Construction of overbridge on river Bharalu and Railway line near Bharalu Police Point
(ii) Widening of Guwahati-Garbhanga Road
(iii) Construction of 220/132 kV, 1x50 MVA, 1x25 MVA and 132/33 kV, 2x16 MVA Agia Sub-station
(iv) Augmentation of Existing Water Supply Scheme in Guwahati City
(v) Solid Waste Management project of Jorhat
(vi) Dhubri Water Supply Scheme
(vii) Sibsagar Town Water Supply Scheme

Besides, the Committee also recommended that the proposed sites of the following three projects be inspected on the ground before they are considered by the Committee for retention:

(i) Fly over at Bharalumukh on the proposed VIP Road
(ii) Infrastructural Development of Assam Textile Institute
(iii) Widening and strengthening of existing PWD Road from Dudhnoi to Goalpara via Mornoi including conversion of Wooden bridge to RCC Bridge.
Item No. 4 : Proposal for allocation of Rs. 15.54 crore as additional funds for meeting the shortfall of resources for Construction of Main Athletic Stadium Complex along with a multi-purpose Indoor Hall at Guwahati for National Games 2005.

The Committee noted that the Government of Assam had proposed a project for Construction of Main Athletic Stadium Complex along with a multi-purpose Indoor Hall at Guwahati for National Games 2005 at an estimated cost of Rs. 55.10 crore in its priority list for 2003-2004. The project was retained for detailed examination by the NLCPR Committee in its 24th Meeting held on 22.8.2003.

However, the Government of Assam submitted a DPR for the project with an estimated cost of Rs.66.23 crore in December 2003 which was sent to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for techno-economic examination. The DPR was subsequently revised by the Govt of Assam based on the observations/comments made by the line Ministry and the estimated cost of the project was revised to Rs.99.80 crore. The project was placed before the NLCPR Committee in its 27th meeting held on 27.2.2004. In that meeting, the Committee noted that the initial cost of the project was indicated as Rs.55.10 crore as against the total estimated cost Rs.99.80 crore shown in the DPR submitted by the Govt of Assam. It was also noted by the Committee that the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports had requested for more details on the DPR and it had recommended that DONER should process release of funds for this project on receipt of technical clearance from the line Ministry.

Subsequently, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports conveyed their approval for the project at a cost of Rs.75.10 crore against the estimated cost of Rs.99.80 crore submitted by the Govt of Assam on 8.3.2004. On receipt of this clearance from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the Ministry of DONER released funds in installments to the Govt of Assam for this project as advised by the NLCPR Committee in its meeting dated 27.2.2004. The Committee was accordingly informed in its 28th meeting held on 8.4.2004 that the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports had technically approved the DPR and supported the project at a cost of Rs.75.10 crore. The Committee
was also informed that the NLCPR support till then had been extended for the project at Rs.55.10 crore-Main Athletic Stadium (Rs.32.23 crore), Indoor Stadium (Rs. 21.63 crore), and Shooting Range (Rs.1.24 crore). The entire amount of Rs.55.10 crore had been released to the Govt of Assam and the utilization certificate to this effect had also been received.

The Committee was informed that the Government of Assam had expressed their inability to arrange funds for meeting the gap of Rs.20.00 crore against Rs.75.10 crore cleared by the line Ministry. Accordingly, the Ministry of DONER had been requested by the Government of Assam to sanction the balance Rs.20 crore for Aquatic Complex (Rs.13.33 crore), Shooting Range (Rs. 2.21 crore) and Site Development (Rs. 4.46 crore).

After detailed deliberations, the Committee recommended that considering the project cost as Rs.75.10 crore as advised by the Line Ministry, it was decided to release the balance amount in accordance with the guidelines of NLCPR.

The Committee also recommended dropping of the project of Solid Waste Management project for Guwahati City (Estimated Cost: Rs. 16 crore) from the retained list of 2004-2005 and the same may be considered for inclusion in the Urban Development Project- II of ADB in due course.

Item No. 5: Reconsideration of the Project “Raising and Strengthening of Brahmaputra Dyke from Kareng Chapari to Sissi Kalghar” (Estimated cost: Rs. 1507.00 lakh) from the Priority List of projects for Assam (2004-2005) for retention.

The Committee recommended that the project site be seen on the ground in consultation with the representative of the line Ministry in view of the competing demand for projects in this sector from the State Government before the same is reconsidered by the Committee for retention.
Item No. 6: Consideration of Priority List of Projects (2005-2006) of Meghalaya for retention of projects

The NLCPR Committee noted that the Government of Meghalaya had submitted a priority list of 58 projects for 2005-06 with an estimated cost of Rs. 1377.91 crore alongwith Concept Papers. The Committee was informed that an additional Priority List having 4 new projects and 1 old project had been sent through fax by the Government of Meghalaya without the relevant Concept Papers. The Committee took the view that without Concept Papers there was no mechanism for judging the suitability of these projects and it was decided that these projects be put up in next meeting alongwith Concept Papers.

The Committee noted that out of the 8 North Eastern States, Meghalaya had the least number of sanctioned projects under NLCPR. After a detailed discussion of the Priority List and the Concept Papers, submitted by the State Government for 58 projects, the Committee recommended the retention of the following projects for further examination alongwith certain observations / conditions:

1. Reconstruction of the Sein Jaintia Hall, Shillong
2. Rehabilitation of Lyngkhat - Dawki Road (0-9.75 km)
3. Modification of Pumping System and replacement of Treatment units of 7.5 MGD Water Treatment Plant of Greater Shillong Water Supply Scheme
4. Construction of 220 kV Transmission Line from Byrnihat to Silchar with 220 kV sub Station at Shillong
5. Construction of Arts & Culture Complex at Williamnagar, E. Garo Hills
6. Construction of Arts & Culture Complex at Nongstoin
7. Construction of Trikikilla College Complex, West Garo Hills District
8. Construction of Stadium at Khadsawphra Sports Association ground in Mairang. The State Government should consult the M/o Sports & Youth Affairs before submitting the DPR.
9. Construction of Ri-Bhoi College Building, Nongphoh
10. Construction of Nongstoin College Building, Boys & Girls Hostel, Library at Nongpyngdeng, Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills

11. Extension of College Building of Nabon Synod College, Shillong

12. Construction of Bormanik College Building, Upper Shillong


15. Construction of Schools Building, Hostels, Basketball Court etc of Nongpathaw Secondary School, East Khasi Hills


18. Construction of School Building, Ri-Bhoi Presbyterian Higher Secondary School, Nongphoh

19. Extension of the existing building of Jaintia Eastern College, Khliehriat

20. Construction of Sanshnong Secondary School, Umlyngka, Nongkseh, 3rd Mile, Upper Shillong

21. Construction of School Building of O.M. Roy Memorial School at Kynton Massar, Mawlai, Shillong

22. Construction & Provision of School Building, Hostel and Student's amenities of Agape Secondary School cum Children Home (Orphanage), Pomsohmen, Cherranpunjee


24. Construction of Shopping Complex cum Auditorium near Lumshad, Lad Mawgap

25. Construction including metalling and black topping of Lumshnong - Umlong Road (0-8 km)
It was pointed out that the cost of each of the following three projects was less than Rs.2 crore and since the NLCPR guidelines did not permit the consideration of projects whose cost was less than Rs.2 crore, the Committee did not find it proper to recommend the retention of these projects.


27. Extension of existing Synod College at Jaiaw, Shillong

28. Construction of Building for Raid Laban College at Laban, Shillong

**Item No. 7: Proposal for sanction of Construction of 33 kV D/C Serlui 'B' Kolasib Switchyard at Serlui 'B' and incoming bay at 132 kV S/S at Kolasib (Bawktlang) in Mizoram.**

The Committee noted that the Central Electricity Authority, Government of India had approved the project proposal at an estimated cost of Rs. 356.05 lac, but the IFD, M/o DoNER had vetted the cost of the project excluding Sales Tax (4%), Establishment Cost (7.5%), Audit and Accounts (1%), Maintenance During Construction (1%), and Losses on Stock (0.25%).

The Committee recommended that the Project be sanctioned **at a cost of Rs. 315.10 lac** including contingency charges with the condition that these charges would be reimbursable to the State Government based on the actual contingent expenditure with a maximum limit of 3% amounting to Rs. 9.18 lac.

**Item No.8: Consideration of Priority List 2005-2006 of Nagaland for retention of projects for detailed examination**

The Committee noted that the Government of Nagaland submitted a priority list of 17 projects with an estimated cost of Rs. 288.14 crore for 2005-2006. After deliberations, the Committee recommended to retain the following 7 projects (Estimated Cost Rs.98.18 crore) for detailed examination:

(i) Kukidolung-Heningkonglwa-Jalukie-Peren Road
(ii) Construction of Tsurang Irrigation
(iii) Construction of road from Old Phek via Khuza to Satakha (Length-90.80 kms)
(iv) Improvement and upgradation of road from Longkhum via Mangmetong – Aliba  
(v) Teachers Training Complex, Kohima  
(vi) Setting up of State Archive at Kohima  
(vii) Upgradation and modernisation of 7 (seven) ITIs

**Item No. 9: Proposal for Construction of new 66 kV Tizit to Mon Transmission Line (Estimated cost: Rs. 1593.00 lakh).**

The Committee noted that the Ministry of Power (CEA) had examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs.1593 lakh. The Committee also noted that the project cost had included the following items which are not funded under NLCPR:

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After deliberations, the Committee recommended the sanction of the project at a cost of Rs.1242.86 lakh (excluding Rs.350.14 lakh for the inadmissible items listed above).
Item No. 10: Reconsideration of the Project “Construction of Tsurang Irrigation Project” (Estimated cost: Rs. 1615.00 lakh) from the Priority List of Projects (2004-2005) of Nagaland for retention.

The Committee considered this project along with item no. 8 and recommended its retention for detailed examination.

Item No. 11: Proposal for North District Hospital in Tripura for consideration of sanction

The Committee noted that the project proposal was examined by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MHFW) and the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD). While the MHFW has accepted the project, the MoUD has vetted the cost estimate for hospital building construction for an amount of Rs.7.28 crore including 3% contingencies. The Committee further noted that the State Government has not proposed construction of staff quarters in the present proposal.

After deliberations, the Committee recommended the sanction of the project at a cost of Rs.9.40 crore (excluding contingency charges amounting to Rs.0.21 crore) as per the details given below:

a) Hospital building : Rs.6.86 crore (excluding contingency charges)
b) Hospital equipments & furniture : Rs.2.54 crore
Total : Rs.9.40 crore

Item No. 12: Proposal for construction, furniture and equipments for South District Hospital in Tripura

The Committee noted that the project proposal was examined by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MHFW) and Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD). While the MHFW has accepted the project, the MoUD has vetted the cost estimate for hospital building construction for an amount of Rs.7.28 crore including 3% contingencies. The Committee further noted that the State Government has not proposed construction of staff quarters in the present proposal.
After deliberations, the Committee recommended the sanction of the project at a cost of Rs.9.40 crore (excluding contingency charges amounting to Rs.0.21 crore) as per the details given below:-

a) Hospital building : Rs. 6.86 crore (excluding contingency charges)

b) Hospital equipments & furniture : Rs. 2.54 crore

**Total** : **Rs.9.40 crore**

**Item No.13: Reconsideration of the Project “New Capital Complex at Agartala”**

The Committee noted that the project namely, New Capital Complex at Agartala was sanctioned on the recommendation of the Committee in its 2nd meeting held on 02.09.1999 for a limited funding of Rs.50.00 crore under NLCPR as against the project cost of Rs.177.00 crore and that the project was being funded from three different sources viz. (i) State resources, (ii) 11th Finance Commission award and (iii) NLCPR. After discussions, the Committee recommended as follows:

1. As far as possible, either the entire project or distinctly specified components of the project need to be funded from one source of finance viz. NLCPR.

2. The State Government be requested to work out building wise or component wise apportionment of funds for various sources of funding.

3. Clear apportionment of NLCPR funds for the project components need to be maintained as was intimated in October 2002

4. The Committee noted that the project was under implementation for the last five and a half year but no major headway had been made by the State Government. The Committee recommends that the State Government be advised to constantly review the progress of the implementation of the project through PERT and CPM at the appropriate level for timely completion of the project.
5. The Committee further recommended that the State Government be requested to submit the DPRs of the components being funded under NLCPR for vetting by the M/DONER/ line Ministry.

**Item No.14: Consideration of the Priority List of projects (2005-2006) of Arunachal Pradesh for retention of projects**

The NLCPR Committee noted that the Government of Arunachal Pradesh had submitted a Priority List of projects containing sixty-three projects costing Rs.956.58 crore for 2005-2006. The Committee after discussing the concept papers, submitted by State Government, recommended that the following 8 projects (Estimated Cost Rs.116.52 crore) be retained for further techno-economic examination.

1. Districts Sports Complex at Jengging
2. Road from NH-52A Nirjuli to Sagalee (SH:Doimukh to Toru-45km)
3. Construction of road from Sagalee to Sakiang CO Hq. (60 Km)
4. Construction of Multipurpose outdoor stadium at Itanagar
5. Construction of Motorable Road from Jengging to Ramsing in Upper Siang District
6. Improvement of Menga-Giba road (21KM)
7. Construction of road from Palizi to Thrizino (17 KM) including widening culverts, drainages, R&B wall, Soling and metaling, black toping and carpeting (17 KM)
8. Construction of road from Pakke to Wai (18 Km)

The Committee recommended that the State Government be requested to get the DPR prepared in respect of each of the above projects as per the guidelines of the line Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India and submit the same to the Ministry of DoNER.

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