

Minutes

Date of Meeting	:	4 th March, 2003
Venue	:	Committee Room, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe.
Time	:	3:30 PM

Subject: 21st Meeting of the Committee constituted to administer the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources.

Present

1. Shri Atul Sinha, Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region
2. Smt. Reva Nayyar, Adviser (SP-NE), Planning Commission.
3. Shri Jarnail Singh, Joint Secretary, Prime Minister's Office
4. Shri J.P. Prakash, Joint Secretary (NLP), Department of Development of North Eastern Region.
5. Shri Rajiv Agarwal, Joint Secretary (NE), Ministry of Home Affairs
6. Shri K.S. Ramasubbam, Joint Secretary (H), Ministry of Home Affairs
7. Shri P.C. Rastogi, Director (Finance), Ministry of Home Affairs
8. Shri D.K. Singh, Deputy Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region
9. Shri J.K. Sellate, Deputy Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region
10. Shri S.R. Sharma, Consultant, Planning Commission.
11. Shri D.N. Kataria, Assistant Financial Adviser, Ministry of Home Affairs
12. Shri Krishna Kumar, Senior Research Officer, Department of Development of North Eastern Region.

The Committee to administer Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources met and deliberated on the agenda circulated. Following observations were made and conclusions were arrived at:

Techno-economic appraisal of proposals retained during 2002-2003

Arunachal Pradesh

1. Transmission Line from Along to Pasighat

The Department of Development of North Eastern Region is yet to receive comments from Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Ministry of Power. It was decided that the project be taken up with the State's priority list for the year 2003-2004.

2. Restoration and Transmission Line from Yingkiong to Pasighat

The Committee noted that the State Government was yet to submit the DPR for the project. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh should expedite the DPR for the project which could be considered together with the priority list of the State Government for the year 2003-2004.

3. Water Supply Scheme at Daporijo Town

Ministry of Urban Development (CPHEEO Division) has examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs. 379.79 lakhs. The Committee therefore agreed to the funding of the project at cost of Rs. 379.79 lakhs.

4. Water Supply Scheme at Yupia Town

Since the water supply project at Naharlagun has already been approved in lieu of other water supply proposals, the Committee decided to drop this water supply project.

5. Water Supply Scheme at Chambang

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6. Water Supply Scheme at Yangte

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Meghalaya

7. Upgradation of Market of Hima Mawphlang, Mawphlang Lyngdohship at Lad Mawngap (Mawngap Junction)

Ministry of Urban Development has examined and recommended the project at cost of Rs. 1.90 crore. The Committee therefore agreed to the funding of the project at cost of Rs. 1.90 crore.

Mizoram

8. State Capital Project

As desired by NLCPR Committee in the Twentieth Meeting, the State Government has now sent the pending bills for verification in the Department of Development of North Eastern Region. The Committee noted that the pending bills amounted to Rs. 5.18 crore and bills for additional works amounted to Rs. 4.00 crore. The Committee decided to compensate the State Government to tune of the committed liability at Rs. 5.18 crore only in respect of the project. The requirement in respect of additional works amounting Rs. 4.00 crore would be met by the State Government from its own resources.

9. Construction of Out-Patient Department Block, Civil Hospital, Aizawl

Keeping in view merit of the project proposal, the NLCPR Committee decided to recommend the project for funding under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources at cost of Rs. 3.71 crores.

10. Six Bedded Intensive Care Unit at Civil Hospital, Aizawl

The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has examined and recommended the project for implementation at a cost of Rs. 141.80 lakhs. The Committee therefore agreed to the funding of the project at a cost of Rs. 141.80 lakhs.

Sikkim

11. Renovation/upgradation of Dicheling Cremation Ground

The Ministry of Urban Development has examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs. 1.09 crore. The Committee therefore agreed to the funding of project at a cost of Rs. 1.09 crore.

Manipur

12. Thoubal District Hospital

The Department of Development of North Eastern Region is yet to receive comments from Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. It was decided that a tripartite meeting of the State Government, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India and Department of Development of North Eastern Region be called to get the examination of the project expedited.

Assam

13. Upgradation of 30-Bedded Hospital at Maibong

The Department of Development of North Eastern Region is yet to receive comments from Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. It was decided that a tripartite meeting of the State Government, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India and Department of Development of North Eastern Region be called to get the examination of the project expedited.

14. Improvement of Roads in NC Hill Autonomous Council Areas

The project was discussed with the State's priority list for 2003-2004. It was noted that already State had provided high priority to many bridge projects in road sector and 98 projects of about Rs. 118 crores in which projects in sixth schedule areas are also included. In view of that being accepted for NLCPR support next year, this project could not be considered for funding under NLCPR.

Nagaland

15. Water Supply Scheme for Mon and Chui Villages

The Committee noted that the technical comments of Department of Drinking Water Supply on the DPR are still awaited. The Committee decided that the Department of Development of North Eastern Region organise a meeting with WAPCOS to get the examination of the project expedited.

16. Outdoor Stadium in Mon Town

The Committee was informed that the State Government had send the DPR for the project only that day. It was decided to obtain the technical comments of the Department of Sports on the DPR.

17. Upgradation of Mon Civil Hospital

The Committee noted that the State Government has not sent the DPR for the project. It was decided to once again request the State Government to send the DPR.

Tripura

18. Strengthening of District Hospitals

The Committee decided that the three projects of strengthening of District Hospitals be taken up with the next year's priority list of that State, if the State so desires.

19. Setting up of State level Para-Medical Training Institute

The Committee noted that the State Government had not submitted DPR for the project. The Committee desired that the State may be asked to include it in their priority list for the year 2003-2004, in case they desire to have this institute with NLCPR support. The Committee observed that the views of the State Government be obtained on providing a regional character to this institution while the management and upkeep of the institution remaining with the State Government.

20. Infrastructure Development for Tripura Engineering College

It was decided to consider this project along with next year's priority list. The Committee also felt that the Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region, on his next visit to Tripura may discuss with the State authorities the details of the project.

Other Items:

1. **Developing & improvement of 11 km. road between Namchik Gate at Kharsang, Changlang in Arunachal Pradesh & Jagun, Tinsukia in Assam:**

It was decided to request the Government of Assam to submit a DPR for 11 km. road between Namchik and Jagun in Tinsukia District of Assam. The Committee also directed the NLCPR Division to find out from Oil India Limited whether they had made any plans to invest in the upkeep and maintenance of this stretch of road.

2. **Construction of Transmission Line from Serapaja (in Lokra area of Guwahati) to Meghalaya border (7 km.):**

The Committee decided to give this project for implementation directly to PGCIL and to request PGCIL to develop a DPR for this project against 2003-2004.

3. **Reduction in approved cost of Shallow Tube Well Scheme in Assam:**

The Committee approved the reduction in the cost of shallow tube well project in Assam from Rs.76.67 crore to Rs.70.47 crore only.

4. **Tezpur University in Assam:**

The Committee approved the closure of the project for assistance to Tezpur University at the level of funds already released which is Rs.24.33 crore.

5. **Marketing facilities and marketing of Tung Seeds and Oil within country and abroad, Mizoram:**

The Committee approved the closure of the project at the level of funds already released for this project which is Rs.50 lakh only.

6. Integrated Piggery Development Project in Mizoram:

The Committee approved the pruning of the project cost by Rs.1.55 crore meant for salary, wages and office expenses. It was also agreed to reduce the project cost by another Rs.30 lakh on account of residential quarter of the proposed manager of the piggery village. The Committee approved the final (pruned) cost of project at Rs.6.57 crore.

7. Establishment of 8 units of fish seed farms in Mizoram:

The Committee approved the pruning of the project cost from Rs.6 crore to Rs.5.28 crore on account of the actual project cost submitted by the state officials during the recent field visit. The Committee further directed that the expenditure towards purchase of fish seedlings should not exceed Rs.70 lakh in any case. Any expenditure on fish seedlings above Rs.70 lakh shall be made by the State Government from its own resources.

8. Reduction of project cost of Indira Gandhi National Open University:

The Committee decided to close the project at a cost of Rs.8.00 crore already released.

9. Software Development for AIR & Doordarshan:

The Committee decided to close the project at a cost of Rs.4.46 crore already released.

Priority List of Assam, Manipur and Mizoram:

The Committee deliberated on the priority list of the three States. While deliberating the following parameters were kept in view.

- (a) Projects of economic infrastructure will be given priority;
- (b) In the social sector, priority to drinking water supply and other health and sanitation projects may be accorded.

- (c) Projects in Autonomous District Council (VIth Schedule of the Constitution) may be given priority;
- (d) Past performance of a state in implementing projects in the particular sectors to which the projects belong may also be considered;
- (e) The overall utilisation and absorption of funds by a particular state in the past years may also guide the overall quantum of projects to be undertaken for that state in a year.

The following projects were retained for detailed examination:

Manipur:

1. Thoubal District Hospital (carried over from 2002-2003)
2. Government College of Technology Complex (The Committee put a ceiling of Rs.10 crore only for core activities from NLCPR for this project).
3. Construction of Singjamei Bridge

For the remaining projects in priority list, it was decided to hold a detailed discussion with the State Government officials on the proposed road projects in that list.

Assam:

1. Conversion of timber bridges to RCC bridges including ROB over Maligaon (priority No.1-36)
2. Haflong Water Supply Scheme
3. Construction of approach road leading to industrial growth centre at Balipara (subject to field verification).
4. Power line to Balipara Industrial Growth Centre (subject to field verification).

Mizoram:

1. Construction of Two Link Roads to Bamboo Plantation in Mizoram
2. Greater Mamit Pumping Water Supply Scheme
3. Chawngte to Borapansury road upto Momtala
4. Lungtian – Mamte road via Vartekkai (61 kms.)
5. Single Lane Girder Bridge over River Tlawng on Aizawl-Darlung Road
6. Construction of bridge over River Chawngte at Chawngte (Chawngte 'P' to Chawngte 'C') within Lai and Chakma Autonomous District Council
7. Single Lane Girder Bridge over River Chawngte on Lawngtlai-Diltlang-Chawngte Road
8. Single Lane Girder Bridge over River Vanva on Haulawng-Bualpui-Chhipphir Road
9. Single Lane Girder Bridge over River Tuisih on Tuipang, Zawngling, Chheihlu, Mawhre Road
10. Single Lane Girder Bridges over River Sailungrek, River De, River Tuipawl, River Zawlpui & River Tuisen on Phairuang Bunghmun Road

Other items with the permission of the Chair:

The Committee decided to fund the remaining 50% of the project named "Electrification of Tribal Villages" in the States where they were closed after releasing 50% of the amount for 50% of the number of villages, considering that this was part of PM's Package for North Eastern Region and in view of the request of Ministry of Power for NLCPR funding for the remaining part of the Project and with a clear understanding that future funding of electrification of tribal villages would be done by them out of their own scheme.