Minutes

Date of Meeting : 22nd August, 2003
Venue : Committee Room,
        Vigyan Bhawan Annexe.
Time : 3:30 PM

Subject: 24th 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. Shri N.A. Vishwanathan, FA(DONER), North Block, New Delhi.
3. Shri Jarnail Singh, Joint Secretary, Prime Minister’s Office
4. Dr. Hari Krishna, Joint Secretary (NLP), Department of Development of North Eastern Region.
5. Shri P.C. Rastogi, Director (Finance), Ministry of Home Affairs
6. Shri D.K. Singh, Director, Department of Development of North Eastern Region
7. Shri J.K. Sellate, Deputy Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region
8. Shri R.B. Prasad, Deputy Adviser (SP-NE), Planning Commission.
9. Shri Krishna Kumar, Joint Director, Department of Development of North Eastern Region
10. Shri D.N. Kataria, AFA (Home), Ministry of Home Affairs
Initiating the discussions Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) informed the Committee that the minutes of the earlier two Meetings of the NLCPR Committee held on 1st May 2003 and 2nd June 2003 were not approved by Minister, DoNER on the ground that the agenda notes were not placed before him. The Agenda Notes for the present Meeting have since been seen by the Minister and his observations/suggestions received in this behalf have been incorporated at the appropriate places in the Agenda Notes. The Committee deliberated on the Agenda Notes circulated for the Meeting. The observations made and conclusions arrived at are given in the succeeding paragraphs:

**Agenda Item No.1**

The Committee noted the financial progress of releases made under NLCPR from 1998-99 to 2002-03. The Committee noted the information about the major projects implemented and those under implementation with NLCPR funding. The Committee also noted sector-wise and state-wise cost of approved projects during 1998-2003. The Committee took notice of the state-wise projects where the cost were pruned/increased.

The Committee deliberated upon the issues raised by Accountant General, Sikkim, on the diversion of funds during 2001 and 2002 for land acquisition and purchase of vehicles. It was noted that the project was approved before NLCPR guidelines were framed and DPR of the project which was duly approved contained the provision of land acquisition and vehicles. Further as per the earlier directions, the land acquisition should not be allowed to be included in the cost of the project, but the vehicles may form part of approved project.

The Committee noted and approved the decision that non-observance of guidelines by the State Government may result in non-release of funds.

The Committee noted that the state-wise and year-wise outstanding liability against sanctioned and on-going projects was Rs.1234.94 crore in total, as on 31st March, 2003. The Committee also noted the information about 7 new projects for 2003-04 that were retained during the previous financial year (i.e. 2002-03). The approximate cost of these projects is around Rs.70 crore. The Committee noted that for the States of Assam, Mizoram and Manipur in total 51 projects worth Rs.241.51 crore have been retained in the current financial year.

The Committee reviewed state-wise some of the major on-going projects under NLCPR.
Review of ongoing projects

ARUNCHAL PRADESH

I. North Eastern Institute of Science & Technology (NERIST)

The Committee noted that so far a sum of Rs. 24.00 crore (Rs. 10.00 crore during 1999-2000, Rs. 10.00 crore during 2001-2002 and Rs. 4.00 crore during 2002-2003) has been released to NERIST through supplementary grants of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). The funds (Rs. 4.00 crore) released during 2002-2003 have, however, not been transmitted to the Institute by MHRD.

The Committee further noted that MHRD has not made the mandatory 10% provision of their Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for the North Eastern Region in 2003-2004 Budget and that in accordance with the stipulations made in the NLCPR guidelines (para 4.1 (vii), MHRD has to make adequate provisions in their grants for subsequent installment of funds to meet the requirement of the Institute.

The Committee recommended that the project may be closed in NLCPR account. Further requirement, if any, would have to be met by MHRD from its own budget. The Committee further directed that MHRD may be asked to furnish UC/QPR and other necessary documentation for the funds already released under NLCPR.

II. Financial assistance for completion of incomplete buildings of schools, teachers quarters and hostels

The Committee noted that an amount of Rs. 5.54 crore was released for the project during 2001-2002. No feedback regarding status of implementation of the project was available from the State Government since then. The Committee decided to give a thirty days time to the State Government to submit the requisite documents (UC/QPR etc.), failing which the project may be closed at the current level of releases already made.

ASSAM

I. IIT, Guwahati

The Committee noted that a sum of Rs. 34.00 crore was released for the project during 1999-2000. Since then no feedback regarding the implementation of the project has been
received from MHRD inspite of reminders. The Committee further noted that MHRD has not made the mandatory 10% provisions of their GBS for North Eastern Region in 2003-2004 Budget. In accordance with the stipulations made in the NLCPR Guidelines (para 4.1 (vii) for Central Sector Projects, the Committee decided to close the project in NLCPR account at the current level of releases already made. MHRD would be asked to submit UC/QPR and other documents for the released amount. Further requirement, if any, would have to be met by MHRD from its own budget.

II. 1250 Capacity Auditorium at Guwahati
The Committee noted that a sum of Rs. 5.00 crore was released for the project during 2001-2002. The State Government now has placed the work order for execution of the project.

III. Dibrugarh Hospital (HOPE)
The Committee noted that the project was sanctioned under NLCPR on specific terms and conditions to be fulfilled by the State Government/Hospital Authorities and that a sum of Rs. 0.22 crore had been released conditionally in March 2003 as first installment. The conditions laid down for implementation of the project have not been fulfilled till date. The Committee decided to give a time limit of one month to the State Government to fulfill specified terms & conditions, failing which the project sanction would be cancelled.

MANIPUR
I. 33 KV DC Line from Yaningangpokei to Kongba
The Committee noted that an amount of Rs. 1.60 crores (Rs. 1 crore during 2001-2002 and Rs. 0.60 crore during 2002-2003) has been released. The project was yet to take off on the ground. The Committee, therefore, decided to close the project in NLCPR account and recommended that the amount already released (Rs. 1.60 crore) for the project may be adjusted against some other power project(s) under NLCPR to be identified by the Department of Development of North Eastern Region (D/DNER) in consultation with the State Government.

II. 33 KV DC Line from Mongsangei to Khumanlampak via Kongba
The Committee noted that an amount of Rs. 0.60 crore has been released for the project during 2002-2003. The project was yet to take off on the ground. The Committee, therefore,
decided to close the project in NLCPR account and recommended that the amount already released (Rs. 0.60 crore) may be adjusted against some other power project(s) under NLCPR to be identified by the Department of Development of North Eastern Region (D/DNER) in consultation with the State Government.

III. 33 KV DC Line from Leimakhong to Iroisemba

The Committee noted that an amount of Rs. 1.00 crores has been released for the project during 2001-2002. The project was yet to take off on the ground. The Committee, therefore, decided to close the project in NLCPR account and recommended that the amount already released (Rs. 1.00 crore) may be adjusted against some other power project(s) under NLCPR to be identified by the Department of Development of North Eastern Region (D/DNER) in consultation with the State Government.

IV. Power projects in Manipur sanctioned during 2002-2003

The Committee noted that the schedule of implementation in respect of the following six power projects sanctioned during 2002-2003 has been violated by the State Government:

1) Installation of 132/33 KV at Rangpang (Tamenglong District)
2) Construction of 33/11 KV Line Sub Station along with 25 Km of 33 KV transmission line at Tousem (Tamenglong District)
3) Construction of 33/11 KV Sub Station at Noney, 33 KV bay at Yurembam and 35 Km of 33 KV transmission line for feeding the Sub Station (Tamenglong District)
4) Construction of 33/11 KV Sub Station at Tamei along with construction of 28 Km of 33 KV line for feeding the Sub Station and 33 KV line bay at 132/33 KV Tamenglong Sub Station.
5) Construction of 33/11 KV, 2x5 MVA Sub Station at Maram (Senapati District) and construction of 4 Km of 33 KV line for LILO from Karong to Tadubi at Maram.
6) Construction of 2x3.15 MVA 33/11 KV Sub Station at Singhat along with 30 Km of 33 KV line for feeding the Sub Station and 33 KV line bay at 132/33 KV Sub Station at Churachandpur.

The above projects were to be executed on turnkey basis with a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the turnkey contractor and the State Government. First the
Government of Manipur commented that they received the turn key offers for execution of the projects at Rengpang, Noney and Maram only. No bids were received for Tousem, Tamei and Singhat. Hence they should be allowed to undertake the work departmentally for the three projects at Tousem, Tamei and Singhat. In a subsequent communication, Government of Manipur revised its plea for departmental work for five of these power stations instead of three. The Committee after detailed deliberation and taking note of the shape of things in Manipur projects, decided that no deviation from original conditions be allowed. State Government should retender for these projects and if still no bids are received then the projects be closed. Departmental work would in no case be allowed.

MIZORAM

I. Aizawl Water Supply Project (Phase-II)

The Committee recommended that the State contribution of 25% may be waived and, the project may be entirely funded under NLCPR to the extent of Rs. 67.61 crores. The original estimated cost of the project was Rs. 71.80 crore, of which State has already contributed Rs. 4.19 crore. The Committee decided that Rs. 4.19 crore already contributed by the State Government for the project would be deducted from the approved NLCPR support for the project (Rs. 71.80 crore). The final approved NLCPR support for the project, therefore, will be Rs. 67.61 crore (71.80-4.19).

NAGALAND

I. Group of three roads in Mon District

The project is being executed by Border Roads Organisation (BRO). Certain stretches of this project are overlapping. The Committee, therefore, decided to delete the overlapping portion (Singha Mohok-Chen HQ. 12 Km) and approved the cost of these three road projects to Rs. 28.62 crore from Rs. 29.77 crore approved earlier. Details are as follows:

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<th>Name of the Road and Length</th>
<th>Approved NLCPR support (Rs. in crore)</th>
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<td>Aboi-Tohok Road, 14 Km</td>
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<td>Tohok-Chen HQ-Chenlaiso-Wangti Road, 49 Km</td>
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<td>Tohok-Chenkhaow-Wangti Road, 31 Km</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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SIKKIM

I. **Construction of Rural Suspension Foot Bridges (35 Nos.)**

Rs. 2.00 crore was released for the project during 2001-2002. The progress has been very tardy. The State Finance/Planning Department took more than a year to pass on these funds to line department. The Committee directed that the State Government may be asked to explain as to why the funds were not placed at the disposal of line department in time. The State Government should also intimate corrective measures proposed to be taken by them to avoid similar situation in respect of other projects.

II. **Four Affiliated Colleges**

The Committee was informed that Government of Sikkim proposed the construction work for the four colleges at a cost of Rs. 8.00 crore.

1. Auditorium and 12 staff quarters for Tadong Government College, Gangtok.
2. Kamrang College, Namchi.
3. Law College, Burtuk.
4. Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Gyasling

However, the 4th Meeting of the NLCPRA Committee held on 15th February 2000 restricted the NLCPRA support to only Rs. 5.00 crore. As a result, Government of Sikkim took action in respect of only three colleges and did not take up construction of Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Gyasling. The State Government arranged a readymade building for Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya from its own resources and requested Government of India to allow to complete three college projects out the truncated allocation of Rs. 5.00 crore only. NLCPRA Committee decided to allow the utilization of the approved Rs. 5.00 crore for the following three projects with following distributions:

1. Auditorium and 12 staff quarters for Tadong Government College, Gangtok - Rs. 85.00 lakhs
2. Kamrang College, Namchi - Rs. 300.00 lakhs
3. Law College, Burtuk - Rs. 115.00 lakhs

It was noted that the funds have already been released and projects completed.
III. **Strengthening of Roads and Bridges (8 Nos.)**

The Committee was informed that the following two road projects have been implemented out of the funds available with PMGSY and therefore decided to drop these two projects from the NLCPR account.

1) Upgradation of Sang-Sirwani Road (8 Km)
2) Upgradation of Rumtek-Sang Road (13 Km)

The Committee accordingly decided to reduce the cost of the project namely ‘Strengthening of Roads and Bridges’ to Rs. 13.69 crore from Rs. 16.66 crore approved earlier. The approved cost for remaining six road projects is indicated below:

1) Carpeting of Kaluk-Dentam Road (19 Km), Rs. 2.73 crore
2) Upgradation of Tarku-Rabongla (GLVC) Road (20 Km), Rs. 2.45 crore
3) Upgradation of Rabongla-Legship Road (18 Km), Rs. 2.34 crore
4) Upgradation of Mamring-Phongla Road (25 Km), Rs. 2.35 crore
5) Upgradation of Makha-Lingmo Road (10 Km), Rs. 1.74 crore
6) Carpeting of Sikkip-Vok Road & construction of suspension bridge over Rangit River on Sikkip Vok Road, Rs. 2.08 crore

The project has since been completed.

IV. **Construction of New Roads (28 Nos.)**

Committee was informed that out of 28 road projects, 10 road projects have been funded either under PMGSY or not taken up due to cost escalation/technical reason. The remaining 18 road projects costing Rs. 461.71 lakhs were implemented with the financial support under NLCPR. The Committee, therefore, decided to close the 10 road works and reduce the cost for construction of new roads to Rs. 461.71 lakhs from Rs. 753.00 lakhs approved earlier. Details are as follows:

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<td>Doring Golia to Namphong Village Road (2 Km)</td>
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<td>I.B. Golai to Peku (3 Km)</td>
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<td>Pamphok Village Road from Mamring-Namthang (2 Km)</td>
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These road projects have since been completed.

**TRIPURA**

I. **Shallow Tube Well Scheme**

The above scheme was sanctioned on 7th August 2001. The project is yet to take up on the ground.

The NLCPR support was conditional subject to the sanction of the project and release of loan amount by NABARD. Though the project has been sanctioned by NABARD but the loan amount is yet to be released as the State Government is yet to comply with certain terms and conditions specified by the NABARD.

The Committee decided to drop the project in NLCPR account.
**Agenda Item No.2**

**Identification of projects for retention from priority list 2003-2004**

2.1 While deliberating on the priority list of the five States of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura, 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 utilization 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.

   Simultaneously, the observations/suggestions made by the Minister, DoNER were also considered.

2.2 After detailed deliberation, the following projects were retained for techno-economic examination. It was clarified that the retention of a project is neither an approval of the project nor of its cost, which will ultimately depend on detailed techno-economic examination of the project.

**ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

2.3 **Porter Track from Nuramang to Mago in Tawang District**- The project did not figure in the priority list of the State Government. The project was directly received from Deputy Commissioner, Tawang. Considering the importance of the project in national interest, the project was decided to be retained for detailed examination.

2.4 The Committee noted that the Government of Arunachal Pradesh had submitted the priority list for the year 2003-2004 vide their letter No. PD (PMC) 3/2003 dated 14th March 2003. Considering the fact that there has been a change of Government in Arunachal Pradesh and also that the priority list is to be considered now, the Committee recommended that this priority
list may be referred back to the State Government for perusal of new Chief Minister of the State in order to obtain his consent on the priority list before it is considered by the Committee for making recommendations in this behalf.

ASSAM

2.5 The proposal of the Government of Assam regarding Creation of Main Athletic Stadium Complex along with a multipurpose Indoor Hall, Guwahati (in connection with National Games to be held in the State in 2005) received in D/DNER after due prioritization by the P&D Department of the State Government was also considered. It was decided to retain this project for appraisal.

2.6 Further, in addition to the projects already retained by the Committee in the Twenty First Meeting dated 4th March 2003, the Committee decided to retain the following projects for detailed examination from the priority list of the State Government for the 2003-2004:

1) Raising and strengthening of Brahmaputra Dyke from Dizmore to Sonarigaon from 14th to 23.15th Km (Ph. 1 & KK amalgamated) including closing of Amguri and Arney Nulla.
2) Minor Irrigation Scheme – Borjan I/S Karbi Anglong.
3) Char Area Development in Assam consisting of Minor Irrigation, Water Supply and Agricultural Schemes. In view of the huge financial involvement of work involved in this project, the Committee decided that the project should be inspected in the first instance to know the ground realities and report in this behalf be placed before the Committee for taking further view in the matter.

MEGHALAYA

3) Construction of 130 KV Double Circuit line from Sarusajai (ASSAM) to the border of Meghalaya towards Byrnihat
NAGALAND

1) Dimapur Referral Hospital

2) Construction of Sainik School at Punglwa, Kohima District. It was clarified that this is an in principle approval without any reference to the extent and quantum of DONER’s contribution which will depend on techno-economic feasibility and examination on the project. It was also decided that the project be completed by a Central Agency like NBCC with direct funding arrangements from DONER.

SIKKIM

1) Surface Improvement/Widening & Carpeting and Bridge replacement on Gyalshing-Soreng Road(upto Dentam) in West District
   (i) Pelling-Dentam Road (20 Km)
   (ii) Replacement of existing B.B. Lal suspension bridge over Kalej Khola

2) Carpeting/Surface Improvement of Dentam-Uttarey Road (10 Km) in West District

3) Replacement of 2 nos. existing suspension bridges on Pelling-Yuksom Road in West District
   (i) Rimbi Bridge
   (ii) Rathong Bridge

4) Carpeting/Surface Improvement of Namchi-Rabongla Road(26 Kms.) in South District

5) Upgradation of Rabongla-Makha Road(26 Kms.) (upto Lingmo) in South District

6) Carpeting/Surface Improvement of Soreng-Budang Road via Malabasey(10 Kms) in South District

7) Construction of Melli-Rangpo Road (20 Kms)(State Highway) in South District

8) Slope Stabilisation of Labing and Chongrang land slides on Yuksam-Legship Road in West District

9) Upgradation of Gangtok-Burtuk-Ranka Road(8 kms) in East District

10) Construction of Diversion Road to Pakyong Airport from Setipool on Ranipool- Pakyong Road(10 kms) in East District

11) Construction of 1x7.5 MVA Switchyard at Chunthang for synchronizing with State Grid with Rabom and Lachung-II HEP
12) Infrastructure Development Schemes for I.P.P. Projects associated with Hydro Electric Generation:
(a) Estimate for access Road & Bridges for:
   Rolep Power Project (30 MW)

13) System Improvement & remodeling of transmission & distribution network of Gangtok & adjoining areas in East District

14) Extension of 66 KV lines including construction of 2x2.5 MVA s/s 66/11 KV Switch Yard-cum-Substation at Pakyong in East District

15) Construction of 132 KV Transmission Line from Rangit to Gyalshing terminating with 2x20 MVA, 132/66/11 KV substation at Gyalshing and further extension of 132 KV line to (1) Pelling with the provision of 2x5 MVA, 132/11 KV Sub-station at Pelling and (2) Rabongla with the provision of 2x5 MVA, 132/11 KV Sub-station at Rabongla in South & West District.

TRIPURA

1) Para Medical Training Institute
2) 21 MW G.T. Project at Rokhia (VIII)

Agenda Item No.3

Recommendations on the project proposals whose technical appraisal had been received:

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

I. 132 KV S/C Transmission Line from Along To Passighat in Arunachal Pradesh

The estimated cost of the above project as proposed by the State Government is Rs. 27.00 crore. Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in their technical note have stated that the cost is on higher side. The Committee, therefore, directed that the State Government may be asked to revise the cost keeping in view the techno-economic comments of CEA.

MANIPUR

I. Thoubal District Hospital

The Committee was informed that the project was retained for detailed technical examination in the 19th Meeting of the NLCPR Committee held on 22nd November and 4th December 2002. Based on the technical comments of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare,
the State Government was asked to revise the DPR for the project. The revised DPR from the State Government has been received. Comments of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Urban Development are awaited. This case will be considered after the said recommendations are received.

NAGALAND

I. Water Supply Scheme for Mon and Chui Villages

The Committee noted that the Department of Drinking Water Supply has examined the DPR and has recommended the project. The cost of the project is Rs. 4.00 crore. Committee approved the project and directed to deduct any inadmissible items like land etc. from the project cost.

II. Outdoor Stadium in Mon Town

The Committee was informed that the technical comments of the Department of Urban Development and Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports have been received. State Government has been asked to revise the cost in the light of these comments. The matter was deferred till the said DPR is received.

III. Upgradation of Mon Civil Hospital

The Committee noted that the Ministry of Urban Development has technically vetted the project for the civil components. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has sought more information about the existing hospital. State Government has been requested to furnish the details. The matter was deferred till the State Governments furnishes details as asked for.

MIZORAM

I. Construction of Link Roads to Bamboo Plantation- Plot No. A (from W.Serzawl-Saiphal/Saitlaw 18 Kms)

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs. 581.57 lakhs. The Committee, therefore, agreed to the funding of the project at cost of Rs. 581.57 lakhs. The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways in their technical comments had suggested that the surfacing of the roads may be taken up at this stage itself in order to enhance
the longevity of the road. The Committee however felt that given the purpose of road (evacuation of Bamboo) and its seasonal use, Gravel road will be sufficient.

II. **Construction of Link Road to Bamboo Plantation – Plot No. B (from Dur Lai – Sairum 8 Kms (cost Rs. 306.63 lakhs) and Dur Lai-Mualkhang 8 Kms, (cost Rs. 309.99 lakhs)**

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs. 616.62 lakhs. The Committee, therefore, agreed to the funding of the project at cost of Rs. 616.62 lakhs (from Dur Lai – Sairum Rs. 306.63 lakhs and Dur Lai- Mulkhang Rs 309.99 lakhs). The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways in their technical comments had suggested that the surfacing of the roads may be taken up at this stage itself in order to enhance the longevity of the road. The Committee however felt that given the purpose of road (evacuation of Bamboo) and its seasonal use, Gravel road will be sufficient.

**Agenda Item No.4**

**Other Items**

I. **Chawngte-Borapansury Road within Chakma Autonomous District Council in Mizoram**

The Committee noted that the technical comments of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways were favourable for consideration of the project under NLCPR. As per the proposal of the State Government in the DPR, the Ministry has recommended the project cost at Rs. 1045.48 lakhs. The Committee, therefore, agreed to the funding of the project at cost of Rs. 1045.48 lakhs.

II. **Lungtian-Mamte Road via Vartek Kai within Lai Autonomous District Council in Mizoram**

The Committee noted that the technical comments of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways were favourable for consideration of the project under NLCPR. As per the proposal of the State Government in the DPR, the Ministry has recommended the project cost at Rs. 2664.53 lakhs. The Committee, therefore, agreed to the funding of the project at cost of Rs. 2664.53 lakhs.
III. Greater Mamit Water Supply Scheme in Mizoram

The Committee noted that the project has been technically appraised by Ministry of Urban Development who have supported the project at a cost of Rs. 576.81 lakhs (against the State Government’s estimated cost of Rs. 603.66 lakhs). The Committee agreed to the funding of the project at a cost of Rs. 576.81 lakhs as approved by Ministry of Urban Development.

IV. Bairabi Thermal Power Project in Mizoram

The enhancement of cost for civil works of this project was not agreed to for NLCPR support. Any such requirement has to be met by the State from its own resources. As regards increase in custom duty, the Committee decided to share the enhanced cost of Rs. 2.69 crores in the ratio of 1:1 between the NLCPR and the State Government. The NLCPR Commitment in this behalf has accordingly been limited to Rs. 1.34 crores. The balance of Rs. 1.35 crore would be met by the State Government. However, the Committee observed that before release of funds the actual cause and extent of the change in duty must be duly ascertained and in the next meeting the Committee be apprised about it.

V. Road projects in BAC Area of Assam

The Committee decided that the three road projects namely Nameti-Masalpur Road (Rs. 0.31 crore), Tihu-Barama Road (Rs. 0.64 crore) and Kaithalkuchi-Barama Subankatha Road (Rs. 0.61 crore) may be returned back to the Assam State Government for execution by State PWD.

VI. 25 Flood Control Schemes at different locations of Brahmaputra and Barak Valley in Assam

The Committee noted that the NLCPR commitment in respect of these schemes has been fully met. The entire amount of Rs. 64.57 crores has since been released. As pointed out by DONER, this amount (Rs. 64.57 crores) included Rs. 2.21 crores for land acquisition which is an inadmissible item under NLCPR. The Committee, therefore, decided to revise downward the cost of these schemes at Rs. 62.36 crores (excluding land acquisition cost of Rs. 2.21 crores). The sum of Rs. 2.21 crores may be adjusted against other ongoing flood control schemes for which the next installment has become due.
VII. **Community Information Centre at Yuksom in Sikkim**

At present the Center is located in a small Panchayat Ghar. The Centre is being used by the youth as well as the elderly in and around areas of Yuksom for the gainful economic activity and computer awareness. The space of the Centre is however too small to accommodate huge number of users. Secretary, DONER who had visited the Centre, briefed the Committee about its activities and the requirement of funds. Since the recommendation of the State is already there and the cost is very small, the Committee, therefore, decided to approve the State Government’s proposal for CIC furniture and building at Yuksom for a cost of Rs. 3.00 lakhs as an encouragement to the people of this historic village.

VIII. **R.K. Mission Ashram School at Cherrapunjee in Meghalaya**

A sum of Rs. 1.56 crores has been released under NLCPR for construction of School Building, Teachers’ Quarters and Students’ Home. Secretary, DONER visited the school campus who was quite appreciative about the work done by the Mission Authorities out of NLCPR funds. The Committee considered the further requirement of the school for library, computer center and laboratory at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.00 crores and decided to retain the project for detailed examination. DPR must be obtained immediately for technical examination in Government of India. The Committee, however, observed that the works to be executed from the NLCPR funds should be clearly earmarked on paper and on the field also. There should be no mixing of funds/projects or accounts of different sources.

**Agenda Item No.5**

The items that were considered by the NLCPR Committee in its 22nd Meeting held on 1st May, 2003 and are not included in the agenda for the 24th Meeting. The Committee reiterated its earlier decision on the following items:

1) The Committee noted that the proposal for RCC Gallery at Diphu Stadium in Assam appears at priority No.56 of the priority list for the year 2003-04. Considering that the project falls under Sixth Schedule Area of the Karbi-Anglong Autonomous District Council and the fact that the Diphu College proposal for that area had not taken off, the Committee agreed that a proposal for development of sports complex at Diphu should be developed by the State
Government within a cost of Rs.5.00 crore. It may thereafter be considered under NLCPR in accordance with the stipulations of NLCPR guidelines.

2) Construction of hostel for NER students at JNU was approved for funding under NLCPR in the second meeting of the NLCPR Committee held on 2.9.1999 at an estimated cost of Rs.3.95 crore. The NLCPR support for the project was made available for a period of three years only i.e. 31.3.2002. The Committee reviewed the progress of the project in the 18th meeting dated 7th and 10th October 2002 and since adequate progress had not happened, it was decided that the project be closed on NLCPR account and no further funds be released for the project under NLCPR. The balance requirement, if any, may be met by the Ministry of Human Resource Development from their own budgetary support. Inspite of that, Dean of the University through the Ministry of Human Resource Development had once again requested for funds. It was noted that Ministry of Human Resource Development had not been spending the mandatory 10% of GBS for the North Eastern Region and in fact had not made any earmarked provision for the North Eastern Region for 2003-2004. It was, therefore, decided that the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education) should make necessary provision from its own fund since JNU could not complete the project within the stipulated deadline of 31.03.2002 and even now the project is incomplete.

3) An issue was raised whether the proposals submitted by the Government of Meghalaya for completion of Eighth and Ninth Plan spill over schemes could be funded from NLCPR. It was decided that since NLCPR support is project specific, in such cases the State Government should projectise the incomplete portion of the projects and submit them as independent individual projects with benchmarking of the existing position and justification, for examination, in accordance with NLCPR guidelines.