

Minutes

Date of Meeting : 22nd January, 2004

Venue : Committee Room, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe.

Time : 3:30 PM

Subject: 26th Meeting of the Committee constituted to administer the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR).

Present

1. Smt. Adarsh Misra, Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region.
2. Smt. Reva Nayyar, Advisor (SP-NE), Planning Commission.
3. Shri Jarnail Singh, Joint Secretary, Prime Minister's Office
4. Dr. Surajit Mitra, Joint Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region
5. Dr. Hari Krishna, Joint Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region.
6. Dr. T. Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region.
7. Shri S.C. Garg, Joint Secretary(PF-I), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
8. Shri Indeevar Pandey, Director (Finance), Ministry of Home Affairs and DONER.
9. Shri John K. Sellate, Deputy Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region
10. Shri Krishna Kumar, Joint Director, Department of Development of North Eastern Region

The Committee to administer the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) met and deliberated on the Agenda circulated and also on the additional items of the Agenda presented to the Committee during the course of the Meeting. Following observations made and conclusions were arrived at:

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

The Committee considered the priority list 2003 – 2004 under NLCPR submitted by the State Government and decided to retain the following projects for detailed examination:

1. **The 500 bedded Hospital in Itanagar**

Committee noted that the estimated cost of the project is Rs. 200.00 crore. The Committee suggested that the State Government may take up the project for 200 bedded hospital at this stage with a cost ceiling of Rs. 40.00 crore. The State Government may be asked to prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for 200 bedded Hospital and urgently submit it to the Department of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER) for detailed examination in consultation with the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

2. **State Legislative Assembly Building**

The Committee noted that the cost of the project as mentioned in the priority list by the State Government is Rs. 30.00 crore. The Committee decided to restrict the NLCPR support to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 20.00 crore for the project. The State Government is to maximize utilization of resources and prepare the DPR within the cost ceiling indicated by the State Government.

3. **Improvement of Porter Track from Tungri to Mago (70 KM)**

4. **Construction of 11 KV transmission line from Hawaii to Kibithu via Mati Nallah and Yupak Nallah MH project in Lohit District**

5. **Tourism infrastructure development at Hotspring (at Dong) which includes construction of yatri nivas at Wallong, Hawaii and Hayuliang**

6. Reconstruction of Higher Secondary School, Anini
7. Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya at Kitpi in Tawang District
8. Construction of 200 seated Girls hostel, auditorium, laboratory, security fencing etc. in JN College, Pasighat
9. 150 boarders hostel at Koloriang Higher Secondary school
10. Ropeway from Tawang Monestary to Ani Gompa
11. Water Supply Scheme at Bomdila
12. Construction of Steel suspension Bridge over Siang river at Kudak near Tuting
13. Construction of road from Bameng to Lada (70 KM)
14. Construction of Bailey bridge in between Namara and many other villages under Seijusa circle
15. Construction of road from Dipu Lamgu bridge point to Pipu (14 KM)

ASSAM

Sanctioned projects(final costing)

1. Raising and strengthening of Brahmaputra Dyke from Dizmore to Sonarigaon from 14th to 23.15th km including closing of Amguri and Arney Nalla.

The Committee noted that the Central Water Commission has examined the proposal and recommended the project at the cost of Rs. 1182.98 lakh. The Committee observed that the project cost included inadmissible items amounting to Rs.31.95 lakhs such as maintenance (Rs. 11.72 lakh), miscellaneous (Rs. 5.61 lakh), losses (Rs. 2.90 lakh), and audit and accounts (Rs. 11.72 lakh). Thus, the Committee approved the project at a final cost of Rs. 1151.03 lakh (Rs. 1182.98 – Rs. 31.95 lakh).

Sanction of retained projects

- (1) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 20/1 on Nalbari Palla Road in Nalbari District with approaches: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 144.36 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs. 144.36 lakh. The Committee, therefore, agreed to the funding of the project at a cost of Rs. 144.36 lakh.

- (2) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 2/2 on Haripur Sansarghat Road in Nalbari District with approaches: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 226.37 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs. 226.37 lakh. The Committee, therefore, agreed to the funding of the project at a cost of Rs. 226.37 lakh.

- (3) Haflong Water Supply Scheme: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 141.82 lakh.

The Ministry of Urban Development (CPHEEO) examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs. 141.82 lakh. The Committee, therefore, agreed to the funding of the project at a cost of Rs. 141.82 lakh.

Status of retained projects

- (1) Upgradation of 30-bedded Rural Hospital, Maibong to 100 bedded Sub-Divisional Hospital in NC Hills costing Rs. 10.31 crore

The NLCPR Committee has noted that the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has further desired that the State Government may modify the DPR in line with their comments. The Committee, therefore, desired that the State Government may be requested to get the DPR modified and submit to DONER at the earliest.

Retention of projects for the year 2003-2004

- (1) Project for Infrastructure Development for National Games 2005 in Assam

The Committee recommended to retain for further techno-economic examination the following five projects in connection with infrastructure development for National Games 2005

1.	Installation of street light on the road from Airport
2.	Widening of Hatigaon-Bhetapara Road
3.	Multi-level parking in different parts of the city
4.	Paid public conveniences in different parts of Greater Guwahati city
5.	Creation of lay-byes and bus-bays for smooth movement of traffic

- (2) 100 bedded hospital and nursing college in BTC area.

The Committee noted that project-specific financial assistance of Rs. 100 crore per year for five years is to be provided by the Government of India under NLCPR for socio-economic development of the BTC area. The Committee recommended to retain the project of 100 bedded Hospital and Nursing College in the BTC area for techno-economic examination.

- (3) Conversion of 100 bedded Civil Hospital to 200 bedded Hospital with construction of Staff quarters and improvement and renovation of existing buildings in Haflong.

The Committee recommended to retain the project for techno-economic examination.

- (4) Upgradation/Stabilisation of Silchar Water Supply Scheme.

The Committee recommended to retain the project for techno-economic examination.

Other projects

- (1) Construction of 100 room Tourist Complex/Guest House near Kamakhya Temple, Guwahati.

The Committee observed that the project would involve not only construction of buildings but also management of the proposed Tourist Complex after the implementation of the project. Hence, the Committee viewed that the State Government may be first asked to examine the feasibility of the proposal in the proposed area and the possibility of private-Government joint partnership. The Committee further advised that the State Government may be requested to explore possibility of involving PSUs like ONGC, Indian Oil, etc. for taking up the proposal.

- (4) Seven Road projects in N.C. Hills District costing Rs. 19.00 crore.

The Committee noted that the seven road projects in the N.C. Hills could not be considered during 2002-2003 for want of recasted/reviewed estimates from the State Government as required by concerned subject Ministry. The NLCPR Committee in its 21st meeting held on 4-3-2003 had recommended to retain 98 projects of about Rs. 118.00 crore in the road sector during 2003-2004 keeping in view the highest priority provided by the State Government for that sector. Thus, the road projects in the NC Hills could not be considered for funding under NLCPR.

In order to consider the project afresh, the Committee desired that the State Government may be requested to reconsider the projects in their Priority List for the next year after proper field visits to ascertain the actual requirements.

(6) Construction of classrooms and recreation centre for girl students of Pandu College, Guwahati.

The Committee noted that the proposal for Construction of classrooms and recreation centre for girl students of Pandu College, Guwahati. has been received directly from the college authorities and it has not been included in the Priority List of the Government of Assam for 2003-2004. The NLCPR Committee viewed that since funds under NLCPR are sanctioned and released to the State Government through RBI, funding of such private institutions can be done only through the State Government concerned, and as such, the case may be first referred to the State Government for examination at their level.

(7) Construction of 50 Nos. of 16 M long Steel Shallow Draft Boat

The Committee observed that the State Government has not forwarded a concept paper in respect of the above project. The Committee viewed that relevant details about the projects are necessary to take a view on the matter. The State Government may be requested to examine the proposal as per ground requirement.

Ongoing project

(1) Centre for Plasma Physics at Guwahati in Assam:

The Committee noted that a balance of Rs. 0.82 crore, an amount spent on salary component by Centre for Plasma Physics, has been withheld out of the approved cost of Rs. 4.50 crore thus limiting the project cost to Rs. 3.68 crore already released. The State Government has requested DONER to release the balance amount of Rs. 0.82 crore for the project as the commitment on the project were for both recurring and non-recurring cost. Moreover, at the time when original sanction was made, guidelines barring funding of recurring costs under NLCPR were not in operation and mid-way curtailment of grants will hamper the implementation of project.

In view of the above, the Committee reviewed the case and agreed to release of Rs.0.82 crore as a final support under NLCPR, which was withheld earlier, as the amount is a part of the committed approved cost of the project and the expenditure on salary has already been incurred during the implementation of the project. The Committee also observed that this was agreed to as a special case and not to be quoted as precedent and further advised that the State Government may be requested to find a permanent solution for the Centre. No such expenditure in future will be admissible.

MANIPUR

Status of retained projects

(1) Construction of Government College of Technology Complex:

The Ministry of Urban Development has examined the project and the NLCPR Committee has recommended the project at the cost of Rs. 10.00 crore. As for library books & journals and laboratory equipments, the State Government should form a high level purchase committee headed by Chief Secretary while procuring the items on the basis of proper open tender. The civil works of the project may be considered for implementation by Central agency.

Ongoing project:

(1) 33/11 kV S/S at Singhat, Tamei and Tousem

The schemes were sanctioned in the 20th meeting of the NLCPR Committee held on 17-1-2003 to be implemented on turnkey basis. The State Government informed that they have not received any response for turnkey contract for the project and requested the Department of Development of North Eastern Region to allow the State Government to implement the schemes through their Power Department instead of turnkey basis within the approved amount and time frame of 2 years for smooth progress of work. The Committee considered and agreed to accede to the request of the State Government to complete the project within the approved cost and timeframe of two years.

Retention of new projects.

The NLCPR Committee decided to retain the following additional projects in respect of Manipur for techno-economic feasibility examination by Central Ministries:-

1) Infrastructure development of Manipur University Phase-II.

The Committee recommended to retain the project for the following items for further examination:-

(a) Construction of 100 bedded Ladies' Hostel

- (b) Construction of 100 bedded Men's Hostel.

As for the boundary wall, the Committee has desired that the actual requirement on the ground may be ascertained keeping in view the recommendations of the Vice Chancellors' Committee for the infrastructure needs of the University.

2) Strengthening of health equipments in Government hospitals

The Committee has recommended to retain the following two items in respect of this project keeping in view the needs of medical equipments in the districts and in CHC in Manipur:-

Sl. No.	Component
1	Equipment for District Hospitals (O.T., Radiology, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Unit, Eye, Laboratory & dental departments)
2	Equipment for CHCs (O.T. unit, X-ray unit, Dental unit, Laboratory and other Miscellaneous surgical and medical equipment.

3) Water Supply Schemes in Hill Districts of Manipur

The NLCPR Committee has agreed to retain the following nine water supply schemes in Manipur for further examination:-

- (a) Augmentation of Water Supply scheme at Chakpikarong (0.653 MLD)
- (b) Augmentation of Water Supply scheme at Kangpokpi (0.867 MLD)
- (c) Augmentation of Water Supply scheme at Khoupum (0.355 MLD)
- (d) Augmentation of Water Supply scheme at Mao (2.379 MLD)
- (e) Augmentation of Water Supply scheme at Maram (1.007 MLD)
- (f) Augmentation of Water Supply scheme at Noney (0.373 MLD)
- (g) Augmentation of Water Supply scheme at Saikul (0.623 MLD)
- (h) Augmentation of Water Supply scheme at Tadubi (2.02 MLD)
- (i) Augmentation of Water Supply scheme at Tamei (0.260 MLD)

4) Construction of Sub-station and Transmission lines in Hill Districts of Manipur

The NLCPR Committee has agreed to retain the following four Sub-station and Transmission lines schemes in Manipur for further examination:-

- (a) Construction of 2x1 MVA 33/11 KV at Namarei
- (b) Construction of 2x1 MVA 33/11 KV sub station at Lakhamai
- (c) Construction of 33/11 KV sub-station at Thanlon
- (d) Construction of 33/11 KV sub-station at Thinkew

MEGHALAYA

Status of Retained projects

1. Construction of 132 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line from Sarusajai (Assam) to Byrnihat (Meghalaya).

The Central Electricity Authority (Ministry of Power) has examined the project and has supported the project for funding. The NLCPR Committee therefore agreed to the funding of the project at a cost of Rs. 978.24 lakh. As the line is to be drawn from Assam to the border of Meghalaya in Byrnihat, funds may be released to Government of Meghalaya and the project may be executed by ASEB, Assam.

Retention of new projects

- (1) The Committee has recommended to retain the following seven roads and bridges projects in Meghalaya:-

1. Widening and Strengthening of Dkhiah-Sutnga-Saipung-Moulsei-Halflong Road (0-10 Km)
2. Upgradation and Strengthening of Garobhada-Betasing Road via Rangasakhona in Tura District
3. Construction and Strengthening of Jakrem-Ranikor Road (6-15 Km) = 10 Kms - Mawkyrwat, Nongstoin
4. Reconstruction of RCC Bridges No. 3/1, 7/1, 7/2 and 8/1 on Ampati-Mankachar Road (4 Nos.)
5. Construction of missing bridge on Nongkulang – Umthli – Maweit Nongstoin Road (Bridge over river Wahblei)
6. Construction of missing bridges on Mawphlang Balat Road -9 Nos. Rs. 4.94 crore
7. Construction of a bridge over river Khasimara (120m. span) including 2 (two) culverts and approaches.

(2) Shillong-Nongstoin-Rongjeng-Tura Road

The NLCPR Committee has noted that the project is important for connectivity of four District Headquarters in Meghalaya, namely Shillong, Nongstoin, William Nagar and Tura. The total length of the road project is 311.00 Km. As the road is very long to be taken up at one go, the Committee observed that the State Government may first examine the possibility of splitting up the project into phases and prioritise them for further examination of the project.

(3) Construction of Sub-stations and transmission lines in Meghalaya

The NLCPR Committee has recommended to retain the following two projects on construction of sub-stations and transmission lines for further examination:-

- a. Construction of new 132 KV Single Circuit Line connecting Khliehriat Sub-Station (PGCIL) and Khliehriat Sub-Station (MSEB) at Khliehriat with a single bay extension at Khliehriat Sub-Station.
- b. Construction of 132 KV Sub-Station cum Switching Station at Lumshong with LILO of 132 KV Khliehriat-Badarpur line

MIZORAM

Additional projects for the year 2003-2004

- (1) The first proposal 33 kV D/C Serlui 'B' – Kolasib Transmission Line with Switchyard at Serlui 'B' (Rs. 5.92 crore)

The Committee has recommended to retain the project for techno-economic feasibility examination by Ministry of Power.

- (2) 132 kV D/C transmission line between Kolasib and Aizawl (Melriat), Cost Rs. 21.70 crore

The Committee has noted that ten projects costing Rs. 88.70 crore had already been retained during current year and out of which eight projects have already been sanctioned under NLCPR. The Committee, therefore, observed that if the State Government so desire, they may consider posing the project in the next year's Priority List.

3. Building Construction for Aizawl North College

The Committee has noted that the proposal for building construction of Aizawl North College has been received directly from the Aizawl North College Development Committee and it has not been included in the Priority List of the Government of Mizoram for 2003-2004. The NLCPR Committee viewed that since funds under NLCPR are sanctioned and released to the State Government through RBI, funding of such private institutions can be done only through the State Government concerned, and as such, the case may be first referred to the State Government for examination at their level.

NAGALAND

Sanctioned project (final costing)

(1) **State Referral Hospital, Dimapur**

The Committee has noted that core items and the cost for the project have been identified and finalised in consultation with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Therefore, the Committee has recommended NLCPR support at Rs. 3561.56 lakh for the project for implementation under the PM's Package. The Committee also observed that NLCPR support is to be utilised only for completion and operationalisation of the State referral hospital project at Dimapur, and not to meet existing liabilities.

The Committee has further desired that the State Government may be requested to get the project reviewed by special audit of CAG and to take all the necessary steps to ensure accountability and proper utilisation of funds, by constituting a Committee under Chief Secretary with representative of Ministry of Health, Government of India.

(2) **Sainik School, Punglwa in Kohima District:**

The Ministry of Urban Development has examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs.1407.42 lakh. Accordingly, the Committee agreed to the funding of the project at a cost of Rs. 1407.42 lakh.

Additional projects for the year 2003-2004

(1) **Construction of road from Purana Bazar, Dimapur to Kohima at the length of 22 km**

The Committee has recommended to retain the project for techno-economic feasibility by Central line Ministry.

(2) **23 MW Thermal Power Project at Dimapur in Nagaland**

The Committee noted that the project is part of the announcement made by PM in October 2003 in Kohima. The total cost of the project is Rs. 105.57 crore and it is to be implemented by BHEL. The Committee recommended to extend NLCPR support of Rs.

32.00 crore for the project against the requirement of Rs. 55.22 crore during the current year 2003-2004 as a one-time assistance. The remaining part of the project cost may be funded from the budget of the Ministry of Power from next year onwards. The Ministry of Power shall be responsible for implementation and monitoring of the project. An amount of Rs. 32.00 crore may be released to BHEL directly within the current financial year, subject to the condition that cost of production is commercially viable. In this regard, the Committee desired that in view of the huge cost involved in the project, PMO may be requested to arrange a meeting with the Ministry of Power to make a presentation on viability of the project. The Committee may be briefed in its next meeting.

(3) Other projects

The following were placed before the NLCPR Committee:-

- (a) Upgradation of road from MM road to AM Road via Satsuk Jn, Japu, Longchem, Yajang
- (b) Construction of High School Building Complex at Wakching Town, Mon District
- (c) Upgradation of International Trade Centre from Pungro to ITC via Moya and Longkhimong & Khongjiri

The Committee noted that the above proposals have not been forwarded by the State Government as part of the Priority List 2003-2004 as required under NLCPR guidelines. Besides, there are no details of these projects. The Committee, therefore, desired that the State Government may be requested to first examine the proposals and prioritise them.

(4) Improvement of District Capital Roads

The Committee noted that the State Government has proposed eight nos. of proposals for improvement of District Capital Roads for funding during 2003-2004. The projects are basically meant for repairs and maintenance works of existing roads in the District Capitals which should be possible for the State Government to fund from its own resources. State Government may consider availing of NLCPR funds for creating infrastructure in the road sector essential for establishing proper and meaningful road connectivity to more underdeveloped areas rather than for maintenance purposes.

Sanction of projects

Upgradation of District Hospitals

The Committee noted that a proposal on upgradation of District Hospitals was part of announcement made by Prime Minister in October 2003 in Kohima. As per direction of the 25th NLCPR Committee meeting held on 22-11-2003, the Government of Nagaland has submitted a proposal for upgradation of eleven District Hospitals at the cost of Rs. 15.00 crore. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has examined and supported the project.

The Committee observed that the project cost included Rs. 60 lakh towards land compensation which is not admissible under NLCPR. Hence, the Committee approved the NLCPR support at Rs. 14.40 crore for the project. In respect of Kohima Civil Hospital, the Committee recommended NLCPR support of Rs. 100 lakh (within the approved project cost) towards purchase of equipments only as the main hospital building is already under NLCPR funding. Further, the Committee desired that for purchase of medical equipments, a high level purchase committee headed by Chief Secretary may be constituted by the State Government in which representatives from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India may also be member of the committee.

SIKKIM

The Committee noted that 17 projects in the sectors of Roads and Bridges, Power and Water Supply have been retained for detailed examination during 2003 – 2004.

Roads and Bridges Sector:

Ten Projects were retained under Roads and Bridges Sector for detailed examination. The Committee noted that comments of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MORTH) have been received in respect of following eight projects. The MORTH has pointed out certain technical discrepancies / short comings in respect of these projects to be sorted out by the State Government. Further, MORTH has observed that the estimated cost in respect of these projects have been arrived by the State Governments based on Schedule of Rates (SOR) of 2002 by adding 7.5% escalation per annum for two years. The MORTH has suggested that the cost of the Project may be estimated on current SOR. Comments of MORTH have already been forwarded to the State Government for necessary action. The Committee advised that the State Government should revise / modify DPRs for the respective Projects in the light of the comments of MORTH and submit urgently to DONER for detailed examination in consultation with the line Ministry before a final view is taken on them.

1. Carpeting / Surface Improvement, Protective works and Drainage on Namchi – Rabongla Road (26 Kms.) in South Sikkim.
2. Upgradation of Rabongla – Makha Road (26 Kms.) in South Sikkim under Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR).
3. Replacement of 2 nos. existing suspension bridges on Pelling – Yuksom Road in West District (Rimbi Bridge and Rathong Bridge) in West Sikkim.
4. Construction of approach roads to Rolep Hydro Electric Project and Widening of Rongli – Rolep Road in East District.
5. Upgradation of Ranka Burtuk – Gangtok Road (8 Kms) in East Sikkim:
6. Construction of diversion road to Ranipool – Pakyong road (10 km) in East Sikkim.
7. Carpeting / Surface Improvement of Soreng-Budgan Road via Malbassey (10 km) in South Sikkim:
8. Carpeting / Surface Improvement of Dentam – Uttarey Road (10 km) in West Sikkim.

The Committee further noted that the comments of MORTH in respect of following 2 Roads and Bridges sector Project were awaited. The Committee directed that these should be pursued with MORTH.

9. Surface Improvement / Widening and Carpeting, Drainage work and replacement of B.B. Lal suspension bridge on Pelling – Dentam Road of Gyalshing – Soreng Road in West Sikkim.

10. Slope Stabilisation of Labing landslide and Chongrang landslide on Yuksom – Legship Road in West Sikkim.

Power Sector Projects

The Committee noted that the comments of Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Ministry of Power have been received in respect of following two Projects. The Committee viewed that the DPRs needed to be revised / modified by the State Government and submitted urgently to DONER for detailed examination in consultation with CEA.

11. Construction of 1x7.5 MVA Switchyard at Chungthang for synchronizing with State Grid with Rabom and Lachung-II HEP

12. 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.

The Committee further noted that the comments of CEA in respect of following Project were awaited. The Committee directed that these should be pursued with CEA.

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

The Committee also noted that the DPR in respect of the following Power Sector Project was awaited from the State Government. The Committee directed that the State Government may be asked to submit the DPR within 15 days failing which the Project will be dropped from the Retained List

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

Water Supply Sector Projects

The Committee noted that comments of the Ministry of Urban Development (CPHEEO) have been received on revised DPRs in respect of following three Water Supply Projects. The technical comments raised certain issues which needed to be clarified / confirmed by the State Government. The Committee desired that the State Government be asked to respond accordingly on an urgent basis so that a final view may be taken.

15. Extension of Gangtok Water Supply Scheme Phase – II:
16. Augmentation of Gyalshing Water Supply Scheme
17. Water supply scheme for newly developed township Township Pangthang / Bojoghari

Cases of cost escalation of sanctioned projects

1. 132 KV transmission line from Rangit to Melli with 2x20 MVA sub-station at Melli.

The Committee noted that the CEA has recommended the revised cost of the project at Rs. 29.72 crore against the original approved cost of Rs. 27.65 crore. The revised cost of the project includes 3% service charges for purchase of material through STC and 8% sales tax. After deliberation the Committee recommended that while the 3% service charges may be met under NLCPR the sales tax portion may be met by the State Government from their own resources. The Committee recommended the Project for sanction at the revised cost subject to deduction of Sales Tax component.

2. Construction of 66 KV D/C line from lower Lagyap HEP to Bulbuley

The Committee was noted that the matter was under examination in CEA.

3. Construction of 198 school buildings.

4. Construction of affiliated colleges.

The Committee noted that the cost escalation cases in respect of the projects at Sl. No. 3 and 4 have been directly received from the Education Department of the State Government. They have been requested to submit the proposal through State Planning Department as per NLCPR Guidelines.

TRIPURA

The Committee decided to retain the following project for detailed examination in addition to those which have already been retained in the 24th Meeting of the Committee dated 22.08.2003.

1. **Medical College and Hospital in Agartala**

The Committee viewed that the project of a medical college with an annual intake of 50 students per annum and upgradation of existing 100 bedded hospital to 300 bedded hospital by adding 200 bed capacity may be retained for further examination. The State Government may formulate the Detailed Project Report accordingly for Medical College and Hospital at Agartala for detailed examination in DONER in conjunction with the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

COMMON TO NORTH EASTERN REGION

1. **Information Technology Institute for the Tribes of India (ITITI), Dehradun**

The Committee noted and considered the proposal that has been received directly from the ITITI located at Dehradun. In the proposal it is mentioned that ITITI selects tribal youth from lower income groups, mostly from the North East, and provides them free education and occasional training in a residential environment. After due deliberations it was decided that the Institute may be advised to put up their request to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India for the purpose.