Date of Meeting : 27th February, 2004

Venue : Committee Room, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe.

Time : 2:30 PM

Subject: Minutes of the 27th Meeting of the Committee constituted to administer the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR).

Present
1. Smt. Reva Nayyar, Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region…..In Chair.
2. Smt. Suman Swarup, Adviser, Planning Commission, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi
3. Shri N.A. Viswanathan, AS&FA(Home), Ministry of Home Affairs and DONER.
4. Shri Jarnail Singh, Joint Secretary, Prime Minister’s Office
5. Dr. Surajit Mitra, Joint Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region
6. Dr. Hari Krishna, Joint Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region.
7. Dr. T. Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region.
8. Shri Rajiv Agarwal, JS(NE), Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi
9. Shri B.S. Bhullar, Director(PF-I), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi.
10. Shri G.R. Wadhwa, Director (Fin/Per), Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi.
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 noted that in the 26th Meeting of the Committee held on 22.01.2004, 15 projects for Arunachal Pradesh have been retained for detailed examination during 2003 – 2004. The Committee reconsidered their recommendations made in the 26th Meeting in respect of the following two projects and decided as follows:

1. **The 500 bedded Hospital in Itanagar**
   
   Committee noted that the project was retained for detailed examination in the 26th Meeting of the Committee held on 22.01.2004. The Committee noted the observations / orders of Honourable Minister, DONER that the State Government may take up the Hospital Project for 250 bedded capacity in the first phase as announced by Honourable Deputy Prime Minister. However, the Committee felt that the State Government should be asked to give a firm commitment to run the hospital with the help of the State resources. The Committee further noted that the State Government has already got prepared a Detailed Project Report for 250-bedded Hospital at Itanagar from M/s. Hospital Consultancy Services India Ltd. and that the DPR was under examination in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

2. **State Legislative Assembly Building**

   The Committee noted that the project has been retained in the 26th Meeting dated 22.01.2004. The Committee also noted the observations / orders of Honourable Minister, DONER that the State Government may be asked to prepare a Detailed Project Report for the Project within a cost ceiling of Rs. 30.00 crore for the project as announced by Honourable Deputy Prime Minister. The Committee further noted that the State Government has already been requested to prepare the DPR in respect of the above project. The DPR is awaited from the State Government.
Additional items

1) **Reconstruction of Steel suspension bridge over the Siang river at Nobo projects, that links Jengging and Ying Kiong:** The Committee noted that the steel suspension bridge over Siang at Nobo project was damaged and washed away due to unprecedented flash flood during the month of June 2003 and has caused completed disruption of communication between Jengging and Yingkiong township. The Committee further noted that the State Government has received substantial funds for natural calamities such as flash flood etc. during the current financial year. The Committee therefore, recommended that subject to non-availability of funds to the State Government in this behalf the project may be retained for funding under Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR).

2) **Construction of 46 Km link road from Jang to Mago via Thingbu, Takarphu, New Mailing and Brokser:** The Committee noted that the proposed road falls near the International Border with China. The Department of Border Area Management (Ministry of Home Affairs) has been providing funds for border roads. The Committee therefore suggested that the State Government may be advised to avail the funds available for the purpose in the Ministry of Home Affairs. Also the comments of Defence Ministry may be obtained.

3) **Construction of 15 Km road from Lhou Nallah to Mukto (Co. HQ) via Gomkelling and Serjong:** Considering importance of the project the Committee decided to retain the project for detailed examination. The State Government may be asked to submit the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the project.

4) **E-Police (A GIS-based Police Information and Crime Management System):** The project does not conform to the broad objectives of the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR). However, it was informed that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has got some scheme for modernization of Police Force. The Committee suggested that the State Government may be advised to approach the Ministry of Home Affairs for this project.
5) **Infrastructure development of newly created Anjaw District with its Head Quarters at Hawai:** The Committee noted that the project has been listed at Sl.No. 89 of the priority list 2003 – 2004 of the State Government. The Committee discussed and reached the conclusion that the construction of District offices and their residential buildings should be taken up by the State Governments from their funds. As it would set a wrong precedence the Committee, therefore, did not recommend to retain the project.

6) **Construction of Motorable Suspension Bridge over Lohit River to connect Manchal Circle Headquarters:** The Committee noted that the project has been listed at Sl.No. 51 of the priority list 2003 – 2004 of the State Government. The Committee decided to retain the project for detailed examination during 2003 – 2004. The State Government may be asked to submit the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the project.
ASSAM

Sanction of retained project

1. Construction of RCC Bridge No. 42/5 and 74/1 on DLHS Road in Karbi Anglong District with approaches: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 143.25 lakh.

   The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs.143.25 lakh. The Committee agreed to the funding of the project at a cost of Rs.143.25 lakh.

2. Creation of Main Athletic Stadium Complex along with a multi-purpose Indoor hall at Guwahati for National Games 2005.

   The Committee noted that the agreed NLCPR support for the above project was decided at Rs. 55.10 crore as against the total estimated cost of Rs. 99.80 crore. The project is for creation of sport infrastructure in connection with National Games to be held in November 2005 in Assam and the entire project is to be completed by October-November 2005.

   The Committee noted that the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has examined the DPR and requested for details on some items of works. The Committee desired that the State Government may be requested to expedite submission of the relevant details to Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. The Committee observed that the DONER may process release of funds for this project within the approved NLCPR support on receipt of technical clearance from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and the Committee be informed in the next meeting.


Retirement of projects for the year 2003-2004

1. Project for Infrastructure Development for National Games 2005 in Assam

   (a) Construction/ widening of Bangagarh-Bharalumukh VIP Road

   The Committee recommended to retain the project, namely, Construction/ widening of Bangagarh-Bharalumukh VIP Road for techno-economic examination. The Committee observed that since it is a priority project in connection with the National Games 2005, a suitable Central Government agency should implement it in a time bound manner.

   (b) Foot-over bridge for pedestrians in busy intersections in city

   The Committee observed that the State Government has not forwarded full details of the above project. It is understood that the State Government is also yet to firm up the exact location and the design of the proposal. The Committee desired that relevant details about the proposal are necessary to take a view on the matter.

2. Special Package for Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) of Assam

   The Committee noted that a list of 17 proposals for BTC area have been received directly from the BTC authorities. Out of these, 3 projects with proper DPRs were received from the Planning & Development Department, Government of Assam. The Committee thus recommended to retain all the 3 projects for which concept paper/DPRs were available for techno-economic examination in the central line ministries:

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<td>3.</td>
<td>Widening and strengthening of Fakiragram-Serfangguri Road including conversion of SPT bridge to RCC bridges</td>
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As for the remaining 14 proposals, the Committee desired that after proper concept papers/DPRs from the Government of Assam are received, the same may be examined by the concerned line Ministry for a meaningful decision in the matter in accordance with NLCPR Guidelines.

3. Construction of Road from Cheragi to Kaligang

The Committee observed that the above proposal has not been forwarded by the Government of Assam through their priority list for 2003-3004. The Committee recommended that the proposal may be referred to the State Government for examination at their level.
MANIPUR

Status of retained project

1. **Construction of Thoubal Hospital**

   The NLCPR Committee noted that the construction of Thoubal Hospital was being taken up by the Ministry of Urban Development. The requirement of instruments and equipments for the Hospital shall be decided after the receipt of comments from the Ministry of Urban Development and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

2. **Construction of Singjamei Bridge**

   The Committee noted that the revised DPR as per the comments of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is yet to be received from the State Government.

3. **Additional projects**

   The Committee noted that the DPRs for fifteen additional projects retained for techno-economic examination by the NLCPR Committee during their 26th Meeting held on 22.01.2004, have not as yet been received from the State Government.
MEGHALAYA

Status of retained projects:

The Committee noted that out of 7 additional projects retained for techno-economic examination, the DPR of only one project i.e. Widening and Strengthening of Dkhiah-Sutang-Saipung-Moulsei-Halflong road at the cost of Rs. 4.50 crore has been received from the State Government, which is being forwarded to the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways for necessary comments.

The Committee was informed that while approving the recommendations of 26th Meeting of NLCPR Committee, the Minister, DoNER desired that in respect of the following three projects, the present status may be obtained from the State Government as to whether they have taken up these projects from their own funds or any other Ministry/Department of Govt. of India has sanctioned funds for these projects. With this information, if need be, these projects can be taken up in the next meeting. On enquiry, a letter No. PW/SW/NLCPR/22/03/149 dated 9th February 2004 from Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Public Works (R&B) Department was received and on the basis of this letter the Committee decided about these projects as under:

1. **Construction of missing bridge on Nongkulang – Umthli – Maweit Nongstoin Road (Bridge over river Wahblei)**

   The Committee opined that since the 40% progress in the approaches and 10% for the sub structure has been made by the State Government at the cost of Rs. 29.35 lakh, so the project may be taken out of the retention list.

2. **Construction of missing bridges on Mawphlang - Balat Road (9 Nos)**

   As the construction work of these bridges has not been taken up under any other programme by the State Government, the NLCPR Committee decided to retain the project for further examination. However, the Committee observed that it should be ascertained from the State Government that they do not budgetary provision for this work under any other source of funding.

3. **Construction of a bridge over river Khasimara (120 m. span) including 2 (two) culverts and approaches**

   As the construction work of these bridges has not been taken up under any other programme by the State Government, the NLCPR Committee decided to retain the project for further examination. However, the Committee observed that it should be ascertained from the State Government that they do not have budgetary provision for this work under any other source of funding.
**Additional projects retained**

The NLCPR Committee has decided to retain the following additional projects for further examination:

1. **Improvement, Widening, Strengthening including reconstruction of Bridges and Culverts on Shillong – Nongstoin – Rongjeng – Tura Road from 246th Km. To 270th Km (total – 25 Km)**

2. **Improvement of Shillong – Nongstoin – Tura Road (Improvement including Widening and Strengthening of existing hard crust, portion from 0-29th Km., from Nongstoin to Umjei, total 29 Km.)**

3. **Upgradation of Mawsynram Border Area College**
Status of retained projects

The Committee noted that the following first two retained projects are under techno-economic examination in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. Whereas, the DPR of the last retained project is yet to be received from the State Government for further examination.

1. Construction of Zohmum – Tinghmun Road
2. Construction of Zohmun – Saipum – Mauchar Road.
NAGALAND

Status of sanctioned projects

1. 23 MW Thermal Power Project at Dimapur in Nagaland

   The Committee noted that the approved NLCPR support for the project is to the extent of Rs. 32.00 crore as a one-time assistance against the total project cost of Rs. 105.57 crore. The remaining part of the project cost is to be funded from the budget of Ministry of Power from next year onwards. The Committee in its last meeting had desired to know the viability of the project.

   On the viability of the project, the Ministry of Power has informed that the proposal for setting up of 23 MW Thermal Power Project at Dimapur in Nagaland was recommended after it was examined in consultation with the Central Electricity Authority (technical wing of the Ministry of Power) and subsequent discussions they had with the representatives of Government of Nagaland. Now, the Ministry of Power requested DONER to consider taking further necessary action for implementation of the project. Accordingly, the Committee agreed to the funding of the project, with the proviso that the rest of the funding will be done from the budget of the Ministry of Power.

Retention of projects for the year 2003-2004

1. District Capital Roads in Nagaland

   The Committee noted that the Government of Nagaland submitted a modified DPR for improvement of drainage and upgradation of eight District Capital Roads in Nagaland at an estimated cost of Rs. 20 crore. After detailed examination, the Committee recommended that these projects may be considered in a phased manner. The Committee recommended to retain the following two projects for techno-economic examination in the first phase:

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<td>Improvement &amp; upgradation of Town Road at Kohima (15.20 Kms.)</td>
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<td>Improvement &amp; upgradation of Town Road at Dimapur (18.80 Kms.)</td>
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The Committee further advised that the remaining proposals may be considered at an appropriate stage after these two projects have made satisfactory progress.

2. **Desks and Benches to Government Schools**

   The Committee viewed that the project for providing desks and benches to Government Schools in Nagaland does not fall within the broad objectives of NLCPR. The Committee, therefore, suggested that the project be posed to the Department of Elementary Education, Ministry of Human Resources Development for funding from their budget.

3. **Construction of 66 kV S/C Transmission Line from Tizit to Mon**

   The Committee observed that the proposal has not been included in the Revised Priority List of the Government of Nagaland for 2003-2004. The Committee viewed that the proposal may be referred to the State Government for examination.
SIKKIM

During the current year 2003-2004, out of the total 16 projects retained so far, the following six projects costing Rs. 5937.43 lakh have been sanctioned for support under NLCPR by the Committee in the 27th Committee meeting held on 27-2-2004:

Sanction of retained projects

1. Surface improvement, carpeting including widening, drainage work and replacement of BB Lal suspension bridge on Pelling-Dentam Road of Gyalshing – Soreng Road in West Sikkim (20 km). The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1250.96 lakh.

   The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the project. The Committee, therefore, agreed to the funding of the project at a cost of Rs.1250.96 lakh.

2. Upgradation of Ranka Burtuk – Gangtok Road (8 Kms) in East Sikkim. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 420 lakh.

   The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the project. The Committee, therefore, agreed to funding of the project at a cost of Rs.420 lakh.

3. Augmentation of Gyalshing Water Supply Scheme. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 752.28 lakh.

   The Ministry of Urban Development (CPHEEO) examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs.752.28 lakh. The Committee, therefore, agreed to the funding of the project at a cost of Rs.752.28 lakh.

4. Water supply scheme for newly developed township Township Pangthang / Bojoghari. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 585.80 lakh.

   The Ministry of Urban Development (CPHEEO) examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs.585.80 lakh. The Committee, therefore, agreed to the funding of the project at a cost of Rs.585.80 lakh.
5. **Construction of 66KV S/C transmission line from Myong to Chungthang and transformer bay at Chungthang and feeder bay at Mayong.**

The Central Electricity Authority (Ministry of Power) examined the proposal and supported the project for funding at the cost of Rs.730.99 lakh. The Committee observed that the project cost included inadmissible items amounting to Rs. 47 lakh such as land compensation, sales tax and loss on stock. Thus, the Committee agreed to the funding of the project at a cost of Rs.683.99 lakh.

6. **Remodelling of transmission & distribution network of Gangtok Town. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 2406.65 lakh.**

The Central Electricity Authority (Ministry of Power) examined the proposal and supported the project for funding at the cost of Rs.2406.65 lakh. The Committee observed that the project cost included inadmissible items amounting to Rs. 162.25 lakh such as land compensation, sales tax and loss on stock. Thus, the Committee agreed to the funding of the project at a cost of Rs.2244.40 lakh.

**Status of Retained Projects**

The Committee noted that the following seven projects have been technically examined by the line Ministries:

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<td>Carpeting/Surface Improvement, Protective works and Drainage on Namchi – Rabongla Road (26 Kms.) in South Sikkim</td>
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<td>Carpeting / Surface Improvement of Soreng-Budang Road via Malbassey (10 km) in South Sikkim</td>
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<td>Carpeting / Surface Improvement of Dentam-Uttery Road (10 km) in West Sikkim.</td>
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<td>Augmentation Water Supply Scheme for Greater Gangtok Phase – II</td>
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<td>Slope stabilisation of Labing landslide and Chongrang landslide on Yuksom-Legship Road in West District</td>
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<td>Extension of 132 kV system in South and West Districts covering Gyalshing</td>
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In view of the limited availability of funds under NLCPR during the current year, the Committee advised that the above projects may be placed before the Committee in its next meeting for consideration.

**Sanctioned project (final costing)**

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

The Committee noted that the Central Electricity Authority (Ministry of Power) examined the proposal and supported the project for funding at the cost of Rs.2972.51 lakh for the following items:

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<td>Sub-station</td>
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The Committee observed that the project cost included inadmissible items against the transmission line (Sl. No. 1 above) of Rs. 38.69 lakh (Sales tax: Rs. 32.15 lakh + audit & accounts: Rs. 6.54 lakh) lakh and against Sub-station (Sl. No. 2 above) amounting to Rs. 116.40 lakh (Sales Tax: Rs. 99.65 lakh + audit and accounts: Rs. 16.75). The total amount against inadmissible items works out to Rs. 155.09 lakh (Rs. 38.69 lakh + Rs. 116.40 lakh). Thus, the Committee approved the project at a final cost Rs.2817.42 lakh.

**Cost escalation of on-going NLCPR projects**

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

The Committee noted that the project was approved for funding in the Fifth Meeting of the NLCPR Committee held on 05.09.2000 as part of Sub-Transmission and Distribution Projects announced by the PM in January 2000. Approved NLCPR support for the Project is Rs. 12.97 crore.
The Committee noted that the State Government approached DONER for upward revision of the cost to Rs. 23.65 crore but subsequently withdrawn the proposal on the advice of CEA.

2. **Construction of 198 school buildings**

The Committee noted that the approved NLCPR support for the Project was Rs. 23.42 crore and the entire fund had been released and utilised by the State Government. The Committee observed that the State Government’s proposal for upward revision of the cost to Rs. 28.33 crore was actually for payment of liability over and above the approved NLCPR support. Hence, the Committee has not agreed to a cost revision which is only to meet the committed liability already incurred on the project by the State Government on their own.

3. **Construction of affiliated colleges**

The Committee noted that the approved NLCPR support for the Project was Rs. 5.00 crore and the entire fund had been released and utilised by the State Government. The Committee observed that the State Government’s proposal for upward revision of the cost to Rs. 9.20 crore was actually for payment of liability over and above the approved NLCPR support. Hence, the Committee has not agreed to a cost revision which is only to meet the committed liability already incurred on the project by the State Government on their own.

**PM’s Package announced for Sikkim announced in April 2003**

The Committee noted that as part of the Prime Minister’s announcement made in Sikkim in April 2003, PMO has forwarded two projects, namely (a) Construction of 500 bedded STNM Hospital at Reshithang, Gangtok (Rs. 212.35 crore) and (b) Construction of new Secretariat and Raj Bhavan (with staff quarters) at Gangtok (Rs. 143.59 crore). The total estimated cost of the project works out to Rs. 355.94 crore.

The Committee has examined the proposal in detail. Under the limited annual budgetary allocation of NLCPR of Rs. 550 crore provided for the entire eight North Eastern States and a committed liability of over Rs. 1,000.00 crore for ongoing projects under
NLCPR, the Committee viewed that it would not be feasible to support such huge projects involving Rs. 355.94 crore.

The Committee desired that Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Urban Development may be approached to consider these projects from their own budgetary provision under an intimation to PMO in this regard.
TRIPURA

The Committee noted the latest position in respect of the following projects retained during 2003 – 2004 for detailed examination.

1. **1x21 MW G.T. Project at Rokhia (Unit VIII):** The project has been sanctioned in the 25th Meeting dated 22.11.2003. The requisite documents were awaited in DONER from the State Government for consideration of the release of first instalment in respect of the above project.

2. **State Level Paramedical Training Institute:** The DPR was under examination in the Ministry of Urban Development.

3. **Medical College and Hospital in Agartala:** The DPR was awaited from the State Government.