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Department of Development of North Eastern Region

Date of Meeting : 8th April, 2004

Venue : Committee Room, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe.

Time : 3:00 PM

Subject: Minutes of the 28th 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. Dr. Surajit Mitra, Joint Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region
3. Dr. Hari Krishna, Joint Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region.
4. Dr. T. Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region.
5. Shri Indeever Pandey, Director (Fin-Home), Ministry of Home Affairs.
6. Shri R.R. Jha, Director (NE-II), Ministry of Home Affairs.
7. Shri S.N. Brohmochoudhury, Director(SP-NE), Planning Commission
8. Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Deputy Secretary, PMO
9. Shri S.R. Dongre, Joint Director,(PF-I), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

At the outset, Secretary, DONER welcomed participants to the Meeting and stated that the Committee may consider the projects that were retained earlier and for which technical comments have been received from the line Ministries. She further added that the recommendations of the Committee in this behalf would be subject to clearance from the Election Commission.

Thereafter the NLCPR Committee deliberated on the Agenda circulated for the Meeting. Following observations made and conclusions were arrived at:

Agenda No. 1: Progress review of Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) during 2003-04.

This agenda was placed before the Committee for information. The Committee noted the following points and decided as follows:

- 1) Thirty three projects costing Rs. 440.84 crores have been sanctioned in the eight States of the North Eastern Region.
- 2) RE 2003-04 provision of Rs. 550 crore for NLCPR was fully released to the various ongoing / new projects in the North East.
- 3) The priority list under NLCPR for the year 2004-05 was awaited from the State Governments of Meghalaya and Nagaland. The Committee directed that the matter should be followed up with the concerned State Governments for early submission of the priority list.
- 4) The Committee noted that some State Governments have been frequently sending additional projects / revision in the priority list during the course of the year. It dilutes the priority fixed by the State Government for the respective projects. The Committee, therefore, decided that the matter should be taken with State Governments with the request that they should give a well thought while formulating the priority list and as per NLCPR guidelines the priority list should be submitted to DONER only once in a year. Only in exceptional cases the DONER should entertain the additional projects / revision in the priority list and that too only once in a year.
- 5) The DONER may identify some suitable consultant of repute such as a reputed university in a State to undertake an analysis to identify 'gaps' in various sectors. The recommendation of the consultant would serve as a guiding factor to DONER in selection of the projects out of the priority list for retention during a particular year.
- 6) Issues of Departmental charges, contingency, work charge etc. were also discussed and it was decided that the matter may be referred to the IFD.

Agenda No. 2: State-wise status.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

- 1) The Committee noted that eighteen projects with an estimated cost of Rs. 248.70 crore were retained for detailed examination during 2003-04. One project, namely, Porter track from Nuranang to Mago was sanctioned and first installment of Rs. 1.44 crore released for the project.
- 2) DPRs for two projects, namely, 150 Boarders Hostel at Koloriang Higher Secondary School and State Assembly Building were awaited from the State Government. The Committee desired that the matter should be followed up with the State Government for early submission of DPRs in respect of these projects.
- 3) DPRs in respect of other projects are under examination in consultation with line Ministries. The Committee desired that the matter should be followed up with the concerned line Ministries.

ASSAM

Sanction of retained projects 2003-2004

(1) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 4/3, 10/2 and 14/1 on Pengeri Philobari Road in Tinsukia District with approaches: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 273.81 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs.273.81 lakh. The Committee agreed to the funding of the project at a cost of Rs. 233.66 lakh (excluding AGST of Rs. 18.80 lakh and cost escalation during construction of Rs. 21.35 lakh.).

(2) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 6/1 on Udalguri Barbengera Road in Darrang District with approaches: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 122.43 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs.122.43 lakh. The Committee agreed to the funding of the project at a cost of Rs. 104.03 lakh (excluding AGST of Rs. 8.61 lakh and cost escalation during construction of Rs. 9.79 lakh.).

Final cost of sanctioned project

Creation of Main Athletic Stadium Complex alongth 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 the project 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 observed that the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports have technically approved the DPR and supported the project at a cost of Rs. 75.10 crore. The Committee noted that the approved NLCPR support of Rs. 55.10 crore have been extended for Main Athletic Stadium (Rs. 32.23 crore), Indoor Stadium (Rs. 21.63 crore), and Shooting Range (Rs. 1.24 crore).

MANIPUR

1. The Committee noted that the Ministry of Urban Development has taken up construction of Thoubal Hospital, whereas the requirement of instruments and equipments for the Hospital may be considered under NLCPR. For this, revised cost recommended by the M/o Health & Family Welfare has been received and has been intimated to the State Government for revision of the DPR.
2. Regarding Construction of Singjamei Bridge for Rs.3.75 crore, the NLCPR Committee noted that the M/o Road Transport & Highways has examined the DPR and the State Govt. has been requested to modify it as per their comments.
3. The Committee considered the observations / comments made by the Central Electricity Authority regarding the following sub transmission and distribution projects:
 - a. Installation of 2x1 MVA 33 KV Sub station at Thanlon (cost Rs.628.12 lakh)
 - b. Installation of 2x1 MVA 33 KV Sub station at Thinkew (cost Rs.363.50 lakh)
 - c. Installation of 2x1 MVA 33 KV Sub station at Namare (cost Rs.427.18 lakh)
 - d. Installation of 2x1 MVA 33 KV Sub station at Lakhamai (cost Rs.3.27 lakh)

The Committee unanimously felt that the cost of these projects looks to be on the higher side and decided that it would be proper to get a second opinion on the DPRs, from another Govt agency like Rural Electrification Corporation (REC).

4. The Committee noted that the DPRs of remaining 11 additional retained projects have been forwarded to various Ministries for techno-economic comments and were being followed up by the DoNER for an early disposal.
5. The Committee was of the opinion that the State Govt should be asked to monitor and review the progress of the projects funded under the NLCPR on a regular basis so that the infrastructure gap of the state could be reduced.

MEGHALAYA

1. The NLCPR Committee noted that the project of widening and strengthening of Dkhiah-Sutnga-Saipung –Moulsei-Halflong Road (0-10 Km), has been examined by M/o RT&H and the State Govt has been asked to revise the DPR as per their observations.
2. The Committee took a note that out of remaining 9 retained projects, DPRs of 5 projects have been forwarded to various Ministries for techno-economic examination and are being followed up for an early disposal. The Committee observed that the State Government be again requested to expedite submission of the DPRs of remaining 4 projects that are yet to be received from the State Govt.
3. As per the recommendation made by the M/o Urban Development, the NLCPR Committee recommended the project – ‘Additonal requirement of R.K. Mission, Cherrapunjee for construction of School Building, Library, Laboratory & Computer Classes’ for approval at a cost of Rs.2.00 crore.

MIZORAM

1. The NLCPR Committee took a note that out of total 11 retained projects, 9 projects costing Rs.99.88 crore have already been sanctioned.
2. The Committee noted that the M/o Road Transport & Highways has examined the following 2 retained projects and as per the observations of the Ministry, the State Government has been asked to clarify issues and to revise the DPRs accordingly.
 - a. Construction of Zohmun – Mauchar – Saipum Road (32.77 Km)
 - b. Construction of Zohmun – Tinghmun Road (10.36 Km)

NAGALAND

Status of retained projects 2003-2004

1. Improvement of District Capital roads
 - a) Improvement & upgradation of Town Road at Kohima (15.20 Kms.),
 - b) Improvement & upgradation of Town Road at Dimapur (18.80 Kms.).

The Committee noted that the State Government has been requested to modify and review the DPR in line with the comments of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. The State Government may be reminded to submit the DPR.

2. Construction of Road from Purana Bazar(NH-39 Bypass) to Kohima-Bokajan Road

The Committee noted that the State Government has been requested to modify and review the DPR in line with the comments of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. The State Government may be reminded to finalise the DPR.

3. Improvement of Roads in Tuensang, Wokha and Mon District of Nagaland (PM's Package)

The Committee noted that the State Government has been requested to modify and review the DPR in line with the comments of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. The State Government may be reminded to submit the DPRs.

SIKKIM

Status of retained projects 2003-2004

During the year 2003-2004, out of the total 16 projects retained, 6 projects costing Rs. 59.37 crore had been sanctioned for support under NLCPR.

In addition, the following 8 Projects costing Rs. 8131.63 lakh were recommended for NLCPR support, after deliberations, by the Committee.

Road and bridges sector

1. Carpeting / Surface Improvement, Protective works and Drainage on Namchi – Rabongla Road (26 Kms.) in South Sikkim. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 1222 lakhs.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the Project at a cost of Rs. 1222 lakhs. The Committee agreed to the funding of the Project at a cost of Rs. 1207 lakhs (excluding work charge establishment of Rs. 15 lakhs).

2. Upgradation of Rabongla – Makha Road (26 Kms.) in South Sikkim. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 1007.00 lakhs.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the Project at a cost of Rs. 1007 lakhs. The Committee agreed to the funding of the Project at a cost of Rs. 994 lakhs (excluding work charge establishment of Rs. 13 lakhs).

3. Carpeting / Surface Improvement of Soreng-Budang Road via Malbassey (10 km) in South Sikkim. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 343 lakhs.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the Project at a cost of Rs. 343 lakhs. The Committee agreed to the funding of the Project at a cost of Rs. 339 lakhs (excluding work charge establishment of Rs. 4 lakhs).

4. Carpeting / Surface Improvement of Dentam-Uttery Road (10 km) in West Sikkim.
The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 404 lakhs

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the Project at a cost of Rs. 404 lakhs. The Committee agreed to the funding of the Project at a cost of Rs. 399 lakhs (excluding work charge establishment of Rs. 5 lakhs).

5. Slope stabilisation of Labing landslide(160m) and Chongrang landslide (800m) on Yuksom-Legship road in West Dist. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs.178.71 lakhs.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the Project at a cost of Rs. 178.71 lakhs. The Committee agreed to the funding of the Project at a cost of Rs. 127.52 lakhs (excluding work charge establishment of Rs. 2.22 lakhs, removal of slip of Rs. 18.73 lakhs, plantation cost of Rs. 6 lakhs, rock bolting of Rs. 2 lakhs, escalation of Rs. 22.24 lakhs).

6. Replacement of 2 Nos. of suspension bridges on Pelling -Yuksom Road in Sikkim.
The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 331.70 lakhs.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the Project at a cost of Rs. 331.70 lakhs. The Committee agreed to the funding of the Project at a cost of Rs. 327.57 lakhs (excluding work charge establishment of Rs. 4.13 lakhs).

Water Supply Sector

7. Augmentation Water Supply Scheme for Greater Gangtok Phase – II. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 2434.39 lakhs.

The Ministry of Urban Development (CPHEEO) examined and recommended the Project at a cost of Rs. 2434.39 lakhs. The Committee agreed to the funding of the Project at a cost of Rs. 2434.39 lakhs.

Power sector

8. Extension of 132 kV system in South and West Districts of Sikkim covering Gyalshing, Pelling and Rabongla. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 2591.94 lakhs.

The Central Electricity Authority (Ministry of Power) examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs. 2506.71 lakhs. The details are as under:

Sl.No.	Scope of work	Rs. in lakhs
(i)	Extension of 2x66 kV bays at Sagbari, initially charged at 66 kV (for Gyalshing and Rabongla line)	274.73
(ii)	Construction of 132 kV Sagbari-Gyalshing S/C line (initially charged at 66 kV) and 66/11 kV 2x5 MVA S/S	794.08
(iii)	Extension of 66 kV Gyalshing-Pelling line and 66/11 kV 2x5 MVA transformer at Pelling and other associated works	551.82
(iv)	Construction of 132 kV Sagbari-Rabongla D/C S/C Strung line (initially charged at 66 kV) and 66/11 kV, 2x5 MVA transformer at Rabongla	886.08
	Total:	2506.71

The Committee observed that the Project cost includes certain items such as land compensation, sales tax, loss on stock, audit & accounts which are not admissible under NLCPR amounting to Rs. 203.56 lakhs which are to be deducted from the project cost.

Thus, the Committee agreed to the funding of the Project at a cost of Rs. 2303.15 lakhs.

PM's Package announced for Sikkim in April 2003

The Committee had noted in its previous Meeting of 27th February 2004 that, as part of the Prime Minister's announcement in Sikkim in April 2003, PMO had 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 Projects worked out to Rs. 355.94 crore.

In view of the limited annual budgetary allocation of NLCPR of Rs. 550 crore for all the North Eastern States and a committed liability of over Rs. 1,000.00 crore for ongoing Projects under NLCPR, the Committee had recommended that it would not be feasible to fund such huge Projects involving Rs. 355.94 crore and advised that the proposals be forwarded to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Urban Development for support from their respective budgetary provisions.

The Committee was now informed that the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had returned the DPR stating that that Ministry has no Scheme under which the proposal may be funded. Keeping in view the high cost of the proposal and the financial and manpower related resources that would be required to run the Hospital efficiently, as well as reported prospects of under utilization of facilities, the Committee recommended that the PMO may be requested to consider moving the State Government to re-examine the feasibility of the Project.

The Committee further advised and recommended that in respect of the proposal for construction of new Secretariat and Raj Bhavan, the matter be pursued with Ministry of Urban Development for a suitable response.

TRIPURA

- 1) The Committee noted that three projects with an estimated cost of Rs. 170.33 crores have been retained for detailed examination during 2003-04. One project, namely, 21 MW Gas Thermal Project at Rokhia (Unit VIII) has already been sanctioned. The first installment would be considered for release after receipt of certain clarifications from the State Government in this regard.
- 2) The Committee noted that the State Government is to furnish clarifications alongwith the DPR with detailed estimates in respect of State Level Para-Medical Institute project.
- 3) The Committee noted that an integrated DPR for the Medical College and Hospital Project at Agartala not as yet received.