Date of Meeting : 2nd June, 2004

Venue : Committee Room, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe.

Time : 3:00 PM

Subject: Minutes of the 29th Meeting of the Committee constituted to administer the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR).

Present
1. Smt. Reva Nayyar, Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region…..In Chair.
2. Shri N.A. Viswanathan, AS&FA, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
3. Dr. Surajit Mitra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
4. Dr. Hari Krishna, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
5. Dr. T. Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
6. Shri S.C. Garg, Joint Secretary(PF-I), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
7. Shri Indeever Pandey, Director (Fin-Home), Ministry of Home Affairs.
8. Shri R.R. Jha, Director (NE-II), Ministry of Home Affairs.
9. Shri S.N. Brohmchoudhury, Director(SP-NE), Planning Commission.

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

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 six projects have been examined in the concerned subject Ministry of the Union Government. The State Government is to modify / revise the DPRs for the respective projects based on technical comments of the Union Ministries / Departments. The Committee desired that the matter should be followed up with the State Government for early submission of modified / revised DPRs in respect of these projects.

3) DPR for one project, namely, State Assembly Building was 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 the project.

4) DPRs in respect of other 10 projects are under examination in consultation with line Ministries. The Committee desired that the matter should be followed up with the concerned line Ministries.

5) Priority List 2004-05: The Committee noted that Government of Arunachal Pradesh has submitted a list of 78 projects costing Rs.545.23 crore. The State Government has submitted the concept papers only for 70 projects. These concept papers do not give the full justification along with supportive information for consideration of a project under NLCPR. The Committee further noted that the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has already requested the State Government to modify the concept papers supported with additional
information. The response is awaited. The Committee also observed that the list of projects is too large and cost is also very high. The State Governments be asked to send the priority list within the manageable limit of provisions made in the guidelines for the purpose. The Committee, therefore, deferred its decision on the priority list 2004-05 till such time the modified concept papers for all the projects included in the priority list are received from the State. The Committee desired that the matter should be followed up with the State Government on priority. The Committee may be informed about the position for consideration in the next meeting.

6) Other items:

a) Infrastructure development of 275 community schools running pre-primary classes: The Committee noted that the original approved NLCPR support of the project was Rs.5.82 crore which included the expenditure for the items such as blackboard, mat, chalk, duster, water filter, lock and key etc. and observed that these items are not admissible under NLCPR. The approved cost of construction per school was Rs.2 lac. Accordingly, the cost for construction activity for the project works out to Rs.5.50 crore. The Committee, therefore, recommended that the NLCPR support for the project may be restricted to Rs.5.50 crore. The Committee further noted that an amount of Rs.5.51 crore has been released for the project. Hence, the excess release of Rs.1.00 lac may be adjusted against some ongoing education sector project under NLCPR in Arunachal Pradesh.

b) 132 KV S/C transmission line from Along to Pasighat: The Committee noted that the project was retained for detailed examination in the 19th Meeting dt. 22nd November and 4th December, 2002 and that the DPR for the project submitted by the State Government had been examined in consultation with Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Ministry of Power. Despite reminders the State Government has not submitted revised / modified DPR based on the
technical comments of CEA till date. The Committee, therefore, recommended that the project may be dropped under NLCPR.

ASSAM

Priority List 2004-2005

The Committee considered the priority list 2004-05 submitted by the State Government and recommended to retain the following eight projects (estimated cost: Rs.166.48 crore) for detailed examination:

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<td>Construction of Saraighat Bridge over river Buridihing</td>
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<td>Cultivation of rubber in Hill districts of Assam for rehabilitation of Jhumiya people for upliftment of socio-economic conditions (Sixth Schedule area)</td>
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Sanction of retained projects 2003-2004

The following 14 projects costing Rs.4584.42 lakh were recommended for NLCPR support by the Committee:

Road Sector

(1) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 12/1 and 12/2 alongwith approaches on Bangaon-Jagara Road in Nalbari District: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 204.84 lakh
The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs.204.84 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs. 174.81 lakh (excluding AGST of Rs. 14.06 lakh and cost escalation during construction of Rs. 15.97 lakh.).

(2) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 1/1, 2/1 and 2/2 on Jonai Silapathar Road in Dhemaji District with approaches: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 222.23 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) has examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs.222.23 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs.190.00 lakh (excluding AGST of Rs. 15.09 lakh and cost escalation during construction of Rs. 17.14 lakh.).

(3) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 3/1, 3/2, 6/3, 6/4, 6/6, 10/5, 12/1, 13/1, 21/2, and 23/2 on Border Roads (Gar Ali) in Jorhat District with approaches: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 464.39 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) has examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs.464.39 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs.397.56 lakh (excluding AGST of Rs. 31.28 lakh and cost escalation during construction of Rs. 35.55 lakh.).

(4) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 8/2, 20/1, 21/1, 23/3, 29/2, 32/1, 36/1 and 40/1 on Mangaldoi Bhutiachang Road in Darrang District with approaches: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 805.04 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) has examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs.805.04 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs.684.70 lakh (excluding AGST component of Rs. 56.33 lakh and cost escalation during construction of Rs.64.01 lakh).
(5) **Construction of RCC Bridge No. 26/3 on Samar Ali Das Road in Karbi Anglong District with approaches:** The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 194.91 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) has examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs.194.91 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs.167.54 lakh (excluding AGST of Rs. 12.81 lakh and cost escalation during construction of Rs.14.56 lakh).

(6) **Construction of RCC Bridge No. 40/2 on CPDMRK Road in Karbi Anglong District with approaches:** The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 154.51 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) has examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs.154.51 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs.131.82 lakh (excluding AGST of Rs. 10.62 lakh and cost escalation during construction of Rs.12.07 lakh).

(7) **Construction of RCC Bridge No. 1/2 on Manja to Hidim Teron Road in Karbi Anglong District with approaches:** The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 208.67 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) has examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs.208.67 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs.178.12 lakh (excluding AGST of Rs.14.30 lakh and cost escalation during construction of Rs.16.25 lakh).

(8) **Construction of RCC Bridge No. 12/3 on Bakulia Rajapathar Road in Karbi Anglong District with approaches:** The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 201.20 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) has examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs.201.20 lakh. The Committee
recomm ended funding of the project at a cost of Rs.173.51 lakh (excluding AGST of Rs.12.96 lakh and cost escalation during construction of Rs.14.73 lakh).

(9) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 24/1 on BBDC Road in Karbi Anglong District with approaches: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 63.90 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) has examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs.63.90 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs.54.42 lakh (excluding AGST of Rs.4.44 lakh and cost escalation during construction of Rs.5.04 lakh).

(10) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 40/1 on Bagals Road in Kamrup District with approaches: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 151.85 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) has examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs.151.85 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs.128.88 lakh (excluding AGST of Rs.10.75 lakh and cost escalation during construction of Rs.12.22 lakh).

(11) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 35/2 and 53/2 on Moran Naharkatia Road in Dibrugarh District with approaches: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 133.37 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) has examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs.133.37 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs.114.16 lakh (excluding AGST of Rs.8.99 lakh and cost escalation during construction of Rs.10.22 lakh).

(12) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 13/1, 14/2, 15/1, 20/3 and 22/1 on Silchar Kumbhirgram Road in Cachar District with approaches: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 662.51 lakh.
The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) has examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs.662.51 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs.567.87 lakh (excluding AGST of Rs.44.30 lakh and cost escalation during construction of Rs.50.34 lakh).

**Sports Sector**

(13) **Diphu Sports Complex at Diphu, Karbi Anglong District.** The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 515.27 lakh.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs.515.27 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs.501.22 lakh (excluding AGST of Rs. 14.05 lakh.).

**Health Sector**

(14) **Conversion of 100 bedded Civil Hospital to 200 bedded hospital with construction of Staff Quarters & improvement and renovation of existing buildings at Haflong, N.C. Hills, Assam.** The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1503.88 lakh.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) has examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs.1503.88 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs.1119.81 [excluding inadmissible amount of Rs.384.07 lakh –against (i) premium for NC Hills of Rs. 291.22 lakh; (ii) AGST @ 4% of Rs. 57.84 lakh; (iii) cost escalation on electrical items of Rs. 4.28 lakh; (iv) maintenance of vehicles of Rs. 3.19 lakh and (v) Work Charged @ 2% of Rs.27.54 lakh].
MANIPUR

1) The Committee noted that 18 projects at a total estimated cost of Rs.101.01 crore were retained from the 2003-04 Priority list. Out of this 15 projects after techno-economic examination are put up to the NLCPR Committee for consideration. Two projects are being examined by concerned ministries and the State Govt. is required to provide information regarding 1 of the remaining projects.

2) **Priority List 2004-05:** The Committee noted that the shelf of projects submitted by the State Govt. has 51 projects with total estimated cost of Rs. 588.90 crore and was also informed about the request made by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Manipur regarding retention of some of the projects from the Priority List of 2004-05. After thread bare discussion, the Committee decided to retain the following projects for further examination of DPRs, based on sectoral and site specific requirements of the State:

   i. Waithoupat Water Supply Scheme (18 MLD)
   ii. 2\textsuperscript{nd} phase Electrification of Power (60 tribal vill.)
   iii. Construction of Lamlong Bridge
   iv. Construction of Keishamthong Bridge
   v. Construction of Bridge over Khuga river at Kumbi
   vi. Construction of bridge over Thoubal river near Leishangthem Bazar
   vii. Construction of bridge over Thoubal near Irong Ichin
   viii. Construction of bridge over Thoubal river near Thoubal Haokha
   ix. Construction and equipment for 50 bedded district hospitals in all the five hill districts
   x. Addition of 100 bedded hospital in J.N. Hospital, Porompat, Imphal.
   xi. Construction of 8 Classrooms in Rengkai Govt. High School, Rengkai, Churachandpur - A project that emanated from the visit of Joint Secretary DoNER, subject to the concurrence of the State Government of Manipur, was also recommended for retention by the Committee. The Committee
recommended that the State Government’s concurrence and the DPR may be obtained from the Government of Manipur.

3) Other items:

a) Construction of Thoubal District Hospital: The Committee was informed that the project was retained in its 21st meeting, held on 04.03.2003 and subsequently in its 25th meeting, the Committee decided that since the Ministry of Urban Development was taking up construction works of Thoubal Hospital, and so only the requirement of instruments and equipments for the Hospital may be considered under NLCPR.

As per the recommendation of the M/o Health & Family Welfare, the Committee approved the revised cost of equipments of Rs. 1.86 crore and this may be released as per the requirement i.e. about 6 months prior to completion of the Hospital building.

b) Strengthening of Health equipments in Government Hospitals: The Committee noted that the following components of the project have been examined by the M/o H & FW in consultation with Directorate General of Health Services, but since provision of equipments in Thoubal District Hospital has been approved as a separate project, so this component has been reduced and the project is approved at a total cost of Rs. 826.70 lakh:

   i. Equipment for District Hospitals (OP Unit, Radiology, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Unit, Eye Laboratory & Dental Department)-Rs. 726.70 lakh

   ii. Equipment for CHCs (OP Unit, Xray Unit, Dental Unit, Laboratory and other miscellaneous surgical and medical equipment)- Rs. 100.00 lakh
However, the Committee recommended that in cases where new buildings are to be constructed, these equipments should be purchased only toward completion of buildings in the case of District Hospitals.

For CHCs, the equipment may be provided after due inspection of these units by senior officers. The inspecting officers should ensure that the CHCs are in good condition and are ready for the use of these instruments.

c) Senapati - Phaibung Road: The Committee was informed that this ongoing project was finally approved by the Committee in its 18th Meeting held on 10th Oct 2002 at a cost of Rs.83.74 crore, and the BRO was requested by the State Govt. to implement the project. At the time of finalisation of DPR, the State Govt. and the BRO had not envisaged the cost of the Net Present Value (NPV) amounting to Rs. 498.80 lakh against the diversion of 86 ha. of forest land for the Project.

The Committee took a note that the NPV has been charged at the lowest rate by the State Forest Department, this is as per the standing orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dt. 30.10.2002 and 01.08.2003, in I.A. No. 566 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202 of 1995, for all similar cases. Under the present circumstances, the State Govt. is not in a position to bear this additional burden and considering the importance of the project the Committee approved an additional cost of Rs. 498.80 lakh for NPV which would be provided to the BRO directly for the payment to the appropriate authority.

d) Nine Rural Water Supply Projects: The Committee was informed that the following nine rural water supply projects that were retained during its 26th meeting held on 22.01.2004, have been examined by the Department of Drinking Water Supply, M/o Rural Development and they have given favourable comments. Committee was also informed about per capita cost of water supply as under:
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<td>Aug. of Water Supply Scheme at Mao (2.379 MLD)</td>
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<td>Aug. of Water Supply Scheme at Maram (1.007 MLD)</td>
<td>3.60</td>
<td>14370</td>
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<td>Aug. of Water Supply Scheme at Khoupum (0.363 MLD)</td>
<td>2.276</td>
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<td>Aug. of Water Supply Scheme at Noney (0.476 MLD)</td>
<td>1.67</td>
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<td>Aug. of Water Supply Scheme at Tamei (0.308 MLD)</td>
<td>2.28</td>
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<td>Aug. of Water Supply Scheme at Tadubi (2.02 MLD)</td>
<td>5.06</td>
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<td>Aug. of Water Supply Scheme at Chakpikarong (0.653 MLD)</td>
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<td>Aug. of Water Supply Scheme at Kangpokpi (0.867 MLD)</td>
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<td>Aug. of Water Supply Scheme at Saikhul (0.623 MLD)</td>
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The Committee noted that per capita cost of water supply through these projects was on the higher side so it decided that the projects be sent to the Planning Commission for second opinion and put up in the next meeting of the Committee.

e) Four ST & D Power Projects: The Committee took a note that the following four ST & D power projects retained during its 26th meeting held on 22.01.2004, were examined by the CEA and on their suggestion, the State Government revised the DPR reducing the total cost and directly submitted to the CEA for forwarding it to DoNER. Since the revised cost of the projects still appeared to be on the higher side, the NLCPR Committee during its 27th meeting held on 27.02.2004 decided to refer the DPRs to REC. The project cost estimated by the REC based on their earlier approved estimates was also higher so the matter was finally referred to the Planning Commission for their observations and recommendations.

i. Installation of 2x1 MVA 33 S/S at Thanlon
ii. Installation of 2x1 MVA 33 KV S/S at Thinkew
iii. Installation of 2x1 MVA 33 KV S/S at Namare
iv. Installation of 2x1 MVA 33 KV S/S at Lakhamai

As per the preliminary communication received from the Planning Commission, the cost of certain components of the projects were on the higher side, therefore, the
Committee decided to get complete DPRs examined by the Planning Commission of all the four projects for a second opinion.

MEGHALAYA

1) The Committee noted that from the Priority List of 2003-04, 14 Projects were retained at total estimated cost of Rs.157.45 crore. One Project at a cost of Rs.9.47 crore has been sanctioned, whereas, the State Government is required to provide clarifications/ revisions regarding 8 projects and is yet to submit original DPRs of 5 projects for which the State Govt. is being pursued vigorously.

2) Priority List 2004-05: The Committee examined the shelf of projects having 27 projects, submitted by the State Government amounting to Rs. 325.03 crore. The Committee decided to retain the following projects as a preliminary list with certain observations / conditions:

   ii. Construction and Improvement including metalling & Blacktopping of Rymbai-Iampmala-Suchen Road (17 Km)
   iii. Thomas Jones Synod College, Jowai – subject to the condition that no residential quarters shall be constructed and only the necessary college building with hostels may be constructed.
   iv. SAC Expansion Programme- Developing the Employment Potential of NE Region in the New Economy & Promoting and Documenting Regional talent – subject to the condition that no residential quarters shall be constructed and only the necessary college building with hostels may be constructed.
   v. Re-construction of RCC bridge No 26/6 on Ampati-Mohendraganj Road
   vi. Construction of Ampati-Mellim Road from 10th Km-15th Km(6Km) and 4 Nos RCC Bridges
vii. Construction of remaining portion of Mawsahew- Nongsteng-Umlei-Mawphu Road (8 Km)

viii. Construction of RCC Bridges over river Daru from Ampati-Purakhasia Road (2nd Km) to connect Ampati main village (Span 80 m)

ix. Strengthening including widening of Shillong- Diengpasoh Road from single lane to intermediate lane (0-4 Km)

About the following projects, the Committee desired further information as concept paper were sketchy and did not provide proper justification for economic and social benefit to be created by their implementation:

i. Construction of Shallang-Nongriangmaw- Maheshkhola Road - the Committee shall take a decision regarding this project after receipt of proper concept paper in its next meeting.

ii. Construction of missing link and widening of Road to double lane from Nongstoin to Domiasiat via Wahkaji (54.10 Kms,) - the State Government is to provide the information regarding proposed mining and other economic activities to be undertaken in the area and the social benefits accruable. The Committee shall take a decision regarding the project after receipt of the response of the State Government in its next meeting.

MIZORAM

1) The Committee was informed that 12 projects at estimated cost of Rs.115.05 crore were retained from the 2003-04 Priority List of Mizoram. Out of this 9 projects at an estimated 99.88 crore have been sanctioned, whereas, the State Govt. is required to provide clarifications/ revisions regarding 2 projects and is yet to submit original DPR of 1 project.

2) Priority List 2004-05: The Committee noted that the State Govt. has submitted a shelf of 42 projects amounting to Rs. 437.50 crore. The concept papers sent by the
State Government are not up to the mark and do not explain the socio-economic justification duly supported by data as to why a particular project should be funded. The State Government was requested to send the fresh concept papers so that the Committee could take a decision regarding the retention of projects for further examination. Since the concept papers are still awaited so the Committee decided to take up the matter after their availability.

NAGALAND

Priority List 2004-2005

The Committee noted that the Government of Nagaland has submitted a priority list of projects for 2004-2005 containing 16 projects at an estimated cost of Rs.320.75 crore. After examination, the committee recommended that in view of the limited budgetary allocation under NLCPR, the Government of Nagaland be requested to further identify specific thrust areas and critical developmental initiatives required in the State from the priority list 2004-2005 which is to be placed before the Committee in its next meeting.

Sanction of retained projects 2003-2004

Road Sector

1. Improvement of District Capital roads

   (a) Improvement & upgradation of Town Road at Kohima (15.20 Kms.). The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 418.80 lakh.

   (b) Improvement & upgradation of Town Road at Dimapur (18.80 Kms.). The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 363.90 lakh.
The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) has examined the project and recommended the cost of the project at Rs.782.70 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the two road projects at a cost of Rs.782.70 lakh.

2. Improvement of Roads in Tuensang, Wokha and Mon District of Nagaland (PM’s Package).
   a) Improvement of roads in Tuensang District (98.00 km) – Rs.4481.69 lakh.
   b) Improvement of roads in Mon District (59.00 km) – Rs.2613.63 lakh
   c) Improvement of roads in Wokha District (11.00 km) – Rs.479.21 lakh.

The Committee noted that the above projects have been examined by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) only from the technical angle. The Committee recommended that the cost estimates of the above road projects should be first examined to arrive at a final cost for support under NLCPR. The Committee further desired that the projects may be referred to the Planning Commission for detailed examination of the cost estimates.

SIKKIM

Priority list 2004-2005

The Committee noted that the Government of Sikkim has submitted a revised Priority List 2004-2005 containing 23 proposals at an estimated cost of Rs. 19606.74 lakh without the related Concept Papers of these projects. The Committee recommended that the revised Priority List 2004-05 of Sikkim may be re-submitted in its next meeting for consideration along with the Concept Papers of these projects.

Status of retained projects 2003-2004

Road and bridges sector
1. **Construction of Diversion Road to Ranipool-Pakyong Road (10 kms) in East Sikkim.** The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 297.00 lakh.

   The Committee noted that the technical comments of MORTH are still awaited. The Committee desired that the matter may be pursued with the MORTH for expediting the comments.

2. **Construction of approach roads to Rolep Hydro Electric Project and widening of Rongli-Rolep Road.** The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1734.00 lakh.

   The Committee noted that the revised DPR as desired by MORTH is still awaited from the State Government. The Committee desired that the matter may be pursued with the State Government to expedite sending of the modified DPR.

**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 and first installment of Rs.6.11 crore has been released.

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 is yet to be received from the State Government. Earlier a project report prepared by HSCC regarding Upgradation of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Hospital to 300 beds for proposed Government Medical College, Agartala was received from the State Government. Meetings were, therefore, held in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region with the officers of HSCC and Resident
Commissioner, Government of Tripura. The HSCC officers have projected the area requirement for the project at 53,845 Sqm. The unit cost of construction has been tentatively projected at Rs.16000 per Sqm. Leaving aside the medical equipments, the cost of project thus works out to Rs.86.15 crore. The Committee took a view that the per square meter cost of the project was very high. The Committee, therefore, suggested that the State Government may be requested to get the integrated DPR prepared for the project from some other agency and urgently submit to Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region for getting it examined.

4) **Priority list 2004-2005**: The Committee noted that the State Government submitted the priority list 2004-05 along with concept papers which contains 26 projects costing Rs.638.34 crores. After detailed deliberations the Committee decided to retain the following projects for detailed examination.

(A) The Committee recommended that the following projects may be retained for detailed examination subject to the condition the barest minimum number of staff quarters, that too only for doctors and nurses, will form the part of the project.

i) **Dhalai District Hospital**

ii) **North District Hospital**

iii) **South District Hospital**

(B) The Committee recommended the following projects at Sl. No. iv), v) and vi) may be retained for replacement of only SPT bridges to RCC Bridges.

iv) **Replacement of 18 Nos. Temporary Bridges on MDRs and ODRs in the road network at West Tripura District by permanent RCC Bridges.**

v) **Replacement of 15 Nos. Temporary Bridges on MDRs and ODRs in the road network at Dhalai-North Tripura District by permanent RCC Bridges.**
vi) Replacement of 17 Nos. Temporary Bridges on MDRs and ODRs in the road network at Dhalai-North Tripura District by permanent RCC Bridges.

(C) The Committee also recommended the following project for retention:

vii) Bhavan’s Science College

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