

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

**Minutes of the 30th Meeting of the NLCPR Committee held at 3:00 PM
on 17th August, 2004 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, M/DONER
in Committee Room, Vigyan Bhavan Annexe.**

Present

1. Shri Lakshmi Chand, 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 B.S. Bhullar, Director (PF-I), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
7. Shri R.R. Jha, Director (NE-II), Ministry of Home Affairs.
8. Shri S.N. Brohmochoudhury, Director(SP-NE), Planning Commission.

Item No. 1**Progress review of Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR)**

The Committee noted that 141 projects with an estimated cost of RS.1687.28 crore were retained for detailed examination during 2003-04. Out of these, 60 projects costing Rs.592.91 crore had been sanctioned so far. The Committee also noted that Rs.216.54 crore have been released till 31.07.2004 during the current year.

The Committee further noted that the priority lists (2004-05) in respect of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura were considered for retention of projects in its 29th Meeting held on 02.06.2004. The priority lists for Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Sikkim were placed as separate agenda items for consideration. As regards Nagaland the Committee noted that the State Government was requested to identify specific thrust areas and critical development initiatives required in the State. The reprioritized list was yet to be received from the State Government despite requests.

Item No.2**Status of retained projects 2003-04 for Arunachal Pradesh**

The Committee noted that out of 18 projects retained for Arunachal Pradesh, one project, namely, Porter Track from Nuranang to Mago had been sanctioned. The DPR for one project, namely, Water Supply Project for Bomdila Town had been examined by the Ministry of Urban Development (CPHEEO) and placed before the Committee for consideration as a separate agenda item. In case of nine projects, the modified/revised DPRs based on technical comments of the line Union Ministries were yet to be received from the State Government. For one project, namely, State Legislative Assembly Building the original DPR was yet to be received from the State Government. The DPRs for six projects were under examination in the line Union Ministries/Department of the Government of India.

It was decided that the matter may be pursued with the respective Ministries / Departments for early examination of the DPRs and the State Government be requested for early submission of DPR for State Legislative Assembly Building project.

Item No.3

**Consideration of Project for sanction from Priority List
2003-04 of Arunachal Pradesh**

Water Supply Project for Bomdila Township

The Committee noted that the project had been technically appraised by the Ministry of Urban Development (CPHEEO) and that the Ministry had accorded technical approval of the project. The cost of the project as per technical approval of the Ministry of Urban Development was Rs.1798.42 lakh (including Rs.5.76 lakh for Arunachal Pradesh Sales Tax on materials, Rs.83.26 lakh for contingencies @ 5% and Rs.49.95 lakh for establishment charges @ 3%).

The Committee recommended the sanction of the project cost at Rs.1659.45 lakh excluding Arunachal Pradesh Sales Tax on materials (Rs.5.76 lakh), establishment charges (Rs.49.95 lakh) and the contingencies (Rs.83.26 lakh).

Item No.4

**Priority List 2004-05 of Arunachal Pradesh for
consideration**

The Committee noted that Government of Arunachal Pradesh had submitted a list of 90 projects (65 + 13 + 12) costing Rs.666.45 crore. As per the recommendation of the Committee in the 29th Meeting dated 02.06.2004 the State Government was requested to submit the revised / modified list giving full justification along with supportive information for consideration of the Committee. The revised concept papers from the State Government had been received for only twelve projects.

The Committee considered the priority list (2004-05) submitted by the State Government and recommended to retain the following six projects for detailed examination:

- 1) Improvement and extension of Water Supply at Lumla Township
- 2) Construction of Motorable suspension bridge over river Siang at the sight of Gandhi bridge
- 3) Steel suspension bridge at Siyum over Subansiri river
- 4) Infrastructure strengthening of secondary care hospital in Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) Infrastructure strengthening of Primary care hospitals in Arunachal Pradesh
- 6) Construction of bridge over Siyom on Kaying to Paksing road

In case of project at serial number 5, it was decided that the State Government be advised that while sending DPR they should propose barest minimum number of residences and delete the component relating to Construction of Zonal Malaria Office and DDT store and Drugs Inspector office at Miao CHC in Changlang District

Item No.5

**Construction of Arunachal Pali Vidyapith building
(Phase-II) in Arunachal Pradesh**

The Committee noted that the above project was recommended for funding under NLCPR in the 14th Meeting dated 30.10.2002. The approved cost of the project was Rs.1.41 crore to be completed in two phases. The approved cost for phase-I was Rs.0.59 crore and for phase-II Rs.0.82 crore. The released amount of Rs.0.59 crore for phase-I of the project had been fully utilised by the State Government and phase-I of the project had been completed on 31.05.2004. As the condition put by the NLCPR Committee in the 14th Meeting had been met by the State Government, it was decided to release the amount for phase-II of the project. As the State Government had asked for Rs.0.81 crore for completion, the Committee decided to restrict the cost of phase-II of the project at Rs.0.81 crore as against Rs.0.82 crore approved earlier.

Item No. 6**Status of sanction of retained projects 2003-2004 for Assam****Road Sector**

- (1) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 156/2, 159/1, 163/2, 165/3, 172/2, 174/2, 177/1 and 182/2 on Dhodar Ali Road in Sivasagar District: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 414.23 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs. 414.23 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs. 352.51 lakh (excluding cost escalation during construction of Rs. 32.84 lakh and AGST component of Rs. 28.88 lakh.)

- (2) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 4/2, 9/2, 10/2 and 17/1 on Met. Na-Ali (Jorhat Titabor) in Jorhat District with approaches: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 164.73 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs. 164.73 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs. 142.60 lakh (excluding cost escalation during construction of Rs. 11.77 lakh and AGST component of Rs. 10.36 lakh.)

- (3) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 1/3, 2/1 and 3/1 on Namti Ali in Sivasagar District with approaches: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 105.68 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs. 105.68 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs. 89.68 lakh (excluding AGST component of Rs. 7.49 lakh and cost escalation during construction of Rs. 8.51 lakh.)

Power Sector

- (4) Powerline to Balipara Industrial Growth Centre, Sonitpur District. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1037.23 lakh.

The Central Electricity Authority (Ministry of Power) examined the project and recommended the project at a cost of Rs. 1037.23 lakh. The Committee recommended the funding of the project at a cost of Rs. 872.89 lakh (excluding inadmissible items of Rs. 164.34 lakh against vehicle, Audit and accounts, Losses on stock, Maintenance during construction, CST and Transportation & Insurance).

Item No.7

Other retained project during 2003-2004 of Assam

Char area development in Assam consisting of Minor Irrigation, Water Supply and Agricultural Schemes. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 60.00 crore.

The Committee noted that the project was retained for detailed examination in the 24th meeting held on 22nd August 2003. The Government of Assam had been requested to submit the DPRs for each sector. But despite reminders, the State Government had not submitted the DPRs for these projects till date. The Committee, therefore, recommended that the project may be dropped, and the State Government informed accordingly.

Item No. 8**Ongoing projects of Assam****Proposal of reallocation of savings to other ongoing BAC roads (PM Package)**

The Committee noted that BRO had completed seven roads (out of 24 road projects in the BAC area under PM Package) with a saving of Rs. 10.89 crore. The Committee considered the proposal of BRO for reallocation of these savings (without additional/fresh allocation of funds) to other 5 ongoing projects under the same package. The details of these five roads are as under:

(Rs. in crore)					
Sl. No.	Name of the road	Approved cost	Completion cost projected by BRO	Funds proposed to be adjusted out of savings	Justification
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Rangia - Goreswar	0.77	1.52	0.75	Enhanced quantum of works already executed by BRO as per actual ground requirement.
2.	Charali-Ramgaon-Nagirijula	0.52	6.33	0.29	PWD proposed gravelling & WBM only; BRO proposed GSB, WBM & BT.
3.	Udalguri-Tamulpur (including Kulsi bridge)	28.24	37.32	9.08	Span of Kulsi Br wrongly assessed by PWD. For conversion of SPT bridges, BRO considered technically sound design proposals.
4.	Barangjuli-Kohirabari	1.87	2.10	0.23	Cost of bridge considered to fulfil sound design criteria
5.	Barpeta-Bashbari	0.27	0.90	0.63	Sound design criteria as per IRC specification taken for apron spur and bunds.
	Total:	39.73	69.90	10.98	

It was decided that the proposals for revision of cost in respect of the above five projects be further reviewed with officers of BRO. The proposal be put up in the next meeting of the Committee.

Item No. 9**Status of Retained Projects from Priority List 2003-04 of Manipur**

The Committee noted that the State Government had submitted the prioritized shelf of projects for 2003-04 consisting of 27 projects with a total cost of Rs. 297.31 crore out of which, after recommendations of the NLCPR Committee, 18 Projects with a total cost of Rs. 78.86 crore were retained whereas 3 Projects had already been approved at a total cost of Rs. 20.13 crore.

Item No.10**Projects for Consideration for Sanction from Priority List 2003-04 of Manipur****i. Construction of Singjamei Bridge**

The Committee recommended the Project at a **total cost of Rs. 3.69 crore** excluding the cost of following items as a policy decision, from the original estimated amount of Rs. 4.277 crore:

Items excluded

a. Quality Control Charges @ 1%	- Rs. 3,55,536/-
b. Sales Tax @ 5.6%	- Rs. 19,91,003/-
c. Agency charges @ 9%	- Rs. 35,31,847/-
Total	- <u>Rs. 58,78,386/-</u>

ii. Rural Water Supply Schemes

The Committee agreed to the observations made by the Planning Commission and recommended the following 6 Rural Water Supply Schemes, at a cost mentioned against each of them:

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Cost (Rs. in crore)
1	Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Mao (2.379 MLD)	6.65
2	Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Maram (1.007 MLD)	3.60
3	Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Noney (0.476 MLD)	1.67
4	Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Tadubi (2.02 MLD)	5.06
5	Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Kangpokpi (0.867 MLD)	2.497
6	Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Saikhul (0.623 MLD)	1.982
	Total approved cost	21.459

The cost of the following 3 Rural Water Supply Schemes as per the recommendations of the Planning Commission are on the higher side. The Committee decided to get the schemes revised by the Government of Manipur:

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Total cost Rs. in crore
1	Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Khoupum (0.363 MLD)	2.276
2	Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Tamei (0.308 MLD)	2.28
3	Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Chakpikarong (0.653 MLD)	3.30

iii. Infrastructure Development of Manipur University, Imphal, Phase -II

The Committee noted that the M/o UD had recommended the following components of the Project at a total cost of Rs. 4.30 crore:

- a. Construction of 100 bedded Ladies' Hostel (Cost Rs. 2.15 crore)
- b. Construction of 100 bedded Men's' Hostel (Cost Rs. 2.15 crore)

The Committee observed that since the Project was to be implemented by M/s NBCC Ltd. on turn key basis, the following charges mentioned in the estimate prepared by the Corporation be excluded:

a.	5% Land development cost (As land is already developed & flat)	- Rs. 6,94,741 x 2 = Rs.13,89,482/-
b.	4% Architect's fee	- Rs. 7,22,530 x 2 = Rs.14,45,060/-
c.	5% External Services	- Rs. 6,94,741 x 2 = <u>Rs.13,89,482/-</u>
	Total	Rs.42,24,024/-

Accordingly, the Committee recommended sanction of Project at a total estimated cost of Rs. 3.88 crore with a condition that the Government of Manipur would be asked to provide the items to be procured for furniture before release of the amount which is mentioned as a lump sum provision in the DPR.

iv. 4 Sub Transmission & Distribution Power Projects

The Committee observed that as per recommendation of the Planning Commission the DPRs of the following Projects be referred back to CEA for having a relook on the cost aspect as it was to be on higher side:

Rs. in crore

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Original cost	Revised cost as per CEA
1.	Installation of 2x1 MVA 33 S/S at Thanlon	7.187	6.281
2.	Installation of 2x1 MVA 33 KV S/S at Thinkew	4.067	3.635
3.	Installation of 2x1 MVA 33 KV S/S at Namare	4.870	4.271
4.	Installation of 2x1 MVA 33 KV S/S at Lakhamai	3.710	3.274

Item No.11.

Status of Priority List 2004-05 of Manipur

The Committee noted that Government of Manipur had submitted a Prioritized Shelf of Projects for 2004-05 having 51 Projects with a total cost of Rs. 588.90 crore, and out of these 13 Projects with a total estimated cost of Rs. 249.08 crore were retained for further examination by it in its 29th Meeting.

Item No.12

Status of Retained Projects from Priority List 2003-04 of Meghalaya

The Committee noted that the Government of Meghalaya had submitted the prioritized shelf of projects for 2003-04 consisting of 33 projects costing Rs. 679.92 crore out of which 14 Projects costing Rs. 202.68 crore were retained for further examination. Out of these retained Projects, 2 Projects were approved at a cost of Rs. 11.74 crore, 7 Projects were under examination by the concerned Ministries, 2 Projects were being put up for approval, the DPRs of 2 Projects were not received from the State Government and the following 2 Projects were withdrawn by the State Government:

- i. Construction of 220 kV S/C Transmission Line from Kopili to Khliehriat
- ii. Improvement of Shillong – Nongstoin – Tura Road from Nongstoin – Markasa – Kinsi (0 – 29 km)

Item No. 13

Projects for Consideration for Sanction from Priority List 2003-04 of Meghalaya

- i. Construction of 220 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line from PGCIL S/S Misa in Assam to Byrnihat, Meghalaya along with 1 x 100 MVA, 220 / 132 kV S/S at Byrnihat.

The Committee noted that the Central Electricity Authority had examined and approved the Project at a total cost of Rs. 84.81 crore with following components:

- (a) Misa, Assam (PGCIL) S/S to Byrnihat, Meghalaya, erection of 220 kV D/C Transmission Line - 115 km
- (b) 220 kV line bays at Misa, Assam - 2 Nos.
- (c) Byrnihat S/S - 1 x 100 MVA, 220 / 132 kV

The Committee recommended the following observations made by the CEA:

- The works (a) & (b) above would be executed by PGCIL on deposit work basis, for which a Tripartite Agreement would be executed amongst MeSEB, Power Grid & DoNER, while the work (c) above would be executed by MeSEB.
- Since 20% of the line length has been assumed to be passing through forest area, Compensatory Afforestation has been estimated at Rs. 1.00 crore and Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land has been estimated as 4.67 crore based on diversion of 80.5 ha. of forest land @ Rs. 5.80 lakh per ha. During detailed survey of the line, efforts should be made to minimize the involvement of forest and accordingly the estimates towards this head may be revised after detailed survey and actual expenditure towards this may be allowed.
- Since the project is proposed to be financed through DoNER, Interest During Construction (IDC) may not be applicable.

The Committee recommended the Project at a **total cost of Rs. 82.06 crore** excluding the cost of following items, as a policy decision, from the CEA's vetted cost estimate of Rs. 84.81 crore:

Items excluded

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| a. | Establishment including Audit & Accounts @ 8.5% | - Rs. 1.70 crore |
| b. | Losses & Stock @ 0.25% | - Rs. 0.05 crore |
| c. | Taxes & Duties @ 8% | - Rs. 0.60 crore |
| d. | Service Tax | - <u>Rs. 0.40 crore</u> |
| | Total | - Rs. 2.75 crore |
- ii. Construction of 2 x 5 MVA, 132/33 kV S/s at Lumshnong along with LILO of existing 132 kV S/C line from Khliehriat (MeSEB) to Badarpur (Panchgram) (ASEB) at Lumshnong new S/s'

The Committee noted that the Central Electricity Authority had examined and approved the Project at a total cost of Rs. 5.03 crore with following components:

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| (a) | Lumshnong S/s | 2 x 5 MVA, 132/33 kV |
| (b) | LILO of existing 132 kV S/C line from Khliehriat to Badarpur (Panchgram) | 132 kV D/C – 1.5 km. |

The Committee recommended the following observations made by the CEA:

- The above works would be executed by MeSEB.
- Since the project is proposed to be financed through DoNER, Interest During Construction (IDC) may not be applicable.

The Committee recommended the Project at a **total cost of Rs. 4.63 crore** excluding the cost of following items as a policy decision, from the CEA's vetted cost estimate of Rs. 5.03 crore:

Items excluded

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| a. | Audit & Accounts charges @ 1% | - Rs. 0.04 crore |
| b. | Establishment charges @ 8.75% | - <u>Rs. 0.36 crore</u> |
| | Total | - Rs. 0.40 crore |

Item No.14

Status of Priority List 2004-05 of Meghalaya

The Committee noted that the Government of Meghalaya had submitted a Prioritized Shelf of 27 Projects with a total cost of Rs. 325.03 crore for 2004-05 and the Committee during its 29th Meeting retained 9 Projects with a total estimated cost of Rs.

36.24 crore for further examination. The State Government had been asked to submit the DPRs which were yet to be received. Revised Concept Papers of the following 2 Projects were sought from the State Government which were still awaited:

- i. Construction of Shallang-Nongriangmaw- Maheshkhola Road (71.5 km) – Estimated cost – Rs. 102.56 crore
- ii. Construction of missing link and widening of Road to double lane from Nongstoin to Domiasiat via Wahkaji (54.10 Kms) – Estimated cost – Rs. 89.40 crore.

The Committee was informed that the State Government had sent fresh Concept Papers for some more Projects in the Priority List of 2004-05. Two of these, as below, were discussed:

- i. Mairang Water Supply Scheme.
- ii. Construction of Multi Purpose Building at Mary Our Help Training Centre, Bellfonte.

Of these, the Committee recommended retention of (i), because of its focus on fulfilling a basic need of drinking water.

Item No.15

Status of Retained Projects from Priority List 2003-04 of Mizoram

The Committee noted that the State Government had submitted a Priority List for 2003-04 containing 39 projects costing Rs. 421.71 crore out of which 10 projects costing Rs. 88.70 crore were retained for technical examination for consideration under NLCPR.

On the request of the State Government and on recommendation of the NLCPR committee during its 25th Meeting held on 21.11.2003, two Projects with a cost of Rs.20.43 were retained in place of two projects retained earlier. An additional Project entitled '33 KV D/C Serlui 'B' - Kolasib Transmission Line with Switchyard at Serlui 'B' costing Rs. 5.92 crore was retained by the Committee during its 26th Meeting held on 22.01.2004.

The Committee was also informed that a total 11 projects were retained, out of which 8 projects costing Rs. 99.88 crore had been sanctioned, DPRs of 2 Projects had been sent to M/o RT & H while the State Government was yet to submit the DPR of the third Project.

Item No.16

Priority List 2004-05 of Mizoram for consideration

The NLCPR Committee noted that the Government of Mizoram had submitted a priority list of 42 projects costing Rs. 437.50 crore. The Committee in its 29th Meeting decided that fresh Concept Papers be sought from the State Government as they were not up to the mark and did not provide the socio-economic justification for each Project. The State Government had, therefore, submitted the fresh Concept Papers.

After deliberations and discussion on the Projects contained in the Priority List, the NLCPR Committee recommended to retain the following Projects for further examination:

- i. Construction of School Building under LADC: Retained subject to the condition that only those Schools should be taken up under the Project which do not have School buildings and other parameters also justify the construction of the School building.
- ii. 33 KV D/C Serlui 'B' Kolasib Swithyard at Serlui 'B' and incoming bay at 132 KV S/S at Kolasib (Bawktlang).
- iii. 132 KV D/C between Kolasib & Aizawl (Melriat) with LILOs at Kolasib and Aizawl (Zemabawk) 132 KV sub station.
- iv. Upgradation of Nursing School into Nursing College, *Aizawl*.

On the project relating to Improvement of physical condition of colleges and Post Matric Government Institutions under Higher Education, it was decided that the physical condition and actual requirement of the institutions proposed to be funded should be ascertained. On scrutiny of the Road Projects submitted by the State Government, the

Committee recommended that since most of these Projects were pertaining to village roads the State Government be advised to take up these projects under PMGSY.

Item No. 17

Status of Priority List 2004-2005 of Nagaland

The Committee noted that the Government of Nagaland had been requested to reprioritise the proposals and submit a revised list of projects for 2004-2005. The response of the Government of Nagaland in this regard was awaited. The Committee decided that the reprioritised list of projects be placed before the Committee in its next meeting.

Item No. 18

Status of sanction of Retained Projects 2003-2004 for Nagaland

Road sectors

(1) Construction of Road from Purana Bazar (NH-39 Bypass) to Kohima-Bokajan Road (Rs. 2117.63 lakh) and Construction of 2-lane RCC Bridge over Dhansiri river on Road from Purana Bazar (NH-39 Bypass) to Kohima-Bokajan Road (Rs. 738.71 lakh).

(i) Construction of Road from Purana Bazar (NH-39 Bypass) to Kohima-Bokajan Road (Rs. 2117.63 lakh).

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs. 2117.63 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs. 2117.63 lakh.

(ii) Construction of 2-lane RCC Bridge over Dhansiri river on Road from Purana Bazar (NH-39 Bypass) to Kohima-Bokajan Road. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 738.71 lakh.

The Committee noted that the DPR required further modification on technical points in line with the comments of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. The Committee, therefore, recommended that the State Government be requested to review/modify the DPR at the earliest.

- (2) Improvement of Roads in Tuensang, Wokha and Mon District of Nagaland - Estimated Cost Rs.75.00 crore (PM's Package).

The Committee noted that the State Government had been requested to review and modify the DPR in regard to its cost as per the observations of the Planning Commission. The Committee recommended that the State Government be requested to expedite submission of the modified DPR.

Item No. 19

Status of Priority List 2004-2005 of Sikkim

The Committee considered the revised Priority List (2004-2005) consisting 9 Project proposals at an estimated cost of Rs. 6186.34 lakh submitted by the Government of Sikkim. It was recommended that the two proposals in the Education Sector be reviewed and amalgamated by the State Government, covering physical infrastructure and rain-water harvesting in Select Cluster of Schools in all 4 districts. Furniture and equipment would have to be deleted. The following two Projects were recommended for retention for detailed examination:

Sl. No.	Particulars
	Sports & Youth Affairs Department
1.	Establishment of Multipurpose Indoor Hall in Gangtok, Sikkim
	Roads & Bridges Department
2.	Replacement of Goshkhan dara Suspension Bridge with Steel Bridge at Singtam in East Sikkim (100 m. span)

Item No. 20

Status of sanction of retained Projects 2003-2004 for Sikkim

- (1) Diversion to Ranipool-Pakyong Road in East Sikkim. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 274.45 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the Project at a cost of Rs. 274.45 lakhs. The Committee recommended funding of the Project at a cost of Rs. 236.87 lakhs (excluding cost escalation during construction of Rs. 34.16 lakhs and Work Charged Establishment of Rs. 3.42 lakhs)

- (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 lakhs.

The Committee noted that revised DPR, incorporating comments of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, had not yet been submitted by the State Government to Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

Item No.21

Projects for consideration for sanction from Priority List 2003-04 for Tripura

The Committee noted that out of three retained projects one project, namely, 21 MW Rokhia Gas Thermal Power Project (Unit-VIII) had been sanctioned.

In case of Para Medical Institute the clarifications sought by the M/DONER from the State Government were yet to be received. For the third project, i.e., Medical College and Hospital at Agartala the Committee noted that the State Government was negotiating the matter with Manipal Enterprises Limited and was getting a DPR prepared by them.

Item No.22

Status of retained projects from Priority List 2004-05 of Tripura

The Committee noted that seven projects at a tentative cost of Rs.100.37 crore had been retained for detailed examination. The Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for these retained projects had not as yet been received from the State Government. It was decided that the matter be pursued with the State Government for early submission of DPRs.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Item No.23

Sanction of retained projects 2003-2004 of Assam

- (1) Installation of Street Lights from Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport up to Jalukbari near Guwahati University for National Games 2005.

The Committee observed on the DPR prepared by NBCC that the comments of line Ministry, i.e., Ministry of Power (CEA) be obtained.

- (2) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 1/2 and 3/1 on Sarupeta Bhuyapara Road in Barpeta District: The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 208.03 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs. 208.03 lakh. The Committee recommended funding of the project at a cost of Rs. 177.36 lakh lakh (excluding cost escalation during construction of Rs. 16.31 lakh and AGST component of Rs. 14.36 lakh.)

Item No.24

Retention of additional projects 2003-2004 of Nagaland

- (1) Improvement and Upgradation of District Capital Roads.

- (a) Improvement & upgradation of Town Road at Mokokchung (9.50 km). The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 245.00 lakh.
- (b) Improvement & upgradation of Town Road at Phek (9.50 Kms.). The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 174.35 lakh.
- (c) Improvement & upgradation of Town Road at Mon(4.50 Kms.). The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 145.00 lakh.
- (d) Improvement & upgradation of Town Road at Wokha (8.00 Kms.). The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 193.70 lakh.
- (e) Improvement & upgradation of Town Road at Zunheboto (8.00 Kms.). The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 190.00 lakh.
- (f) Improvement & upgradation of Town Road at Tuensang (10.00 Kms.). The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 193.60 lakh.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has examined the project and recommended. The Committee recommended funding of the 6 projects at the cost of Rs. 1217.30 lakh.

Item No.25

Request of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur for consideration of Projects from the Priority List for the year 2004-05 of Manipur

The Committee was informed that the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur vide his DO letter No- 10/5/2002(NL)/PRIO/Plg (Pt-II) dated 10.08.2004 had requested the Hon'ble Minister, DoNER to consider the following Projects mentioned in the Prioritized Shelf of Projects for Manipur for the year 2004-05.

- i. Construction and equipments of 50 bedded district hospital for Jiribam Sub Division.
- ii. Sports complex at Tangkhul Long Ground and Mission Compound, Ukhrul

For (i), it was decided that the current status of the Hospital and its occupancy rate etc. be ascertained from the State Government and the proposal be put up in the next meeting of the Committee.

For (ii), it was decided that the State Government be asked to revise the proposal limiting its cost to Rs.2.00 to 3.00 crore only instead of Rs.16.65 crore.

Item No.26 Reimbursement of additional cost for Construction of 22.92 MW HFO Thermal Power Plant at Bairabi, Mizoram by M/s BHEL

The Committee noted that the Commissioner (Planning), Government of Mizoram vide his letter dt. 02.12.2003 and BHEL vide its letter dt. 06.12.2003 had requested DoNER to reimburse the additional cost for civil works which had increased from Rs. 4.00 crore as tentative amount to Rs. 9.41 crore at the time of actual implementation.

The Committee was informed that the issue regarding reimbursement of additional cost of Rs. 5.41 crore was put up in its 24th Meeting held on 22.08.2003. It was decided that the enhancement of cost of civil works would not be funded from the NLCPR and such requirement had to be met by the State Government from its own resources. Even though the State Government was informed about the decision of the NLCPR Committee, but it had again requested for reimbursement of the additional amount.

The Committee again did not agree to the requests of the State Government and M/s BHEL citing the following reasons:

- a. As per the Installation Contract within the Contract of supply of Thermal Power Plant Project (Article 3.2) – **‘Estimated cost of civil works is Rs. 4,00,00,000/- (Rs. Four crore only). Based on the site investigations and finalization of civil design by the Contractor (M/s BHEL), the final price of the civil works shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon between the Contractor (M/s BHEL) and the Owner (Government of Mizoram) before start of civil works’**. Since before the start of the Civil Works, neither the State Government nor the M/s BHEL had informed the DoNER regarding the enhancement of Civil Cost, so at this stage it is not possible to provide the escalated cost. Moreover, the works were entrusted to contractors at a cost of Rs.9.41 crore against the approved cost of Rs. 4.00 crore. Before issuing the work orders at a cost which is far more than double of the approved cost, the funding agency should have been consulted.
- b. The NLCPR Guidelines do not permit funding of this 135% increase in cost of civil works.