

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

Minutes of the 31st Meeting of the NLCPR Committee held at 11:00 AM on 11th November, 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 Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary (NE), Ministry of Home Affairs.
 7. Shri V. Ravindran, Director (Fin.), Ministry of Home Affairs/Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
 8. Shri S.N. Brohmo Choudhury, Director(SP-NE), Planning Commission.
 9. Shri S.R. Dongre, Joint Director (PF-I), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
- Mrs Suman Swarup, Principal Advisor SPNE and Shri S.C. Garg, JSPF(I) were granted leave of absence.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 30th Meeting of NLCPR Committee

held on 17.8.2004.

Minutes of the 30th Meeting were confirmed.

Item No. 2: Action taken report of decisions/recommendations made by NLCPR Committee in the 30th meeting held on 17.8.2004.

The Committee noted the action taken by the Ministry of DONER on the decisions/recommendations made by the NLCPR Committee in the 30th meeting held on 2004. It was decided that the remaining action be completed within one month.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Item No. 3: Status of Projects Retained from the Priority List 2003-2004 of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Committee noted the status and decided that sanction of the remaining projects be expedited.

Item No. 4: Status of Projects Retained from Priority List 2004-2005 of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Committee noted that six projects had been retained from the Priority List 2004-05 of Arunachal Pradesh and the State Government was

requested to send the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). However, the DPRs from the State Government were yet to be received despite reminder. It was decided that the matter be pursued with the State Government for early submission of DPRs.

Item No. 5: Proposal for Construction of 11 kV transmission line from Hawai to Kibithu via Mati Nallah MH project in Lohit District of Arunachal Pradesh for sanction.

The Committee noted that the project had been technically appraised by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Ministry of Power and that the CEA had accorded technical approval of the project. The cost of the project as per technical approval of the CEA was Rs.262 lac (including Contingencies –Rs.3.84 lac, T&P – Rs.3.84 lac, Overhead – Rs.18.42 lac and Storage – Rs.5.82 lac.

The Committee recommended the sanction of the project at a cost of Rs.233.92 lacs excluding T&P, Overhead and Storage. The Contingencies (Rs.3.84 lac) will be permissible as per actuals subject to a maximum limit of 2% of the material cost as provided for in the cost approved by CEA. The contingencies will not count for work charge and shall be released in phases on the submission of expenditure by the State Government.

Item No. 6: Proposal for construction of Motorable Suspension Bridge over River Lohit to connect Manchal Administrative Circle (Span 156.55 mtr.) in Arunachal Pradesh for sanction.

The Committee noted that the project had been technically appraised by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MORTH), and they had accepted the revised DPR for the project submitted by the State Government. The cost of the project as per the revised DPR is Rs.1495.19 lac including the cost of the items such as Misc. (DA arrears, TA Bills, LTC bills, MR bills, Bonus, etc) – Rs. 6.81 lac, Quality Control- Rs. 11.97 lac, W/C establishment – Rs. 21.46 lac and Contingencies- Rs. 42.92 lac. Further, the cost estimate of the project of Rs.1495.19 lac also included Consultancy Services (Design & Drawings, Proof checking and Supervision during construction) for Rs.15.46 lac. This item of Consultancy Services had been proposed by the State Government on the advice of the MORTH. As regards Quality Control, the Committee took a unanimous decision that the Quality Control charges cannot be funded under NLCPR.

The Committee accordingly recommended sanction of the project at a cost of Rs.1418.84 lac excluding Misc., Quality Control, W/C establishment and Contingencies subject to vetting of the project from the point of view of cost by MORTH.

Item No. 7 : Renovation, Repair and extension of School of Nursing of R.K. Mission Hospital, Itanagar from the saving amount of Rs.17.82 lac of earlier project under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) in Arunachal Pradesh.

The Committee noted that the a project namely Rama Krishna Mission Hospital for construction of residential buildings and special

repair/maintenance of existing residential buildings and hospital complex was approved for funding under NLCPR on the recommendation of the NLCPR Committee made in their fifth Meeting held on 5.9.2002. The approved project cost was Rs.136 lac. The Hospital authorities, on completion of sanctioned project, were able to save an amount of Rs.17.82 lac out of the released amount of Rs.136 lac. The State Government approached M/DoNER with a request that they might be allowed to utilize unspent amount for another project namely – “Renovation, repair and extension of School of Nursing of R.K. Mission hospital, Itanagar”. The matter was considered by the NLCPR Committee in their 25th Meeting held on 21st November 2003 and directed the State Government to send a Detailed Project Report for the project within a cost ceiling of savings for detailed examination. The DPR has been technically examined and vetted by the Ministry of Urban Development. The Committee recommended that the State Government/R.K. Mission hospital authorities be permitted to utilize the savings from the earlier project for their proposed project of School of Nursing of the hospital. The hospital authorities would meet the extra cost of the project, if any, beyond the available saving amount.

Item No. 8: Consideration of Priority List (2004-05) of Arunachal Pradesh for retention of additional projects for detailed examination.

The Committee noted that the Priority List was considered in the Thirtieth Meeting held on 17th August 2004 and recommended to retain six projects from the Priority List. The Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh met the Minister, DONER and requested for retention of some additional projects under NLCPR during 2004-05 out of the Priority List already submitted by the State Government. The Committee considered the Priority List 2004-05 and recommended that the following project may be retained over and above the six projects already retained during the current year.

1. Potable drinking water supply scheme for the villages of Sille, Rani, Sikabamin, Sika Tode, Oyan at Sile.

Item No. 9: Status of Projects Retained from Priority List 2003-2004 of Assam

The Committee noted the status. It was decided that the action for the sanction of the remaining projects be expedited.

• Status of Projects for BTC area (Assam)

The Committee noted the status. It was decided that the action for the sanction of the remaining projects be expedited.

Item No.10: Status of Projects Retained from Priority List 2004- 2005 of Assam

It was noted that 8 (Eight) projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 166.48 crore were retained for 2004-2005. DPRs in respect of only 2 projects had been received from the Government of Assam which were under examination in the line Ministry/DONER. It was decided that the Government of Assam be asked to expedite the submission of the remaining DPRs.

Item No.11: Construction of RCC Bridge No. 10/1 on Gogamukh

**Ghilamora Road in Dhemaji District with approaches
(Estimated cost Rs. 128.52 Lac).**

It was informed that the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined the DPR and found the same to be generally in order. The Committee recommended sanction of the project at a cost of Rs. 109.43 Lac (excluding cost escalation during construction of Rs. 10.15 Lac and AGST component of Rs. 8.94 Lac.) subject to vetting of the cost estimate by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

Item No. 12: Stabilisation of Silchar Water Supply Scheme (Estimated cost Rs. 393.21 Lac).

It was informed that the Ministry of Urban Development (CPHEEO) had examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs. 393.21 lac. The Committee recommended sanction of the project at a cost of Rs.385.72 Lacs (excluding establishment cost of Rs.7.49 Lacs).

Item No.13: Reallocation of savings and allocation of additional funds for ongoing road projects in the BAC/BTC area in Assam (under PM package)

The Committee noted that the proposal submitted by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for reallocation of savings and allocation of additional funds involving eight ongoing road projects in the BAC area had been examined in detail by the Ministry of DONER with officers of BRO. The Committee also noted that reallocation of savings and allocation of additional funds became necessary due to shortcomings in the preparation of estimates in accordance with the ground conditions and IRC specifications.

The Committee recommended reallocation of savings of Rs. 1098 Lacs which resulted in 7 ongoing projects and allocation of the additional funds of Rs.1824 Lac (over and above the approved cost in respect of 4 projects) against the following 8 roads:

(Rs. in Lac)

Sl.

No.

Name of the road

Approved

cost

Completion

cost projected

by BRO

Allocation

of savings

Addl.

funds

approved

1. Rangia-Goreswar 77.00 152.00 75.00 0.00

2. Charali-Ramgaon-Nagirijula 52.00 538.00 29.00 457.00

3. Udalguri-Tamulpur

(including Kulsi bridge)

2824.00 3732.00 908.00 0.00

4. Barangjuli-Kohirabari 187.00 210.00 23.00 0.00
5. Barpeta-Bashbari 27.00 90.00 63.00 0.00
6 Ambagaon-Barigaon 247.00 763.00 0.00 516.00

Sl.

No.

Name of the road

Approved

cost

Completion

cost projected

by BRO

Allocation

of savings

Addl.

funds

approved

7 Chamupara-Purandia 247.00 485.00 0.00 238.00

8 Udalguri-Kharupetia 312.00 925.00 0.00 613.00

Total: 3973.00 6895.00 1098.00 1824.00

The Committee further decided that the State Government be apprised of the shortcomings in the preparation of estimates of the above 8 roads for necessary action against officers responsible for the preparation of these estimates.

Item No.14: Improvement of Sundari Bidyapur Road via Kakragaon Road in BTC area (Estimated cost Rs. 930.50 Lac).

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined the DPR technically and found the same to be generally in order. The Committee recommended sanction of the project at a cost of Rs. 930.50 Lac subject to the concurrence of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

Item No.15: Installation of Street Lights from Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport up to Jalukbari near Guwahati University for National Games 2005 [Estimated cost Rs. 260.71 Lac].

The Ministry of Power (Central Electricity Authority) examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs. 260.71 Lac which included inadmissible cost of Rs. 21.55 Lac [AGST (Rs. 16.59 Lac) and Work Charge (Rs. 4.96 Lac)]. The net cost of the project works out to Rs. Rs. 239.16 Lac. The Committee recommended that the project be funded under NLCPR and be implemented by M/s. NBCC on behalf of the State Government at a cost of Rs. 263.08 Lac inclusive of Rs. 23.92 Lac against agency charges as applicable. The Committee further decided that the State Government be requested to waive the amount payable towards AGST for this project. The Committee also observed that the work charge of Rs. 4.96 lakh may not be included in the cost.

Item No. 16: Improvement of strengthening and training of river Sonkosh at Dainamari, Gossaigaon in the BTC area (Estimated cost Rs. 670.82 Lac).

The Committee noted that the project was proposed under Special Package for BTC area in Assam. The Ministry of Water Resources (CWC) examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs.670.82 Lacs. The Committee also noted that the project had been proposed at a cost of Rs. 641.23 Lacs excluding Rs. 29.59 against the following items:

Sl. No. Particulars (Rs. in Lakh)

1. Survey works 3.44
2. Plantation 0.82
3. Misc: Maintenance and other items 4.69
4. Jeep 4.50
5. Maintenance 6.41
6. Losses on stock 1.60
7. Ordinary Tools and Plants 2.40
8. Audit and accounts 6.63
9. Recovery on Special Tools and Plants -0.90

Total: 29.59

Consideration of this item was deferred.

Item No.17: Construction of Approach Road leading to Industrial Growth Centre at Balipara in Sonitpur District (Estimated cost: Rs. 361.80 Lac)

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways examined the DPR technically and found the same to be generally in order. The Committee recommended sanction of the project at a cost of Rs. 268.65 Lac excluding Rs. 93.15 Lac against the following items:

Sl. No. Particulars Amount (Rs. Lac)

1. Land compensation 0.89
2. Forest Royalty 7.53
3. AGST 0.60
4. Income Tax 1.13
5. Boundary wall 83.00

Total: 93.15

The Committee recommended that the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways be requested to vet the cost estimate of the project before the sanction is issued by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

Item No.18: Protection of Burijhar area from the erosion of river Aie (R/B) in Kokrajhar (Estimated cost Rs. 458.88 Lac).

The Committee noted that the project was proposed under Special Package for BTC area in Assam. The Ministry of Water Resources (CWC) examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs.458.88 Lacs. The Committee also noted that the project had been proposed at a cost of Rs. 427.34 Lacs excluding Rs. 31.54 Lac against the following items:

Sl. No. Particulars Rs. in Lac

1. Survey works 2.65
2. Land acquisition cost 10.10
3. Plantation 0.67
4. Misc: Maintenance on capital costs 3.89

5. Jeep 4.50
 6. Maintenance 4.14
 7. Losses on stock 1.02
 8. Ordinary Tools and Plants 0.76
 9. Audit and accounts 4.49
 10. Recovery on Special Tools and Plants -0.90
 11. Capitalised value of land revenue 0.22
- Total: 31.54

Consideration of this item was deferred.

Item No.19: Protection of Ranisundari, Dababeel and Chotonilibari area from the erosion of river Aie (R/B) Ph. I & II in Kokrajhar in the BTC area (Estimated cost Rs. 496.49 Lac).

The Committee noted that the project was proposed under Special Package for BTC area in Assam. The Ministry of Water Resources (CWC) examined and recommended the project at a cost of Rs.496.49 Lac. The Committee also noted that the project had been proposed at a cost of Rs. 464.22 Lac excluding Rs. 32.27 against the following items:

Sl. No. Particulars Rs. in Lac

1. Survey works 4.09
 2. Land acquisition cost 4.76
 3. Plantation 1.34
 4. Misc: Maintenance and other items 7.00
 5. Jeep 4.50
 6. Maintenance 4.55
 7. Losses on stock 1.12
 8. Ordinary Tools and Plants 0.75
 9. Audit and accounts 4.93
 10. Recovery on Special Tools and Plants -0.90
 11. Capitalised value of land revenue 0.13
- Total: 32.27

Consideration of this item was deferred.

Item No. 20: Priority List of projects for Assam (2004-2005) for retention of additional projects.

The Committee noted that the Government of Assam submitted 37 prioritised projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 491.85 crore out of which 8 projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 166.48 crore had been retained for the year 2004-2005 in the NLCPR Committee meeting held on 2-6-2004. After discussion of the Priority List, the Committee recommended to retain the following projects (Estimated cost Rs. 19.74 crore) for detailed examination:

- (i) Construction of Road from Beltola Chariali to Bhetapara (Hockey Stadium proposed for National Games 2005) through Bishnu Rabha Path.
- (ii) Greater Mahur Water Supply Scheme.
- (iii) Infrastructure Development of North Eastern Judicial Officers' Training Institute, Guwahati.

Item No.21: Projects for BTC area in Assam for 2004-2005 under Special Package for retention of projects

The Committee noted that 16 projects with an estimated cost Rs. 13431.93 Lacs were proposed by the Government of Assam for BTC area for the year 2004-2005. After detailed discussion on the projects contained in the list, the Committee recommended to retain the following projects for detailed examination:

- (i) Improvement of North Kajolgaon Bengtol Sonitpur road, Chirang.
- (ii) Construction of Road from NH-31 at Barama to Masalpur, Baska.
- (iii) Improvement of Jalah Rupahi Saudarbhitha Gobardhana road, Baska.
- (iv) Improvement of Udalguri Bhakatpara road via Bhairaguri, Udalguri.
- (v) Improvement of Barnagaon Pakribari road, Udalguri.
- (vi) Improvement of Kalaigaon Kundarbil road, Udalguri.
- (vii) Kokrajhar Water Supply Scheme, Kokrajhar (with cost and project size reduction)
- (viii) Construction of Bodofa Cultural Complex at Kokrajhar (within a cost of Rs. 10.00 Crore).

Besides the above 8 projects, the Committee recommended that the following two projects may be further examined with additional information to take a meaningful view in the matter in accordance NLCPR guidelines:

- (i) Subankhata P.W.S.S. Baska
- (ii) Cold Storage in BTC (4 Nos. at Kokrajhar, Kajolgaon, Tamulpur and Rowta)

MANIPUR

Item No. 22: Status of Projects Retained from the Priority List 2003-04 of Manipur

The Committee noted that 11 projects had already been sanctioned and the first installment released out of the 18 projects retained from the Priority List 2003-04. It was decided that sanction for the remaining 7 cases be expedited.

Item No. 23: Status of Projects Retained from the Priority List 2004-05 of Manipur

The Committee noted that out of 15 projects retained from the Priority List of Manipur for 2004-05 DPRs of 11 projects had been received and sent to the line ministries for techno economic examination. It was decided that these projects be followed up with the line ministries and the four hospital projects, for which DPRs had yet to be received, should be followed up with the State Government for early submission of DPRs.

MEGHALAYA

Item No.24: Status of Projects Retained from Priority List 2003-04 of Meghalaya

The Committee noted the status. It was decided that the remaining

action for sanction of projects be expedited.

Item No.25: Proposal for Sanction of 132 kV Single Circuit Transmission Line connecting Khliehriat Sub station (PGCIL) and Khliehriat Sub station (MeSEB), Meghalaya.

The Committee noted that the project had been examined by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Ministry of Power and they had technically approved the project at a total cost of Rs.285.55 lac with the following comments:

“This line would double the transmission capacity and facilitate drawal of additional load from Central Sector Generating Station and above works are found to be in order at estimated cost of Rs.285.55 lac.”

The Committee further noted that the Consultancy Fee @ 15% to be provided to the PGCIL over the total cost of the component to be executed by the PGCIL amounts to Rs.13.05 lac instead of Rs.13.50 lac. Further, the Committee decided to deduct the cost against the item na mely, Establishment and other charges @ 10.75% from the total cost recommended by CEA. Accordingly, the Committee recommended the project for sanction at a total cost of Rs.267.99 lac as per details given below:

A. Extension Works for 2 no. line bays at 132 kV Khliehriat switching station to be implemented through PGCIL

Rs. in

Lac

B. Sub station at Khliehriat to be executed by MeSEB

Rs. in Lac

C. Transmission Line for 132 kV line from Khliehriat (PGCIL) to Khliehriat (MeSEB) to be executed by MeSEB (5.5 km)

Rs.

in Lac

Item No.26: Status of Projects in Priority List 2004-05 of Meghalaya & Retention of additional Projects thereof.

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No.

Item Estimated

Cost

i. Sub Station Equipment 87.00

ii. Contingency @ 3% 2.61

Sub Total 89.61

iii. PGCIL Consultancy fee @15% 13.05

iv. Service Tax on Consultancy fee @ 8% 1.08

Grand total 103.74

Sl.

No.

Item Estimated

Cost

i. Sub Station Equipment including freight insurance and erection works

44.71

ii. Contingency @ 3% 1.34

Total 46.05

Sl.

No.

Item Estimated

Cost

i. Transmission line equipment inclusive of freight, insurance and CST 66.346

ii. Survey, compensation etc 16.31

iii. Erection and civil works 32.10

Sub Total 114.76

iv. Contingency @ 3% 3.44

Grand Total 118.20

The committee noted that 11 projects had been retained out of the Priority List 2004-05 submitted by the State Government. Out of these, one project namely, Re-construction of RCC bridge No 26/6 on Ampati-Mohendraganj Road had been withdrawn by the State Government and the DPR for six project were yet to be received.

Considering that the flow of NLCPR funds for the State of Meghalaya has been generally disproportionate vis-à-vis other North Eastern States, the Committee reconsidered the Priority List 2004-05 and recommended that the following projects may also be retained over and above the eleven projects already retained during the current year

1. Construction and Redevelopment of Iawmusiang Multi Purpose Market Complex in Jowai;
2. Construction of School Building & Staff Quarters for Sutnga Presbyterian Higher Secondary School at Sutnga, Jaintia Hills;
3. Construction of State Level Cultural Complex at Brookside Riblong, Shillong; and
4. Extension of State Museum at Shillong and Security Fencing around the Museum building i/c landscaping and metalling & blacktopping of an approach road.

MIZORAM

Item No. 27: Status of Projects Retained from the Priority List 2003-04 of Mizoram

The Committee noted that out of 11 projects retained from the Priority List (2003-04) 8 projects had already been sanctioned and 2 instalments released for them. Out of the rest of the three projects two road projects had been referred back to the State Government for considering their funding under PMGSY. The DPR of eleventh project, i.e. the transmission line, is pending with CEA since 28th September 2004. It was decided to finalize the sanction of this project early.

Item No. 28: Status of Projects Retained from the Priority List 2004-05 of Mizoram

The Committee noted the status of all the 4 projects retained from the Priority List 2004-05 whose DPRs had already been received and sent to the line ministries. It was decided to have these cases expedited.

Item No. 29: Status of Projects Retained from Priority List 2003-04 of

Nagaland

The Committee noted that 7 projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 221.61 crore were retained for detailed examination during 2003-2004 and out of which 6 projects at a cost of Rs. 137.27 crore had been sanctioned under NLCPR.

Item No. 30: Status of Projects Retained from Priority List 2004-2005 of Nagaland

The Committee noted that the Government of Nagaland had submitted a revised priority list of projects in line with the recommendation made by the NLCPR Committee in its 29th meeting held on 2.6.2004 and the same is being considered in this meeting.

Item No. 31: Priority List 2004-2005 of Nagaland for retention of projects for detailed examination

The Committee noted that the Government of Nagaland submitted 14 reprioritised projects with an estimated cost of Rs. 295.75 crore. After deliberation, the Committee recommended to retain 1(one) project namely Construction of 66 kV S/C transmission line from Tizit to Mon. Besides this, the Committee also recommended that the following two projects (DPRs) be examined in consultation with the respective line Ministries before they are considered by the Committee for retention:

- (i) Construction of school buildings under communitisation of Primary Education
- (ii) Construction/renovation and purchase of equipment for communitisation of Health Centres

Item No. 32: Status of Projects Retained from Priority List 2003-2004 of Sikkim

The Committee noted the status. It was decided that the remaining action might also be expedited.

Item No. 33: Status of Projects Retained from Priority List 2004-2005 of Sikkim

The Committee noted that 2 (two) Projects costing Rs. 17.00 crore had been retained for 2004-2005 for detailed examination. The DPRs of the projects were yet to be received from the Government of Sikkim. It was decided that the State Government be asked to expedite the DPRs.

Item No. 34: Status of Priority List of Projects 2004-2005 for Sikkim

The Committee noted that the Government of Sikkim submitted a proposal for School Infrastructure & Rain Water Harvesting at an estimated cost of Rs. 1285.34 lakhs as suggested by the NLCPR Committee in its meeting held on 17th August 2004. The Committee, after discussions, recommended the Project, in principle, as education was an important sector. However, in line with the decision in similar cases in other States, it was decided that the matter be taken up with the Ministry of HRD for consideration of funding of the Project from their budgetary allocation of 10% for North Eastern Region and the progress be put up before the Committee in the next meeting.

TRIPURA

Item No. 35: Status of Projects Retained from the Priority List 2003-04 of Tripura

The Committee noted that out of three projects retained from the Priority List (2003-04) one had already been sanctioned and two were in different stages of processing. It was decided that the progress in these two cases be expedited.

Item No. 36: Status of Projects Retained from the Priority List 2004-05 of Tripura

The Committee noted that DPRs of all the seven projects retained from Priority List (2004-05) had been received. The Committee desired that the matters be followed up with the line ministries to finalize these cases for sanction.

Item No. 37: Proposal for sanction of additional amount of Rs.429.50 lac arising out of foreign exchange rate variation as admissible under the Contract between Government of Mizoram and M/s BHEL for the Construction of 22.92 MW HFO based Power Project at Bhairabi for sanction.

The Committee noted that there had been an escalation in the cost of project namely, construction of 22.92 MW HFO based Power Project at Bhairabi in Mizoram. The difference in cost on account of foreign exchange rate variation as reported by the BHEL was Rs.8,58,99,335/-. The committee recommended that as per the provision of guidelines and as agreed by the Integrated Finance Division, 50% of the increased cost be funded under NLCPR and 50% be borne by the State Government as the circumstances were beyond the control of the executing agency and the increase was less than 20% of the cost of the project.

Item No.38: Medical College and Hospital, Agartala

The Committee noted that the State Government had proposed revision in the scope of this project and the earlier proposal of an annual intake of 50 students had been modified and the State Government had now proposed an annual intake of 100 students. On the basis of techno economic feasibility and the reasons given by the State Government, the Committee recommended retention of the revised project of the State Government for an annual intake of 100 students. However, the Committee decided that the State Government be advised to take into account the points raised by the Ministry of Urban Development and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in their comments on the DPR submitted by the State Government. The Committee also decided that the State Government be requested to finalize their arrangements for managing and running the college and the hospital and submit the revised DPR at the earliest for financial sanction of the project.