Minutes of the 57th Meeting of the NLCPR Committee held at 11.00 A.M on 11.04.2008 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, M/o DoNER in Committee Room, Vigyan Bhavan Annexe.

Present

1. Smt. Veena S. Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.....In Chair.
2. Shri P.K. Pattanaik, Joint Secretary, Ministry of DoNER
3. Shri Naveen Verma, Joint Secretary (NE), Ministry of Home Affairs
4. Shri V.S. Senthil, Joint Secretary (PF-I), Department of Expenditure, M/o Finance
5. Shri S. N. Brohmo Choudhury, Director (SP-NE), Planning Commission
6. Shri K. Guite, Joint Director, IFD, Ministry of DoNER

Ms. Jayati Chandra, Sr. Adviser (SP-NE), Planning Commission and Shri R.K. Vats, JS & FA were granted leave of absence.

Following Officers were also present as special invitees:

Shri Nikhil Pandey (Director), Shri P.R. Meshram (Director), Shri B.B. Samaddar (Deputy Secretary), and Shri S.K. Saha (Section Officer), Ministry of DoNER.

The Committee met and deliberated on the Agenda items. Following observations and recommendations were made:

Item No.1: Confirmation of Minutes of 56th Meeting of the NLCPR Committee held on 19.03.2008.

Minutes of the 56th Meeting were confirmed.

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Item No.2: Action taken report of decisions / recommendations made by NLCPR Committee in the 56th Meeting held on 19.03.2008

The Committee noted that the Minutes for 56th Meeting have been issued on 24.03.2008 and action has been taken by the Ministry of DoNER on the decisions/recommendations made by the NLCPR Committee in that meeting. In some cases where 1st installment could not be released, since the budget was exhausted, it is being released.

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Item No.3: Sanction of Rs.20.00 crore as Corpus Fund for R.K. Mission Hospital, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh under NLCPR

The Committee noted that the Hon’ble Prime Minister during his visit to Arunachal Pradesh in the month of January 2008 announced Rs.50.00 crore grant for R.K. Mission Hospital at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. The Prime Minister desired that this grant should compose of Rs.10.00 crore from Prime Minister’s National Relief Fund, Rs.20.00 crore from Planning Commission and Rs.20.00 crore from Department of North East region. As per background note received from the Government of Arunachal pradesh, the R.K. Mission Hospital requires an amount of Rs.50.00 crore, out of which DoNER’s share is Rs.20.00 crore, as a ‘Corpus Fund’ which R.K. Mission proposes to put in bank deposit and utilize the interest accruing on it towards running expenses of the hospital.

2. Since under the NLCPR guidelines, the NLCPR funds are meant for projects/ schemes on Development of Infrastructure and not for funding ‘Corpus Fund’ the matter was referred to Internal Finance Division (IFD) who has not concurred with the proposal. The matter was further examined in the M/o DoNER and it was decided to treat the instant proposal as a special case, in relaxation of the scheme guidelines, for release of funds to the tune of Rs.20.00 crore out of NLCPR and is not to be treated as a precedent. It was also decided to obtain the approval of Minister, DoNER, the NLCPR Committee and the Ministry of Finance before the actual release of funds.

3. Accordingly, approval of Hon’ble Minister, DoNER on the proposal of sanction of Rs.20.00 crore as Corpus Fund for R.K. Mission Hospital, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh under NLCPR in relaxation of the NLCPR Scheme guidelines, has been obtained.

4. The Joint Secretary (PF-I), Department of Expenditure, M/o Finance was of the view that the funding pattern of 90:10 (Grant : State Share) under NLCPR may be observed in the instant case as the funds are being proposed to be released through State Government.

5. After deliberations the committee recommended that the Corpus Fund of Rs. 22.22 crore may be sanctioned to the R.K. Mission Hospital at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh out of NLCPR as a special case, in relaxation of the scheme guidelines, and is not to be treated as a precedent. Out of the Rs. 22.22 crore the M/o DoNER will release Rs. 20.00 crore and the State Government may be asked to contribute the balance Rs. 2.22 crore being State share as per NLCPR funding norms. The approval of M/o Finance may also be obtained before actual release of funds.

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Item No:4 Project for consideration under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources- Installation of 2x2.5 MVA, 33/11 KV S/S at Willong along with 33 KV S/C line from Maram S/S to Willong S/S in Manipur.

The Committee noted that Project was retained at an estimated cost of Rs.4.64 crore from the 2006-07 Priority List of Manipur on recommendation of NLCPR Committee in their 42nd Meeting held on 16.06.2007. Central Electricity Authority have vetted the DPR and found the estimated cost of the works in order.

2. After deliberations, the NLCPR Committee recommended sanction of the project at a cost of Rs.544.89, as under:
The Committee, however, laid down the following conditions:

i) The Government of Manipur should follow all codal formalities while executing the project. The codal formalities should include calling of tenders on competitive basis by giving wide publicity in newspapers, trade journal etc. as well as web based publicity.

ii) The implementing agency should adhere to the time schedule given in the estimate.

iii) Transparency should be maintained in tendering process.

iv) The State Govt. should bear all the recurring charges for maintenance of the Sub-station.

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**Item No:5** Project for consideration under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources- Installation of 2x12.5 MVA, 132 KV Sub Station along with the associated 132 KV line & related works at Chandel in Manipur.

The Committee noted that Project was retained at an estimated cost of Rs18.27 crore from the 2007-08 Priority List of Manipur on recommendation of NLCPR Committee in their 53rd Meeting held on 30.11.2007. Central Electricity Authority have vetted the DPR and recommended the proposal.

2. After deliberations, the NLCPR Committee recommended sanction of the project at a cost of **Rs.1325.98 lac**, inclusive of Contingency expenditure, as under:

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<th>Items of works</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>132 KV line Chandel-Kakching S/C line (25 KM)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>2x12.5 MVA 132/33 KV Sub Station at Chandel</td>
<td>757.98</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>132 KV line bay extension at Kakching 132/33 KV Sub-station</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Civil component</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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The Committee, however, laid down the following conditions:

i) The contingency charges will be reimbursed for actual contingency expenditure subject to production of documentary evidence. This would not include any charge for establishment, consultancy and purchase of vehicle, etc.
ii) The Government of Manipur should follow all codal formalities while executing the project. The codal formalities should include calling of tenders on competitive basis by giving wide publicity in newspapers, trade journal etc. as well as web based publicity.

iii) The implementing agency should adhere to the time schedule given in the estimate.

iv) Transparency should be maintained in tendering process.

v) The State Govt. should bear all the recurring charges for maintenance of the Sub-station.

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**Item No.6: Sanction of 30% Equity in the Project “Construction of Ganol Hydro Electric Project (22.5 MW) at Tura, West Garo Hills” in Meghalaya under NLCPR**

The NLCPR Committee noted that the project was retained from Priority List 2007-08 of Government of Meghalaya at Rs.53.30 crore for funding the 30% equity in the project in 52nd Meeting of the NLCPR Committee held on 24.10.2007. The proposal is for setting up a HE Project (3x7.5 MW) on Ganol/Kalu river located in the West Garo Hills District of Meghalaya.

The Committee observed that the State Government proposed Debt (70%) and Equity (30%) package to fund the project. The State Government also proposed to avail the capital subsidy package M/o New and Renewable Energy (M/NRE). However, the State Government has not informed/ explained the amount and sources from where they are going to tie up the 70% debt. The State Government also not specified the amount of subsidy they are proposing to avail from M/NRE in the project.

After deliberations the Committee recommended that the complete details of the financial package. 70% debt State Government propose to raise and its source and also the amount of subsidy the State Government is proposed to avail from the M/NRE may be obtained from Government of Meghalaya. The State Government may also be asked to explain how they are going to run the project after its completion. The proposal may be resubmitted for consideration of NLCPR Committee along with these details.

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**Item No.7: Construction of Bridge over Tuichang on Keituam - Artahkawn Road in Mizoram**

The committee noted that the project was retained at an estimated cost Rs.3.90 crore from the priority list for 2006-07 on recommendation of NLCPR committee in its 42 meeting held on 16 June 2006 and 46 meeting held on 12 January 2007. Union Department of Road Transport and Highways have vetted the DPR and recommended the project for sanction at an estimated cost of Rs.3.95 crore

2. After deliberation, the committee recommended sanction of the project for funding from NLCPR with the components as contained following table:
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<td></td>
<td>(i) Foundation</td>
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<td>(ii) Substructure</td>
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<td>(iii) Superstructure</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Approach road</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>259.49</strong></td>
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3. The committee, however, laid down the following conditions with the sanction of the project:

(i) The State Government should follow all codal formalities while executing the project. The codal formalities should include calling of tenders on competitive basis by giving wide publicity in newspapers, trade journal; etc. as well as web-based publicity.

(ii) The implementing agency should adhere to the time schedule given in the estimate.

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**Item No.8: Utilization of ground water resources through Shallow Tube Well.**

The committee noted that the project was retained at an estimated cost of Rs. 7.40 crore from the priority list of 2006-07 on recommendation of NLCPR Committee in its 42nd meeting held on 16 June 2006. Union Ministry of Water Resources have vetted the DPR and recommended construction of 100 tube wells initially at different location and studied for one year in order to a certain the sustainability aspects. The cost of construction of ground water structure is justified.

2. After deliberation, the committed recommended sanction of the project for funding from NLCPR with the components as compared in the following table:

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<td>Chumukedima Circle</td>
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<td>Baghty Valley</td>
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<td>Merapani</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Longnak/Longtho Valley</td>
<td>Mokokchung</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>12.61</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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3. The committee, however, laid down the following conditions with the sanction of the project:

(i) The State Government would monitor the Quality of Ground Water regular basis

(ii) The construction of proposed tube wells would be undertaken at feasible sites with due regards to well spacing criteria in consultation with Central Ground Water Board. In view of the wide variation in aquifer characteristics, sustainability of the tube wells
would be studied for one year. Based on findings of the study, the State Government may propose for construction of more tube wells.

(iii) As the abstraction of ground water though proposed tube wells would impact ground water regime as well as hydraulically connected surface water bodies on long term basis, a suitable ground water monitoring plan and scheme for artificial recharge of ground water would also be prepared and implemented by the project authority during implementation. The monitoring would be started after installation of pump sets.

(iv) The project would be implemented under overall technical guidance of Central Ground Water Board, North Eastern Region, Guwahati.

(v) The State Government should follow all codal formalities while executing the project.

(vi) The implementing agency should adhere to the time schedule given in the estimate. The codal formalities should include calling of tenders on competitive basis by giving publicity in newspapers, trade journal etc. as well as web-based publicity.

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The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all participants.

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Reference note prepage.

2. Agenda note is at F/A.

3. Draft Minutes of the 57th NLCPR Committee meeting held on 11.04.2008 at 11:00 AM are placed below for kind perusal please (F/X).

(P.R. Meshram)
Director
11.04.2008

Joint Secretary (PKP)