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Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

Level-IV, East Block-10, Sector-1,
R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066,

Dated: 10th July, 2024.

To

The Chief Secretaries,
All the North Eastern States.

Subject: Revised guidelines for administration of the scheme "Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North-East Region (PM-DevINE)" circulated vide O.M. No. E and P-12/3/2022-O/o JD (FEA) dated 21.8.2023 - Partial modification regarding.

Madam/Sir,

Reference is invited to the revised guidelines for administering the "Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North-East Region (PM-DevINE)" Scheme circulated vide this Ministry's O.M. No. E and P-12/3/2022-O/o JD (FEA) dated 21st August, 2023, which, *inter alia* describe the two-stage process for sanctioning of any project under the PM-DevINE scheme. In the 1st stage, project proposal (concept note) posed by the NE State Government with the recommendation of the State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC), headed by the Chief Secretary concerned; is considered by the Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC), headed by the Secretary, MDoNER having representatives from the NITI Aayog, Line Ministry, etc., for selection of the project (In-principle approval). In the 2nd stage, the DPR prepared by the State Government in respect of the selected project is considered by the EIMC for sanction of the project under the scheme.

2. However, some of the NE States have observed that due to the aforesaid two-stage sanction process involved in PM-DevINE Scheme a lot of delay is caused each time to obtain recommendation of the EIMC for final sanction of the project, and they have proposed to allow them to directly submit the DPR for the projects prioritized by the State Government for sanction under the scheme with the recommendation of the SLEC for consideration of the EIMC without resorting to the 1st stage concept approval as envisaged in the guidelines.

3. The aforesaid demand of the NE States has been duly considered in this Ministry and it is decided that notwithstanding the two-stage process contained in the extant PM-DevINE scheme guidelines, the State Government may, if deemed necessary, directly submit the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of a project for its sanction through a single stage appraisal and approval by the EIMC, dispensing with the selection stage, provided that the following conditions are fulfilled:

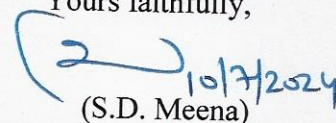
- a. there is a clear concept note enclosed with the project proposal and the DPR is duly vetted by an institute of repute and duly recommended by the SLEC;
- b. All requisite documents, checklists and clearances as envisaged in the PM-DevINE guidelines for concept note stage approval viz. Annexure-B and DPR stage approval viz. Annexure-C are accompanied with the DPR;

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- c. The cost for the DPR preparation and any associated cost with it shall be borne by the State Government concerned in case the DPR/ project is not recommended by the EIMC/MDoNER, *inter-alia* based on the comments received from the Line Ministry concerned and NITI Aayog.
4. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister, MDoNER.

Yours faithfully,

 10/7/2024
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