



8. STRENGTHENING & STREAMLINING SYSTEMS

- 8.1 One key issue in the development of the NE Region has been the systemic inadequacy in planning, implementation and monitoring. As a result, on the one hand there is a problem of proper allocation of resources and on the other hand project execution suffers from cost and time over-runs. The problem occurs even in the case of certain key infrastructure projects. As a result, the Ministry has been entrusted the task of monitoring many of the projects of other line Ministries. The Ministry has been trying to address the situation through regular consultations and appropriate mechanisms. Apart from regular coordination, the Ministry is closely monitoring the implementation of certain key infrastructure projects assigned by the Prime Minister. Improving and streamlining systems is a key component for proper planning and execution. The progress of the implementation of these projects by the line Ministries/Departments is updated and reports are sent to the PMO on monthly basis. The detailed information is hosted in the website of the Ministry (www.mdoner.gov.in).
- 8.2 The Ministry has framed new guidelines for NLCPR and has also set up a technical cell for quick review of the DPRs. Representatives from the States are called to make presentation and brief the NLCPR Committee on their projects. In addition, the Ministry is involving CPSUs to vet projects. It has taken the initiative to organize Development Seminars in the backward districts of the North-East Region. The Seminars are attended by officials of Central Ministries apart from senior officials of the State concerned and public representatives. The Development Seminars provide vital inputs from the grass-roots for planning and development by different agencies.
- 8.3 The Ministry has brought out the Human Development Report of North Eastern States. The report is an attempt to evaluate the performance of NE States on sectors having direct impact on human development such as health, education and basic civic amenities. The report will help the Central Ministries in better targeting of schemes and projects in these sectors in the region.
- 8.4 The Ministry has also taken up the issue of utilization and proper accounting of development funds with the NE States. The matter has been regularly raised by the Comptroller & Auditor General. In this regard, a number of meetings have been held with the representatives of the States and the problems have been identified. The States have been requested to streamline their procedures in consultation with the respective Accountant Generals. The Ministry is also supporting a training programme in financial management for the young civil servants of these States.
- 8.5 The Revitalization Committee of NEC recommended that for evaluation and monitoring activities of NEC schemes, Universities and Research Institutions of the region may be involved.
- 8.6 All projects of the Ministry are continuously monitored through periodical progress reports received from the State Governments, depicting both the financial and physical progress of the projects and also through review meetings and inspections



by officers of the Ministry. The procedure adopted for release of funds to the States for various projects stipulates conditions which ensure that the State Governments furnish Utilisation Certificates and other documents to the effect that the funds have been utilized for the purpose for which they were sanctioned.

8.7 The Planning and Development Department of each State, which is the nodal Department for NLCPR projects, has been entrusted with field inspections of the projects through senior officers of the State and submission of inspection notes. For each new project, the state/implementing agency is to identify a Nodal Officer, who is responsible for implementation of that project on schedule. Besides, the State Chief Secretary has been entrusted with the responsibility of quarterly review of each of the projects and to send the proceedings at the end of each quarter. In addition, the visits by the senior officers of the Ministry of DoNER is an effective tool for monitoring as well as identifying problem areas, verifying physical and financial progress for speedy implementation of NLCPR projects.

8.8 The North Eastern Region of India is known for its vast natural resources and is a cauldron of different people and cultures. Information about this Region, though available from various sources, is scattered. To mitigate this disadvantage, NEDFi is maintaining a web based portal called “NER Databank” with a view to provide information about North East India at a single source. Data on various sectors are being updated regularly. The details can

be browsed at <http://db.nedfi.com/>. The Corporation publishes “NEDFi Databank Quarterly Journal”- an economic journal on the North Eastern region on various sectors. NEDFi Databank Quarterly is an effort to attract investments and business to the region as well as be of use for research/ study for students, policy makers and business persons.

8.9. **Funding to PSUs under this Ministry and other agencies during 2011-2012:** An amount of Rs. 2.00 crore has been sanctioned each to NERAMAC and NEHHDC as loan for meeting their working capital requirements during 2011-2012. An amount of Rs. 60.00 crore has been sanctioned to NEDFi as interest free loan recoverable in lump sum after 15 years from the date of sanction for Micro Finance Schemes during the year.

8.10 Details of allocation of funds and expenditure, scheme wise (plan / non-plan) during the year are at Annexure- III.

8.11 The Ministry has prepared Results Framework Document(RFD) and Citizen’s Charter for 2011-12 providing objectives, success indicators, target values, standards for various services/tasks along with time frame for their undertaking by the Ministry. The details of the Strategic Plan and Citizen’s Charter are available on the website of the Ministry (www.mdoner.gov.in). The Ministry has duly and timely completed all the mandatory requirements specified by the Performance Management Division of the Cabinet Secretariat as part of the Results Framework Document.
