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To

The Chief Engineers,
Public Works Department (Roads),
Government of Arunachal Pradesh/Itanagar (EZ),
Arunachal Pradesh/Itanagar (WZ), Assam, Dispur/
Manipur, Imphal/ Meghalaya, Shillong/ Mizoram, Aizawl/ Nagaland,
Kohima/ Sikkim, Gangtok/ Tripura, Agartala.

Sub: Minutes of the Meeting held on 04.12.2007 regarding ongoing 9th and 10th Plan Road Schemes.

Sir,

A meeting, to review the physical and financial status of ongoing roads schemes of 9th and 10th Plan, was held on 4th December, 2007. The minutes of meeting are enclosed herewith for taking further action. The outstanding UC's for projects be sent at the earliest to release the funds.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,



(K. Haridoss)

Executive Engineer (T&C)

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1. The Commissioner/Secretary PWD, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar/ Assam, Aizawl/ Nagaland, Kohima/ Sikkim, Gangtok/ Tripura, Agartala for information.
2. PS to Secretary, NEC Secretariat, Shilling.

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MINUTES OF THE REVIEW MEETING
HELD AT NEC CONFERENCE HALL, SHILLONG
ON 04.12.2007

1. A meeting to review the physical and financial progress of the road projects was held at NEC Secretariat on 04.12.2007 under the Chairmanship of Adviser (T&C). A list of participants is enclosed at Appendix-A.
2. Adviser (T&C) welcomed the representative from States for their participation for the meeting. He gave an overview of the aim of the meeting and brought out that major objective of the meeting was to review the **allocation and release of funds** for various road projects. He intimated that tentative allocations in the commencement of the year were made for all the States broadly based on committed liabilities of the States. While an effort to keep the allocation for the States would be made after the meeting, inter-State diversion can take place, if the State do not spend their funds within a reasonable time. Additional requirement of funds for the States would be noted down and would be considered only at the end of the year depending upon additional allocation at the RE-stage or surrender of funds/non-submission of Utilization Certificate (UC) by some other State.
3. It was also brought out by Adviser (T&C) that despite repeated requests to the States, UCs are not being sent by them as per proper procedure. Some of the Chief Engineers are submitting the UCs directly without getting it vetted by the Planning Department of their State. Submission of such UCs is of no consequence. UCs duly signed by the Planning Secretary would be considered for further allocation. It was also brought out by some of the States that money allotted by NEC get lying with the Finance Department of their State for quite some time before it is released to the Department. Adviser (T&C) stated that responsibility to submit UCs rests with the State Government and unless the UCs are received duly signed by the Planning Department, NEC would be able to release the fund. He further state that NEC endeavor would be to release entire money to all the States before end of 3rd Quarter so that the States are able to release the entire fund within the current financial year. **He further emphasized that stock taking of UCs would be done in the 1st week of February 2008** and the States which are unable to submit the UCs may have to suffer the diversion of funds to the other States. It would, therefore, be advisable to all the Chief Engineers to ensure that UCs are submitted immediately duly certified / countersigned by the Planning Secretary.
4. It was brought out that a large sum of committed liabilities have spilled over from 10th Plan. In order to neutralize the committed liabilities, it has been decided that **no new projects would be taken up in the 1st year of 11th Plan**. Only preparation of DPRs would be taken up for few inter-State projects. NEC would, therefore, be focusing only inter-State projects or projects of inter-State implications. Accordingly, few projects for each States have already been identified and list have been sent to the States for preparation of estimates for conducting DPRs. The issue of rate for preparation of DPR was considered. It was brought that a sum of Rs. 25,000/- per Km was arrived at in the 10th Plan for preparation of DPR. **A new rate for preparation of DPR for the 11th Plan needs to be worked out. In order to do so, it was decided that all the States should make an analysis of rate for preparation of DPR and submit to NEC within 15 days i.e. 20th December 2007**. This analysis of rate would be worked out separately for roads for per kilometer and for preparation of DPR for bridges for per meter length. Based on

the data received from all the States, a decision would be taken by NEC to prepare a common rate for conducting DPR. **The Chief Engineers are, therefore, requested to send analysis of rates for DPR for roads as well as for bridges by 20th February 2008 positively.**

5. It was also brought out that last installment for all the projects would be released by NEC only after confirmation by the State that the State Govt. share of 10% extra has also been spent. For this, the State would submit UCs for State share also in addition to UCs for NEC share.

6. It was also brought out that a meeting on Master Plan was held on 14th November 2007, wherein representative from two States only were present. The minutes of the meeting was circulated to all the States for taking action. In this meeting, it was decided that Perspective Plan prepared by NEC in the year 2003 would be updated by the State to bring up to the preset status. A copy of the Perspective Plan consisting of about 300 pages have already been circulated to all the States. The Chief Engineers are, therefore, requested to refer to their respective parts in the Perspective Plan and update their portion. They can also add new road if they want. The States have already given two months time to prepare and update their portion and submit to NEC by 15th January 2008. NEC would compile the information to make a complete plan for the NE Region. As far as Sikkim is concerned, which was not a part of the NEC, they may submit their own plan separately for inclusion in the perspective plan to the NEC.

7. After these issues all the roads for each State was discussed in detail. The proceeding of road-wise discussion as given succeeding paragraphs.

Arunachal Pradesh:

9th Plan Roads Schemes:

8. **JOTTE-BALIJAN ROAD:** This is an inter-State priority road between Arunachal and Assam. The total NEC share has already released the representative from State Govt. intimated that all works have been completed. They also brought out that as per their record a sum of Rs. 1.65 crore more need to be released by NEC. After discussion it was decided that to give of release would be reconciled by State Govt. They may send an officer with details of NEC for reconciliation of releases and receipt. It was also decided that NEC officer would visit the road and see the completion of works before balance of fund are released.

9. NAHARKAI-KHONSA AND MARGHERITA-CHANGLANG ROAD:

The representative from the State intimated that physical work have already been completed at both the roads, where as some funds are yet to be released by NEC. NEC officials brought out that a sum of Rs. 2907.00 lakh and Rs. 2627.00 lakh have already been released against sanction of Rs. 2798.00 and Rs. 2752.00 lakh respectively for both the roads. Thus, as per NEC records entire funds have been released. It was therefore decided that reconciliation of funds needs to be done in this case also.

10th Plan Road Schemes:

10. NARI-TELAM-REMI ROAD:

The length of the road is 73.06 Km. 57.71 Km formation completed. The pavement works found to be slow, so far only 12 Km GSB, 8 Km WBM already laid and 1.30 Km pavement works have been completed. It may be ensured that the GSB, WBM and Black topping works are taken up side by side otherwise partly done GSB and WBM works gets damaged by the time black topping is laid. It was emphasized by NEC officials that fund released to the State to extent of Rs. 300.00 lakh if the CFY are yet to be spent by the State. Unless the State spend these funds the NEC would not be able to release balance funds for the CFY.

11. PASIGHAT-KOYU-EGO ROAD:

The length of the road is 60 Km. The formation works has been completed but the pavement works are very slow. 55 Km GSB and 55 Km WBM-II layers has been completed but only 2.50 Km black topping has been done. The WBM works and carpeting works may be taken up simultaneously otherwise because of traffic the WBM is likely get damaged. It was brought by NEC officials that a sum of Rs 500.00 lakh have been released in the CFY which is yet to be spent. Unless the already released funds are spent the NEC would not be able to release further funds. **Looking at the physical progress and financial progress it was pointed out that physical progress is not matching with financial progress. The State Govt. must control expenditure while progressing the works physically.**

12. SEPPA-CHAYANGTAJO AND DIGBOI-PENGRI ROAD:

It was brought out the tender is in progress and the works yet to be allotted. The works was sanctioned long time back but the PWD has not been able to allotted the work. It was therefore emphasized that onus to allot the works rest with the State Govt. For any **cost escalation due to delay in tendering etc. the State Govt. would be responsible.** Further release of funds for this road need not be made. In case of Digboi-Pengri Road the work has just been started. The UC for the fund released is yet to be received. On receipt of UC further release of funds will be considered.

13. DOIMUKH-HARMOTI ROAD AND MOTUM-TINALI ROAD:

In case of Doimukh-Harmoti road it was reported in the meeting that consutruction of embankment works has been completed and other works are in progress. The State PWD requested for additional release of fund, it has been clarified necessary UC may be submitted for considering further release. In case of Motum-Tinali the work is yet to be started. Since the work on Seppa-Chayangtajo road are yet to be allotted, the fund earmarked for that road can be diverted to this road within the allocation of State. However, this decision would be taken on receipt of the UCs.

14. CONVERSION OF TIMBER BRIDGES:

5 Nos. of bridges were sanctioned on Orang-Mazbat-Rupa road. The road was taken over by BRO from the State PWD. The State Govt. may confirm that whether the bridges are likely to be taken by PWD or by BRO. In such case the fund may be re-appropriated against the ongoing roads funded by NEC.

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THE REVIEW MEETING
At NEC Secretariat, Shillong, on 4th December, 2007**

NEC Representatives:

1. **Shri M.S. Sodhi, Adviser (T&C)**
2. **Shri P.K. Deb, Superintending Engineer (T&C)**
3. **Shri K. Haridoss, Executive Engineer (T&C)**
4. **Shri K. Kalita, Executive Engineer (T&C).**

State Govt. Representatives:

1. **Srhi Hage Appa, Superintending Engineer (PWD), Arunachal Pradesh**
2. **Shri Mumtaz Uddin Ahmed, Chief Engineer, PWD (NEC Works), Assam**
3. **Aparup Baruah, Superintending Engineer (P), Assam**
4. **Shri NG Rastpapati Singh, Chief Engineer, PWD, Manipur**
5. **Shir K.H. Temba Singh, Superintending Engineer, PWD, Manipur**
6. **Shir K. Premkumar Singh, Executive Engineer, NEC-II PWD, Manipur**
7. **Shir R. Bhattacharjee, Chief Engineer, PWD (R), Meghalaya**
8. **Shri S.B. Chyrmang, Addl. Chief Engineer, Eastern Zone, PWD, Meghalaya**
9. **Shri J. Rammawia, Superintending Engineer (PWD), Mizoram**
10. **Shri Tensung Lepcha, Divisional Engineer, Sikkim**
11. **Shri Toba Angami, Executive Engineer, Nagaland**
12. **Shri Sunil Bhowmik, Chief Engineer (PWD), Tripura**