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NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL SECRETARIAT
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No. NEC/T/Master Plan/2007-08

Dated 16th November, 2007

To

The Secretary, Public Works Department,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar/Assam, Dispur, Guwahati/Manipur, Imphal/
Nagaland, Kohima/Tripura, Agartala.

Sub: Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th November, 2007 about preparation of master Plan/Perspective Plan of the roads in NE Region.

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith the Minutes of meeting held on 14.11.2007 regarding preparation of Master Plan/Perspective Plan of the roads in NE Region. You are requested to take necessary steps in this regards as it was discussed in the meeting.

Encl: **As stated above.**

Yours faithfully,



(K. Haridoss)

Executive Engineer (T&C)

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The Chief Engineer, Government of Arunachal Pradesh (WZ),
Itanagar/ Assam, Guwahati/ Manipur, Imphal/ Meghalaya, Shillong,
Mizoram, Aizawl/ Nagaland, Kohima/ Tripura for information and
necessary action.



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14.11.2007
ABOUT PREPARATION OF MASTER PLAN/PERSPECTIVE PLAN
OF THE ROADS IN N.E. REGION

1. A meeting of the Committee for preparation of Master Plan was held on 14th November 2007. The meeting was chaired by Adviser (T&C). Following were present:-

1. Shri P.K. Deb, Superintending Engineer (T&C)
2. Shri R. Bhattacharjee, Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Meghalaya
3. Shri V. Kehie Superintending Engineer (D), PWD (R&B), Nagaland
4. Shri K. Haridoss, Executive Engineer (T&C)

2. Adviser (T&C) welcomed the participants for the meeting. He explained the background of the meeting and stated that the Sectoral Summit on Road Sector was held on 8-9 February 2007 at Shillong. In this Summit, a few Committees were ordered to be constituted and one of the Committee was constituted for preparation of Master Plan of the roads in N.E. Region. The Committee had a few meetings in the past and it was decided earlier that a Consultant would be hired for preparation of Master Plan. Accordingly, Expression of Interests (EOI) were called and Bid Document was prepared for preparation of Master Plan. A meeting of the Master Plan Committee was last held on 10th September 2007 at Shillong, wherein Bid Document for preparation of Master Plan was to be discussed. In this meeting, it was expressed by some representative from the States that a number of studies were already available on the road sector. One such exhaustive study was carried out by NEC through a Consultant in the year 2003. In this study a Perspective Plan of road upto 2021 has already been prepared. It was, therefore, proposed by some of the Members that instead of having a new Master Plan, the Perspective Plan already available should be implemented to the extent possible. Should there be a need to update this Perspective Plan, it should be done.

3. The Perspective Plan was made in the year 2003 when Sikkim was not part of NEC. Thus, the Perspective Plan of NEC does not include Sikkim. However, since Sikkim is not contiguous with other parts of NER, the Perspective Plan for Sikkim would not have much of effect on Perspective Plan of other States. For Sikkim, a separate Plan as made by the State of Sikkim would be adopted and merged with the overall Plan.

4. A case was, therefore, taken up by this Secretariat with the Ministry of DoNER and the views of the Committee were conveyed. The issue was discussed with the Hon'ble Minister of DoNER and Chairman, NEC, who also agreed with the views that in case of Perspective Plan is already available there is no need to prepare a fresh one. At best the same can be up-dated.

5. With this back background a copy of Perspective Plan was sent to all the States last month for studying the same and giving their views regarding updating and implementation of the same. No comments have so far been received from any of the State. However, the comments of the States can be considered now in this meeting.



6. All the participants of the meeting agreed with the contention that since the Perspective Plan is available, it needs to be updated by the State Govt. with the fresh data. Adviser (T&C) brought out that operative part of the Perspective Plan is given at the end of the Perspective Plan, wherein a list of about 700 roads have been given. The list contains name of the road, length, their present condition and the recommended category to which each of the road should be developed. The States are required to update the list and make a inter-se-priority list for the roads in their respective States. They may add three more columns in the table already made. These columns would be for priority, approximate cost of construction and proposed Agency for implementation / funding. Once this list is updated by all the States for their respective road, all the parts will be merged into one by the NEC Secretariat. Overall priority list would thereafter be made by NEC depending upon the availability of funds.

7. The representatives from the States intimated that although all the information about the roads is available with them, they will take at least one month to update their lists. They also wanted to know whether some additional roads can be added in the priority list / updated list as per the priority of the State. Adviser (T&C) intimated that they can do so and add other roads too. However, they would ensure that priority list made by their respective head of the State appropriately, since funds available would be limited and project from the top of priority list would be selected for implementation by the agencies. It was also discussed that since the State of Assam and some other States are large one, and hence, they would require more time for updating of the list. After deliberations, it was decided that the list would be updated within a period of two months.

 Following decisions were taken in the meeting:-

- The Perspective Plan of NEC made for region would be updated.
- A separate Perspective Plan for Sikkim needs to be made.
- The updation of the respective portions would be done in a period of two months.
- The list of roads available Perspective Plan would be updated with adding three more columns i.e. a column for inter-se-priority, a column for rough cost and third column for funding/implementing agency.
- The merger / compilation of all the information would be done at NEC Secretariat after the information is made available by the States.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks.

Original copy of the letter not received till 27th December 2007. A fax copy of the made available by Shri Kenjom Ete, Superintending Engineer (Rupa). Uploaded on 28th December 2007.



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Chief Engineer (EZ)