

**Tour Report of inspection of NEC funded Projects in Aizawl, Mizoram,
13th – 15th May 2004.**

As directed, Undersigned attended the 16th Meeting of the Executive Council of RIPAN held on 14th May and also visited Projects funded by NEC on 13th May and 15th May 2004. The visits to the Projects were drawn up by the Planning & Programme Implementation Department of the Mizoram State Government vide their letter no. G.12011/21/90-91/SPB(NEC)S dated 12th May 2004.

2. The following is the report on the site visit:

1. Construction of Ramhlun Sports Complex, Aizawl

Discussions were held at the site with Shri Lalsawmzuala, Secretary, Mizoram State Government Sports Council and Engineers of State PWD and the contractor. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs.464.50 lakhs. NEC has so far released Rs.2.28 lakhs. This is the only Sports Complex in Aizawl with a seating capacity of 20000. It will have facilities for football, cricket, athletics, basketball, volleyball, tennis, a multi-purpose indoor stadium, administrative complex and boys and girls hostels. The State Government has provided the land. Sixty per cent of the Project has been completed. The Project is expected to be completed in June 2004. It was noticed that the Project Authorities had not put up signboards indicating that the funds are being provided by DONER/NEC. The Project Authorities have agreed to do the needful.

2. Inter State Bus/Truck Terminus, Aizawl.

Discussions were held at the site with Shri Vanlalmuana, Executive Engineer, State PWD and Shri R. Sangkhuma, Contractor. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs.901.40 lakhs and is scheduled to be completed within 22 months i.e. by March 2005. However, Executive Engineer pointed out that there was some delay in the start of the Project for clearing the premises and the work could start only in March 2004. Presently, only around 17% of the Project has been completed. NEC has released Rs.125 lakhs, all of which have been spent. The major part of the expenditure has been towards consultancy charges for detailed architecture design, structural design, etc., machinery advance and mobilization advance. NEC has been requested by the Project Authorities for release of additional funds. During 2004-05, about 75% of the Project work would be completed for which Rs.500 lakhs would be required and the remaining work will be completed

by March 2006 for which Rs.379 lakhs will be required. The total expenditure is likely to exceed the estimates. It was noticed that the Project Authorities had not put up signboards indicating that the funds are being provided by DONER/NEC. The Project Authorities have agreed to do the needful.

3. Multidisciplinary Training Centre, Zemabawk

Discussions were held at the site with Shri Lalsawmzuala, Director, K&VI, Mizoram State Government. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs.40 lakhs out of which NEC had released Rs.20 lakhs in 2003. The centre provides training in Beekeeping, spinning and weaving, cane work, oil extraction, carpentry, soap manufacture etc.. NEC has funded extension/renovation of buildings. The Project has been completed incurring an expenditure of Rs.40 lakhs and has been completed in time and within the estimated cost and it is being fully utilized. Utilization Certificates and Progress Report have been furnished to NEC for releasing Rs.20 lakhs. The oil extracted from locally available seeds has markets in Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi, etc and is being used in varnish, paints and writing-ink industry. It was noticed that the Project Authorities had not put up signboards indicating that the funds are being provided by DONER/NEC. The Project Authorities have agreed to do the needful.

4. Multi Commodity Producers' Cooperative Union (MULCO), Thuampui

Discussions were held at the site with Dr. David Dailovarte, Managing Director, MULCO Ltd. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs.71.34 lakhs and NEC has released the entire amount. The expenditure incurred so far is around Rs.59 lakhs. The Project is almost complete except for repair of the approach road, which is expected to be completed by this month-end. The technical assistance is provided by the Animal Husbandry Department of Mizoram, the Chilling Plant has been funded under the Integrated Dairy Development Project of Government of India and NEC is providing financial assistance for marketing inputs like providing van, construction of go downs and office building. The Cooperative buys cows' milk from the 22 units located in Aizawl and sells liquid milk, paneer, Rasgulla, Lassi, Dahi, Cream, etc through its retail outlets and Societies. During 2003-04 it made a profit of Rs.4 lakhs. The Union's services include providing technical advice to the Societies and also supplies fodder. Presently, it handles 6007 litres of milk daily whereas the Plant can handle up to 10000 litres. It has plans to increase the capacity of the Plant for which they would be approaching NEC/Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operation. It was noticed that the Project Authorities had not put up signboards indicating that the funds are being provided by DONER/NEC. The Project Authorities have agreed to do the needful.

5. Regional Institute of Paramedical & Nursing (RIPAN).

The unfinished works relating to the Phase-II of RIPAN Project were inspected. Director, RIPAN and the Executive Engineer of the State PWD undertaking the construction work were also present. For completion of the entire Complex, RIPAN estimates that they would require additional Rs.4 crore for which they would be submitting proposals for EFC clearance. It is understood from Director, RIPAN that the cost escalation has been mainly due to increase in students' intake, incomplete Project preparation at the initial stages, which did not provide for construction of approach roads, furniture, etc. It was noticed that the Project Authorities had not put up signboards indicating that the funds are being provided by DONER/NEC. The Project Authorities have agreed to do the needful.

6. Lengpui Airport

Since there was delay in the flight, the time was utilized for going around the Lengpui Airport complex partly financed by NEC. It was noticed that many of the sheds were lying vacant. It is understood from the Airport Manager that the State Government was to auction the sheds and the process is delayed. If the sheds had been rented out, the Complex would have provided more amenities to the passengers at the same time earning revenue