Tour Note of Shri John K. Sellate, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region in respect of NLCPR projects in the State of Assam

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I visited Assam to review the progress of NLCPR projects and to conduct site visit of NLCPR projects during 10th to 12th May 2004.

Status of NLCPR projects of Government of Assam

The following projects were reviewed and the present status of each of them emerged as follows:-

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Project/Scheme Name	Approved Cost	Released amount	Remarks
	EDUCATION			
1	Construction of 15 HSS Buildings (BAC Area)	1.50	1.50	UC awaited for Rs.0.75 cr released on 25.3.03
2	Guwahati University Campus. Kokrajhar	5.00	2.50	QPR for Dec/ March awaited.
3	New Infrastructure for Cotton College.	3.00	3.00	Completed.
	TOTAL EDUCATION	**9.50**	**7.00**	
	HEALTH			
4	Assam Medical College (HOPE)	20.00	4.01	UC for Rs. 3.79 crore released on 17.3.04 not yet submitted.
5	Sankaradeva Nethralaya	1.00	1.00	Completed.
6	Sankaradeva Nethralaya (equipments)	0.82	0.82	Completed on 30-5-03
7	Sankaradeva Nethralaya (OT)	1.53	1.53	Completed on 19-12-03
8	Upgradation of Guwahati Medical College.	8.00	8.00	UC for Rs.0.90 crore (released on 10.2.00) awaited
9	Upgradation of hospital at Udalguri to 100 bedded Hospital.	1.69	1.69	UC for Rs. 0.84 crore released on 23.7.03 awaited.
	TOTAL HEALTH	**33.04**	**17.05**	
	FLOOD CONTROL & IRRIGATION			
10	89 No. of minor Irrigation schemes (89 sub-projects)	25.20	25.20	UC for Rs. 0.93 cr released on 10.2.00 awaited
11	Amreng Minor irrigation Scheme, KADC	12.00	9.00	UC for Rs. 3.00 crore released on 4.8.03 awaited.
12	Installation of one Lakh Shallow tube wells	70.47	70.47	UC for Rs.3.44 crore released on 30.1.03 awaited.
13	Washillinghadi ELIS, NC Hills minor irrigation schemes	2.70	2.70	UC for Rs. 2.70 cr released on 18.9.01 awaited
14	Anti Erosion Works (25 No.)	62.36	62.36	UC for Rs. 5.36 cr released on 30-1-03 awaited
15	Raising and strengthening of Brahmaputra Dyke from Dizmore to Sonarigaon	11.51	5.00	UC for Rs. 5.00 crore released on 7.1.04 awaited.
16	Flood Control scheme (5 No.)	17.28	16.98	UC for Rs. 9.73 cr awaited.
	TOTAL FLOOD CONTROL & IRRIGATION	**201.52**	**191.71**	
	SPORTS			
17	Apex Stadium at Kokrajhar, BAC	9.30	5.50	UC for Rs. 4 crore released on 26.12.03. awaited.
18	Creation of Main Athletic Stadium Complex for National Games 2005	55.10	22.00	UC for Rs. 22 crore released on 22.3.04. awaited.
19	Mini Stadium at Chapaguri, Bongaigaon	0.20	0.10	UC for Rs. 0.10 crore released on 31.1.01 awaited.
	TOTAL SPORTS	**64.60**	**27.60**	
	POWER			
20	Tinsukia Sub-Station 2x50 MVA , 220/132 KV.	19.64	17.00	UC for Rs. 6.00 cr released on 11.12.03 awaited.

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21	220 KV/DC Kathalguri Tinsukia line (30 Kms.)	6.40	6.40	QPR of March 2004 awaited.
22	2x50 MVA , 220/132 KV Balipara (Tezpur) Sub-station and a 132 KV Gohpur-Depota line	13.71	6.16	UC for Rs. 4.00 cr released on 26.12.03 awaited.
23	Augmentation of 1x63 & 1x50 MVA,20/132 KV transformers by 2x100 MVA, 220/132 KV transformers at Sarusajai Sub station.	7.80	5.60	UC for Rs. 5.00 cr released on 17.9.03 awaited.
24	Augmentation of 220/132 kv 2x50MVA S/S to 2x100 S/S at Mariani.	6.37	5.00	UC for Rs.3.00 cr released on 11.12.03 awaited.
25	BTPS-Agia-Sorusajai Power line	28.38	10.00	UC for Rs.3.50 cr released on 30.1.03 awaited.
26	Electrification of Tribal Villages	1.36	0.68	Details of work done to be submitted.
27	Installation of 2x31.5 MVA 132/33 KV transformers at Sarusajai Sub Station.	5.26	2.60	UC for Rs.2.00 cr released on 12.8.03 awaited.
28	Namrup Sub-station	0.00	1.84	Closed.
29	ST&D	48.40	30.94	UC for Rs.20.94 cr released on 18.2.03 awaited.
	TOTAL POWER	**137.32**	**86.22**	
	ROADS & BRIDGES			
30	23+1 Road projects of BAC-BRO	102.75	67.90	Project is implemented by BRO. Rs. 5.27 cr released on 18.2.03 yet to be utilised. Rs. 5.69 cr released on 29.10.03 and Rs. 20.68 cr released on 11.2.2004.
31	Diguncherra-Airport Road	0.25	0.25	Completed in March 2000
32	Road from Jarighat to Lakhichhera.	0.92	0.92	Completed in Aug. 2002
33	Road from Hatichhera Dudpati Mudrennamukh.	0.43	0.43	Completed in Dec. 2001
34	Road Improvement for N.C.Hills - 6 Nos.	4.82	4.98	Completed in March 2002
35	Jagun Kharsang Road	3.04	1.50	Rs. 1.50 crore released on 7.1.04. UC to be submitted.
36	RCC Bridge 4/1 on Hatigaon-Bhetapara	1.54	1.00	Rs. 1.00 crore released on 7.1.04. UC to be submitted.
37	RCC Bridge Mandakata North Guwahati	2.40	1.28	Rs. 1.28 crore released on 7.1.04. UC to be submitted.
38	RCC Bridge on Additional Approach to Airport Road	1.73	1.24	Rs. 1.24 crore released on 7.1.04. UC to be submitted.
39	RCC Bridge 2/2 Haripur Sansarghat Road in Nalbari	2.26	1.26	Rs. 1.26 crore released on 20.2.04. UC to be submitted.
40	RCC Bridge 20/1 Nalbari Palla Road	1.44	0.74	Rs. 0.74 crore released on 20.2.04. UC to be submitted.
41	RCC Bridge 42/5 & 74/1 on DLHS Road in Karbi Anglong District	1.43	0.73	Rs. 0.73 crore released on 19.3.04. UC to be submitted.
	TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGES	**123.01**	**82.23**	
	WATER SUPPLY			
42	Drinking Water supply, Gossigaon	3.63	1.00	UC for Rs.0.86 cr released on 1.12.00 awaited.
43	Sichar Water Supply	12.30	3.59	Funds being released.
44	Haflong Water Supply Scheme	1.42	0.72	Rs. 0.72 crore released on 20.2.04. UC to be submitted.
	TOTAL WATER SUPPLY	**17.35**	**5.31**	
	MISC.			
45	1250 Capacity Auditorium at Guwahati.	20.00	18.00	Rs. 13.00 crore released on 7.1.04. UC/QPR awaited.
46	Centre for Plasma Physics, Guwahati.	4.50	4.50	UC for Rs. 0.35 crore released on 4.3.03 and Rs. 0.82 cr released on 26.2.04

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				yet to be received.
47	Construction of Multi-Storey Secretariat Complex	69.00	15.79	Funds being released.
48	Kamakhya Temple Development	4.89	4.89	UC for Rs. 2.89 crore released on 26.2.04 is to be submitted.
49	Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshtra project	4.85	4.85	Completed.
	TOTAL MISC.	**103.24**	**48.03**	
	GRAND TOTAL	**689.58**	**465.15**	

Observations

1. Construction of 15 High School Buildings in BTC area

Full project cost of Rs. 1.50 crore has been released for this project. Utilisation Certificate for Rs. 0.75 crore released on 25-3-2003 is awaited. The State Government/BTC should fully complete the project at the earliest and submit Completion Certificate/Utilisation Certificate so as to close the project.

2. Infrastructure Development of Kokrajhar Campus in BTC area.

An amount of Rs. 2.50 crore was released on 30-1-03 for construction of RCC academic (3 storied) and administrative (2 storied) buildings and the boundary wall. The State Government has submitted the Utilisation Certificate. The project is being implemented by the works department of the Guwahati University directly.

I visited the project site on 10.5.04. The work was awarded to 4 to 5 contractors by the University authorities in January 2004. Though the work has just started but no structure of the building is yet visible on the ground. The financial progress does commensurate with the physical progress on the ground. With the first release it was expected that at least 50% physical progress should have been achieved. Further funds should be released only after the project achieves certain level of physical progress on ground. The mandatory board depicting the project details have not yet been put up. The University authorities/BTC officials should put up the boards as pointed out during the site visit.

3. Development of Assam Medical College & Hospital

An amount of Rs. 4.01 crore has been released for the project. The work was awarded to M/s Simplex concrete Piles(India) Ltd, Kolkata. The State Government to ensure that funds are now released in time to achieve speedy physical progress and to complete the project by October 2005. The latest physical progress reports and Utilisation Certificate should be submitted by first week of June 2004.

4. Upgradation of Guwahati Medical College

An amount of Rs. 8 crore was released on 10th February 2000. All items of works have been completed except sewage treatment plant. The project was delayed due to technical problem in the sewage treatment plant. NLCPR funds of Rs. 90.00 lakh earmarked for this incomplete component is still remaining with the Government of Assam. UC for the rest amount of Rs. 7.10 crore already received in DONER. The progress should be intimated to DONER and effective steps be taken to complete and close the whole project at the earliest.

5. 100 bedded Hospital at Udalguri

Full project cost of Rs.1.68 crore has been released. Utilisation Certificate of the last balance of Rs. 0.84 crore released on 23.7.03 is yet to be submitted. Though the project is stated to be at the advanced stage of completion, the State

Government/ BTC should submit to DONER the physical progress report along with the photographs of the site and the utilisation certificate at the earliest.

6. 89 Minor Irrigation Schemes

Full project cost of Rs.25.20 crore has been released. Now UC for Rs.0.93 crore only is awaited. The State Government should consider closing the project and transferring the unspent amount to other on-going projects instead of leaving the projects incomplete for a long time.

7. Amreng Minor Irrigation Scheme

The project was sanctioned in 2001-2002. It falls in Karbi Anglong Autonomous District Council area. An amount of Rs. 9.00 crore has been released so far for the project. The last release of Rs. 3.00 crore made on 4th August 2003 has not been utilised so far. The project has achieved only 58% physical progress. State Government to expedite implementation of the project.

8. One lakh shallow tube wells

Full project cost of Rs.70.47 crore has been released. The project is stated to have been completed. But completion certificate is yet to be received. UC for Rs. 3.44 crore is still awaited. State to expedite submission of UC and completion certificate by June 2004.

9. Washillinghadi ELIS NC Hills Minor Irrigation Scheme

Full project cost of Rs.2.70 crore has been released on 18.9.2001. Neither UC nor progress report has been furnished to DONER till date. A special review was to be taken by the State Government on this project. However, DONER is yet to receive any report in this regard. The State Government should intimate the progress of the project by June 2004.

10. Flood control Schemes in 25 different locations of Brahmaputra and Barak Valley

Full project cost of Rs.62.36 crore has been released. UC for Rs. 5.36 crore is still awaited. Though the Department informed that UC and QPR have been submitted to Planning & Development Department, DONER is yet to receive them. I visited two anti-erosion and flood control scheme sites in the BTC area, namely, (1) Protection of Dangaigaon and Birengaon village from the erosion of river Aie – cost Rs. 3.85 crore and (2) Protection of villages Magurmari, Kashibari, Barman Bazar, Lalmati and also adjoining area from the erosion of river Gaurang – cost Rs. 3.42 crore. Both the schemes have been completed and are stated to have protected further erosion in the area. The projects are mainly for raising deflectors by placing caged boulders and construction of tie bunds. The photographs of the projects have also been produced. The State Government should submit final quarterly progress and completion certificate of the above two projects by June 2004.

11. Flood control Schemes in 5 different locations in Brahmaputra and Barak Valley

The full project cost of Rs. 17.28 crore has been released. The project was started during 2001-02 and is yet to be completed. Out of the funds released, UC for Rs. 9.73 crore is awaited from the State Government. Further, there is no report on two projects falling under Karbi Anglong ADC area. The status report should be submitted by the State Government by June 2004.

Besides, there is no information as to whether the State Government has taken action to utilise Rs. 2.21 crore adjusted from 25 flood control scheme against two projects, namely, (1) Protection of Harinagar Pt-III area cum dyke along R/B of river Surma (international boundary) from Harinagar to Nathanpur ch. 0 m to ch. 850 m.- Rs. 214.98 lakh and (2) Strengthening of Kahai spur (stone spur no. 2) to protect Dibrugarh town from the erosion of river Brahmaputra – Rs. 6.02 lakh. The position may be intimated to DONER by June 2004.

12. Apex Stadium at Kokrajhar

An amount of Rs. 5.50 crore has been released for the project out of which Rs. 1.50 crore have been utilised. Out of Rs. 4.00 crore released during December 2003, the BTC has received only Rs. 1 crore so far in April 2004. The BTC authorities informed that they expect to receive the remaining amount shortly.

I visited the project and found that it is making good progress. Works on Grand Stand of the main complex is in advanced stage, hostel for boys and girls has shown good progress, work on indoor stadium has also come up to some extent. The other ancillary works such as internal roads and drainage, land development for track have not been awarded. The work is executed by the PWD buildings now under the jurisdiction of the BTC. The project is expected to be completed by December 2005. The latest QPR and photographs to be submitted by June 2004.

13. Mini Stadium at Chapaguri

An amount of Rs. 10 lakh has been released on 31-1-01 but no UC has been received. The project could not take off till recently as the site for Mini Stadium had not been finalised.

During the visit, I met the Deputy Chief, BTC who informed that they have acquired land for the Mini Stadium in another location other than the one initially planned at Chapaguri. I observed that the land has been fenced and some building materials have been in place at the new site. BTC/State Government should inform the details of the new site selected. The approved cost Rs. 20 lakh would remain the commitment for the Mini Stadium. Further expenditure, if any, would be borne by the BTC from its own resources.

14. Tinsukia Sub-station 2X50MVA

An amount of Rs. 17.00 crore has been released so far, out of which Rs. 11.00 crore has already been utilised. Against the last release of Rs. 6.00 crore made on 11-12-2003, UC is yet to be submitted. The project is stated to be making steady progress and has achieved overall physical progress of 60.96% and is expected to be complete by the end of this year. It was reported that ASEB has already incurred liability of Rs. 5.00 crore over Rs. 11.00 crore already utilised. ASEB should submit Utilisation Certificate and Quarterly Progress Report with requisition of funds by July 2004 for process of further release of funds.

15. Kathalguri Tinsukia DC 220KV Line with Sub-station.

Full project cost of Rs.6.40 crore has been released and the entire amount is stated to have been utilised. It was reported that the works are in advanced stages of completion. The project is likely to be completed by the end of 2004.

16. 2x50 MVA 220/132 kV Balipara S/S & 132 kV Gohpur-Depota line

An amount of Rs. 6.16 crore has been released for the project. So far, ASEB has not received from the Government of Assam Rs. 4.00 crore released by DONER in December 2003. I visited the site at Balipara and Depota. The length of the transmission line is 12 km. The work has been entrusted to PGCIL and pre-bid activities have been completed. The sub-station and the transmission line will be based at the PGCIL grid at Balipara. The tender had been issued for the work and it will be opened on 28-6-2004. I had also informed the Chairman, ASEB about the status of the project on ground and had requested him to take up the matter with the Government of Assam for expeditious release of funds to PGCIL so that the project does not get delayed due to want of funds.

17. Augmentation of existing 1X63 and 1X50 MVA, 220/132 kV Transformers by 2X 100 KVA, 200/132 kV transformers at Sarusajai

An amount of Rs. 5.60 crore has been released so far. Last release of Rs. 5.00 crore made on 17-9-03 has not been released to ASEB till date. I visited the site on 11-5-2004 and also witnessed the commissioning of one transformer at Sarusajai. It was informed that even BHEL has not been paid for supply and installation of the transformer. There is an urgent need for the Government of Assam to release the funds for the project so that the second transformer can also be procured and commissioned to complete the project at the earliest as this will facilitate power supply to the Stadium at Sarusajai for National Games 2005.

18. Augmentation of 220/132 kV 2X 50 MVA, 2x100 S/S at Mariani

The project was sanctioned during 2001-02. An amount of Rs. 5.00 crore has been released. An amount of Rs. 2.00 crore only has been utilised so far. UC for Rs. 3.00 crore released in December 2003 is still awaited. The project has achieved physical progress of only 13.50%. The project is expected to be completed by October 2004. ASEB should expedite implementation of the project in a time bound manner. UC and QPR along with requisition of funds should be submitted to DONER for process of release of further funds.

19. Renovation of BTPS-Agia-Sarusajai 220 kV D/C Trans line

The project was sanctioned during 2002-03. An amount of Rs. 10.00 crore was released on 30-1-03. Funds have been released to ASEB by Government of Assam. An amount of Rs. 6.50 crore has so far been utilised for the project. I was informed that another Rs. 1.50 crore is being spent towards the project by ASEB which will make the total expenditure to Rs. 8.00 crore. The balance of Rs. 2.00 crore should be utilised by June 2004. The UC and the latest progress report should be sent to DONER for consideration of release of further funds.

I visited the site on 10th May 2004 and observed that the ASEB has already completed single circuit transmission line by re-conductoring from BTPS to Agia which is about 70 km. For the second circuit, purchase order has already been placed for materials except for AAA Conductor due to higher rate fixed by the Government of Assam in favour of local supplier due to the Procurement Act relating to supply and purchase of certain power equipments higher than the approved cost of CEA, Government of India. ASEB has already taken up with the Government of Assam to sort out the rate problem. Further, the line from Agia to Sarusajai (Guwahati) which is about 128 km is yet to be taken up. The progress is very tardy. Effective steps be taken so that the project does not get further delayed.

20. Electrification of tribal villages

An amount of Rs. 0.68 crore was released on 6-8-2000 and the amount has been utilised. It was reported by ASEB authorities that the projects have completed up to 50%. The details of the projects with locations for electrified tribal villages should be sent to DONER by ASEB by end of May 2004 to consider release of next instalment.

21. Installation of 2x31.5 MVA 132/33 kV Transformers at Sarusajai SS

An amount of Rs. 2.60 crore has been released so far. An amount of Rs. 0.60 crore has been utilised. UC for the last release of Rs. 2.00 crore made on 12-8-03 is still awaited. Already one transformer has been commissioned. However, the 2nd transformer could not be taken up due to delays in fund flow. ASEB should expedite implementation of the project and submit UC/QPR along with requisition of funds for further release of funds.

22. Sub-transmission & distribution

An amount of Rs. 30.90 crore has been released so far. The State Government have utilised Rs. 10.00 crore leaving a balance of Rs. 20.90 crore unutilised. The ASEB authorities informed that now the process of procurement of materials for the project is in progress and it is expected to show the physical progress by the next quarter. Further funds will be released only on receipt of UC and QPR.

ASEB is to expedite the process of implementation to avoid further delay in the implementation.

23. Drinking Water Supply, Gossaigaon

The project is in the BTC area and it was sanctioned during 2000-01 at a cost of Rs. 3.63 crore. An amount of Rs.1.00 crore was released on 1.12.2000. UC for only 0.14 crore has been submitted on 6.9.2002. While reviewing the project with the BTC authorities, they have informed that the work has been started and it is implemented by Assam Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board. The total expenditure incurred so far was stated to be Rs. 57.00 lakh. However, UC and QPR have not been received so far. The State Government/BTC should expedite submission of UC and QPR. Further funds can be released only after utilising at least 75% of the amount already released.

24. 1250 capacity Auditorium & Convention Centre

An amount of Rs. 18.00 crore has been released for the project till January 2004. Utilisation Certificate for Rs. 5.00 crore has been received. I visited the site on 11th May 2004 and observed that the work has been entrusted to M/s. L&T and it has made speedy progress. The Government of Assam has released only Rs. 3.40 crore out of Rs. 13.00 crore released in January 2004 to Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra Society which is implementing the project. They have already incurred a committed liability of Rs. 9.00 crore till date. It is important that Government of Assam release the funds for the project without delay to avoid time and cost overruns.

I observed that apart from three Nos. of 1250, 800, 300 capacity Auditoriums sanctioned, the Society has taken up other works such as staff quarters, restaurants, etc. It was made clear to them that NLCPR funds are only for the approved Auditoriums. I explained to them that NLCPR funds cannot be used for any other works which are not part of the approved items and the Society should fund such expenditure from its own resources.

Further, the Society should submit Utilisation Certificate and the latest QPR showing the approved components of the project only and also channelise all the funds already released to complete the Auditoriums by the end of this year. Further funds will be released only on satisfactory physical progress. The State Government should expedite release of further funds to the Society by June 2004.

25. Centre for Plasma Physics

A full project cost of Rs. 4.50 crore have been released to the Centre. Utilisation Certificate for Rs. 1.17 crore is awaited from the State Government. The detailed status of progress of the project and Utilisation Certificate should be submitted by June 2004.

26. Improvement of Kamakhya Temple Road

Full project cost of Rs. 4.89 crore has been released. Utilisation for Rs. 2.89 crore released during February 2004 is yet to be submitted by the State Government. State to expedite the work and submit the progress report by June 2004.

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