

**Tour Report of Dr. Hari Krishna, Joint Secretary (Infr) of the State of Tripura on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February 2005.**

**16.02.2005**

On our way from Agartala Airport to Agartala Town we visited the construction sites of New High Court Building, Assembly Building and Secretariat Building. Building-wise details as provided by the State Government and as per our observations after sites visit are as under:

**New High Court Building**

Details as provided the State Government:

➤ Estimated Cost	:	Rs.1105.23 Lac
➤ Tender Value	:	Rs.1311.41 Lac
➤ Earmarking of funds	:	Rs.700 Lac from NLCPR Rs.800 Lac from Eleventh Finance Commission (EFC)
➤ Work Order issued	:	05.12.03
➤ Time for completion	:	30 months
➤ Schedule date of commencement	:	20-12-03
➤ Schedule date of completion	:	05-06-06
➤ Built up area	:	10480 sqm.
➤ Total Expenditure reported up to Dec 04	:	Rs. 250.00 Lac + Rs. 374.00 Lac
➤ Executing Contractor	:	M/s Makintosh

Although against the tender value of works, the financial progress is reported to be 47.58% the physical progress as was noticed was not commensurate. During our visit on 16.2.2005 the foundation work was going on and the steel frame for the pillars for the ground floor have been erected. The State government was requested to check the apparent discrepancies between the physical and financial progress. The progress of works so far was noticed to be very slow. The State Government was advised to speed up the progress.

Secondly, the State Government's attention was also invited with respect to the earmarking of funds i.e. Rs.1500.00 Lac against the tender value of works (Rs.1311.41 Lac). Under the circumstances, the State Government might consider reducing the share of funds from NLCPR for this project. Against the scheduled date of commencement that was 20<sup>th</sup> December 2003, the works could be started only in December 2004. The State Government and the construction agency must arrange their works in a manner so as to complete the project within the scheduled date of completion.

### **Assembly Building**

Details as provided the State Government:

➤ Contractors	:	National Projects Cons.
➤ Corporation Estimated Cost	:	Rs.1686.18 Lac
➤ Tender Value	:	Rs.1831.282 Lac
➤ Work Order issued	:	14-03-2001
➤ Time for completion	:	36 months
➤ Schedule date of commencement	:	14-01-2001
➤ Schedule date of completion	:	13-04-2004
➤ Floor area	:	13994 sqm.
➤ No. of lifts	:	3
➤ No. of stairs	:	5
➤ Total expenditure upto Dec'04 from NLCPR:	:	Rs.807.48 Lac
➤ Total expenditure upto Sep'04 from EFC	:	Rs.512.00 Lac

The NLCPR funds earmarked for Assembly Building are Rs.800.00 Lac. The State Government was advised to restrict expenditure to that limit. Against the tender value of Rs.1831.282 Lac, the total expenditure upto December 2004 is reported to have been Rs.1319.48 Lac. The progress of was found to be highly unsatisfactory. The Building was to be completed by 13<sup>th</sup> April 2004. It is already almost 1 year delayed from the scheduled date of completion and if the progress is not speeded up the project may take further more years. The Secretary, DONER observed that in case the contractors are not sticking to the schedule their contracts may be rescinded and penalties be imposed. Day to day monitoring with the PERT and CPM is to be resorted to for timely completion of the projects.

### **Secretariat Building**

Details as provided the State Government:

➤ Estimated Cost	:	Rs.2061 Lac
➤ Tender Value	:	Rs.2133.78 Lac
➤ Work Order issued	:	26-09-2001
➤ Time for completion	:	36 months
➤ Schedule date of commencement	:	26-10-2001
➤ Schedule date of completion	:	25-10-2004
➤ Floor area	:	27765 sqm.
➤ No. of lifts	:	11.
➤ No. of stairs	:	17
➤ Total Expenditure upto December'04	:	Rs.1250.00 Lac
➤ Contractors	:	M/s Makintosh

This Building is to be entirely funded from NLCPR funds. Scheduled date of completion was 25<sup>th</sup> October 2004. Project is already too much delayed against the scheduled date of completion. Even the foundation works for 2 blocks have not been as yet been started. The building is to be constructed as 7 Blocks with four levels. On the day of inspection the progress of works was found as under:

- Foundation work completed for 5 blocks.
- Floor-two level works completed for 3 blocks.
- Floor-three level works completed for 3 blocks.
- Floor-four level works completed for only 1 block.

Progress of work was noted to be extremely slow. The State Government and the construction agency must arrange their works in a manner so as to complete the project within the scheduled date of completion.

### **Meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister**

Met the Hon'ble Chief Minister and apprised him about the progress and concerns of the Minister of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER). During the meeting other developmental issues particularly those related to NLCPR were also

discussed. The Chief Minister emphasized early sanction of the Medical College project after the State Government submits DPR.

### **Meeting with the officers of the State Government for review of NLCPR projects**

Secretary, M/o DONER, chaired the meeting. List of participants is at Annexure I. At the onset, the Chief Secretary welcomed the Secretary, M/o DONER on his maiden visit to Agartala and for review of NLCPR projects. He expressed hope that after review by the Secretary, DONER the progress of NLCPR projects would pick up.

It was noted that since 1998, 34 project costing Rs.576.17 crore have been sanctioned so far. Against these projects, 14 projects at a cost of Rs.146.44 crore have been completed.

### **Review of projects for which total approved amount has been released under NLCPR but completion not yet reported**

#### **1. Construction of 175 primary school buildings with the provision of furniture**

All have been completed except 6, which will be completed by March 2005.

#### **2. Development of Tripura University**

The progress of project is at Annexure II. Out of 34 components, 22 have been completed; 1 will be completed in February 2005; 7 in March 2005; 2 in April 2005; 1 in December 2005 and the last 1 in March 2006. The total amount utilized by December 2004, against these projects is Rs.1490.00 Lac as reported by the State Government.

#### **3. Upgradation of infrastructure of R.K. Mission Vidyalaya, Agartala**

The works will be completed in second week of March 2005.

#### **4. Renovation & restrengthening of 132 KV Single Circuit line from Agartala to Dharmanagar**

#### **5. Sub-transmission schemes – 33 KV lines**

#### **6. Sub-transmission schemes – 33 KV sub stations at Gandachara, Melaghar, Takrajala, Durjoynagar, Kadamtola, Khayerpur, Bardowali, Sekerkote and Dhajannagar**

7. **Transmission schemes – Augmentation of 132/33 KV, 2x35 MVA Substation at Agartala**
8. **Transmission Schemes – Construction of 132 KV, Substation at Kamalpur**
9. **Transmission schemes – Augmentation of 132/33 KV, 1x35 MVA Substation at Purbakanchanbari, Kumarghat**
10. **Transmission Schemes – Construction of 132 KV closed loop arrangement at Dharmanagar**
11. **Transmission Schemes – Construction of 132 KV Transmission line at Kamalpur**

Projects No. 4 to 11 have been completed. The State Government reported in the meeting that out of Rs.50.00 Crore released for 12 Transmission schemes, the utilisation certificate (UC) for the entire amount has been submitted but as per information available in DONER, there was an unspent balance of Rs.1.92 Crore available with the State Government. The figure would be reconciled. The State Government reported that they would immediately submit copies of the UCs of the amount shown as unspent balance with the State Government.

12. **Upgrading of Infrastructure of 25 Upper Primary Schools**

Out of Rs. 3.34 Crore released, Rs.3.18 Crore have been utilized and U.C. for the entire amount shall be submitted by 31.3.2005.

**Review of ongoing Projects**

1. **Gobind Ballabh Pant Hospital, Agartala**

The State Government is not in a position to utilize Rs.3.58 crore released for this project and Rs.0.88 crore yet to be released for the project. They would request readjustment of this amount against some other projects.

2. **Electrification of Tribal Villages (10 Nos.)**

The State Government has provided UC and they would ask for further fund. The State Government submitted UC for Rs.72.00 lac after the meeting and they promised that they would request the funds for electrification for 5 more tribal villages within this month.

3. **Sub-transmission schemes - Distribution works\***,
4. **Sub-transmission schemes - Metering and Instrumentation\***, and
5. **Sub-transmission schemes – System Improvement\***.

\*The State Government would submit UCs of above mentioned 3 projects within one week.

6. **Drinking Water Supply Scheme for Dharmanagar**

Project would be completed by December 2005.

7. **Drinking Water Supply Scheme for Teliamura**

The State Government would submit UC within one week.

8. **New Capital Complex Project at Agartala**

Once again the concern of the Ministry was expressed for extremely slow progress with regard to this project. The State Government was requested for time bound completion of the project after fixing up the fresh target for completion as the project was already too much delayed.

9. **Tribal Development Project**

The State Government would submit UC within a week and request next installment of funds

10. **Halahali-Ambassa-Belonia Road**

Out of total release of Rs.76.10 crore, the State Government and the Border Roads Organization (the executing agency) informed that Rs.63.25 crore have already been utilized and UCs were ready for submission. Another around Rs.6.00 crore was told to be utilized and the papers were under preparation, which would be sent within the February 2005.

11. **1x21 MW Gas Thermal Project Rokhia-VIII**

Against the total release of Rs.37.38 crore upto January 2005, the State Government authorities informed that they would submit utilisation certificate and request for further release of funds during this month.

### **Status of projects retained during 2003-04**

It was noted that from the Priority List of 2003-04, three projects of Tripura were retained at an estimated cost of Rs.170.99 crore. The latest status of these projects was as under:

1. **1x 21 MW Gas Thermal Projects at Rokhia (Unit-VIII)**

Project had already been sanctioned and was going on as per schedule.

2. **State Level Para Medical Institute**

The project was ready for being put up before NLCPR Committee for sanction.

3. **Medical College**

The State Government is to submit the comprehensive and integrated DPR for Medical College and Hospital.

### **Status of projects retained during 2004-05**

1. **Dhalai District Hospital**

Comments of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Urban Development were not received in Ministry of DONER. They have been reminded.

2. **North District Hospital &**

3. **South District Hospital**

Taking into account the views of Ministry of Urban Development and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the revised DPR were to be submitted by the State Government. It was informed in the meeting that they had been sent on 14.2.2005 to the Ministry of DONER.

4. **Replacement of ten existing timber bridges by permanent RCC bridges of total length 363 mtrs. in West Tripura District \***

5. **Replacement of seven existing timber bridges by permanent RCC bridges of total length 270 mtrs. in South Tripura District \***

6. **Replacement of eight existing timber bridges by permanent RCC bridges of total length 295 mtrs. in Dhalai & North Tripura District \***

\* State Government informed that they were in the process of preparation of DPRs and would submit them soon for the remaining 23 projects out of a total of 25.

#### 7. Bhavan's Science College

Joint Secretary, M/o DONER informed that clarifications were awaited from Ministry of Human Resource Development and the matter was being pursued in the Ministry and hoped that soon a decision on the project would be taken.

**17.02.2005**

#### **Visit to Tripura University**

We visited University and reviewed the progress of various components under construction. Out of the total 34 components of the entire project work on 22 components has already been completed. Work on rest 12 components, as informed by the University and State PWD would be completed as mentioned in the column of "Target date of completion" in the following table. The State Government, University Authorities and PWD were advised specifically to adhere to the schedule of completion of projects which is as under:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of work</b>	<b>Target date of Completion</b>
1	Construction of Administration building/Phase-I	Completed
2	-do - /Phase II	Completed
3	Construction of building for Political Science, History, Philosophy Department/Academic Building Phase-I	Completed
4	Construction of building for Bengali, English & Sanskrit Department (Academic Building) Phase II	Completed
5	Construction of Canteen building	Completed
6	Construction of boundary wall along northern and other boundaries (available site) Approx. length 700 mtrs.	Completed
7	Construction of Health Center	Completed
8	Construction of Internal Road/Gr.II	Completed
9	Construction of 100 seated Boys Hostel Building	Completed
10	Construction of Library Building	March-2005
11	Construction of Students Community Centre on the 1 <sup>st</sup> floor of Canteen Building	Completed
12	Raising the height of existing boundary wall & providing protection grill over the existing boundary wall (L-2300 Mts.)	March-2005
13	Construction of Auditorium Building	March-2005
14	Construction of Peripheral soling Road along the boundary wall of University Complex	Completed
15	Construction of Guest House for Tripura University at	April-2005

	Surjyamaninagar	
16	Construction of Internal Road (Phase-I)	Completed
17	Construction of Type-I Qtrs. 6 Units	Completed
18	Construction of Type-II Qtrs. 18 Units	Completed
19	Construction of Type-III Qtrs. 18 Units	Completed
20	Construction of Type-IV Qtrs. 6 Units	Completed
21	Construction of Students council hall	Completed
22	Construction of Vice-Chancellor's Residence	March-2005
23	Construction of Lawn Tennis Count (2 <sup>nd</sup> Call)	March-2005
24	Development of existing Lake/Phase-I	Completed
25	Construction of Hoarders	Completed
26	Construction of parking for Car & Scooter etc.	Completed
27	Construction of additional floor (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) on the existing building of Physics and Computer Department (Phase-II) I/c sanitary & water supply arrangement	March-2005
28	Construction of Economics building Tripura University Building/Vertical extension of 1 <sup>st</sup> floor of Economics building (2 <sup>nd</sup> Call)	February-2005
29	Development of Play Ground by Mechanical excavator (Phase-I)	Completed
30	Development of Play Ground by Mechanical transport (Phase-II)	Completed
31	Construction of Academic Building/Phase-IV (For Chemistry & Science Building)	March-2006
32	Construction of front gate of Administrative building	March-2005
33	Construction of 2 <sup>nd</sup> gate in front of PWD Sub-Division	October-2005
34	Development of existing lake/Phase-II	April-2005

The University authorities were advised to look into the demand of students for Hostel Buildings and, if more hostel accommodation is needed it may be proposed to Ministry of DoNER. The University authorities and the State PWD were advised to prepare exemplary landscape plan and implement that so as to make university campus a model one.

### **Visit to the site of Rokhia Power Project 1x21 MW GTG Unit VII & Unit VIII**

The unit VII was constructed under NLCPR funds and was running well. Also visited the construction site of 1x21 MW GTG Unit VIII at Rokhia. The approved cost of the project is Rs.80.94 crore. Target date for completion is December 2005. The work is going on. The State Government Authorities were requested to complete the project in time without any time overrun.

### **Visit to the Superspecialty Hospital building**

It was noted that instead of a huge expenditure of Central Government funds, the Superspecialty Hospital was not as yet functioning. Now, the State Government has a proposal to use this building for Medical College. Against the total funds released to the extent of Rs.8.00 crore against the approved cost of Rs.8.88 crore, the utilisation certificates have not been received in M/o DONER for Rs.3.58 crore. The State Government authorities were requested to either properly utilize money or send a request for adjustment of unspent amount against some other projects approved under NLCPR. The State Government officials were advised to expedite the process of making the building functional to achieve the desired objectives. The matter of preparation of Integrated DPR for Medical College and Hospital was also discussed with the State Government officials and they were requested to expedite its submission at the earliest possible.