

**Tour Report of Dr Hari Krishna, Joint Secretary (Infrastructure) of tour undertaken to Tripura and Mizoram from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2005**

**16.1.2005**

Reached Kolkata at 2040 Hrs by IC 202 flight and had night halt in Tripura Bhavan.

**17.1.2005**

I accompanied Hon'ble Minister, DONER during this tour. We reached Agartala at around 1130 Hrs by IC7243 flight. Hon'ble Minister met the local MPs of Tripura Shri Khagen Das and Shri Matilal Sarkar. They submitted a memorandum to the Minister and discussed some important issues mentioned in their memorandum. I was present during the meeting. There was some confusion about some of the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) Projects. It was clarified to the Hon'ble MPs and they were satisfied. About rest of the points Hon'ble Minister, DONER stated that they would be examined in the Ministry and appropriate action would be taken.

A meeting to discuss the development issues was held in the conference of the Secretariat building. The minutes of the meeting are at **Annexure I**.

In the evening called on His Excellency the Governor of Tripura.

**18/2/2005**

**Visit to State Capital Complex under construction**

State Capital Complex is being constructed in different campuses. Assembly building and the Secretariat are in the same complex. There is hardly any progress with respect to making these buildings functional. The project was approved in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of NLCPR committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1999. Originally the works were to be completed within three years. As against NLCPR commitment of Rs. 50 crore, so far Rs. 31.72 crore have been released.

The Planning Commission (the then organization responsible to administer NLCPR) on 24.01.2000 released first installment Rs.10 crore but the names of the components were not indicated to the State Government for utilization of released amount. After transfer of administration of NLCPR to the Ministry of DONER, the details were sought from the State Government regarding funding scheme of the project from various sources. They were indicated by the State Government in their letter of October 2002 as contained in column 2 and 6 of the table below. This Ministry on 12.11.2002 released second installment of Rs. 15 crore. While releasing this installment it was specified that Rs. 3.79 crore were meant for Assembly Building as final share against this building under NLCPR and Rs. 11.21 crore were for Secretariat Building. The third installment of Rs. 6.72 crore was released on 3.12.2003 specifying that this entire installment was meant for Secretariat Building. Against the total release of Rs. 31.72 crore under NLCPR, the State Government has reported utilization of Rs. 30.04 crore leaving an unspent balance of Rs. 1.68 crore as on 28.12.2004. However, the State Government has not utilized funds strictly in accordance with the release orders. Progress of Assembly building is very very slow. Work on some of the blocks of Secretariat building has virtually not as yet started.

During my visit to the site no specific work plan has been prepared or else it was not available at the work site. Neither the officers of the executing agency nor the PWD officers had it. The Chief engineer State PWD informed that they were supplying the construction material. Under these circumstances, even in case of some escalation in the prices of the material, there was no reason for delay except for the lackadaisical attitude at the level of project executing agency and lackluster monitoring by the State PWD. The State Government was advised invoking penalty clause against the executing agency as the time over run was leading to heavy cost overruns. It is noteworthy that the entire project with all its 14 components was sanctioned at a cost of around Rs.170 crore and now already the cost estimates have gone up to around Rs.220 crore. Under the circumstances when the State Government lack funds to complete the entire project they may consider prioritization among various components of it. They may take some and complete them wholeheartedly rather than keeping so many on the slate and not completing even one.

**(Amount in crore Rs.)**

Components	Cost of the Components as indicated by the State Government on 10.10.2002	Cost of the Components as indicated by the State Government on 12.10.2004	Funds from NLCPR as apportioned by the State in Oct.2002	Funds from NLCPR as apportioned by the State in Oct 2004	Expenditure/ Utilization During 01-02 against NLCPR funds	NLCPR amount Released 02-04	Total NLCPR amount released	Utilization as per UC dt.29/12/04 as against column 8
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
Assembly Building	2000.00	2000.00	8.00	8.00	4.21	3.79	8.00	8.96
Secretariat Building	2400.00	2400.00	24.00	24.00	4.00	17.93	21.93	13.87
New High Court Building	1500.00	1500.00	7.00	7.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.77
State Guest House	800.00	800.00	8.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.38
Boundary Wall	100.00	156.00	1.00	1.00	0.72	0.00	0.72	0.80
Approach Road & Internal road	500.00	220.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
External electrification	100.00	200.00	1.00	1.00	0.32	0.00	0.32	0.36
Water Supply, drainage, sewerage etc	650.00	1200.00	1.00	2.00	0.75	0.00	0.75	0.89
Landscape	500.00	500.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Acquisition	1200.00	1200.00						
VIP's Bungalows (29)	900.00	0.00						
Other Resi. Qtrs (1335)	9345.00	8838.42						
MLA Hostel	500.00	510.00						
Civil amenities cultural complex	255.00	255.00						
Commercial complex	850.00	850.00						
<b>Total</b>	<b>21600.00</b>	<b>20629.42</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>21.72</b>	<b>31.72</b>	<b>30.03</b>

As indicated above the expenditure has been made against the components for which the Ministry of DONER has made no release. Today on my visit to the construction site of State Guest House and the High Court only the foundation work was just started but the expenditure shown is Rs.2.38 crore and Rs. 2.77 crore, respectively. On enquiry the Chief Engineer informed that the expenditure has been made on purchase of material. The There is an urgent need for critical review of this project both at the State level and the Ministry of DONER level as the project is languishing for the last 5 years and as yet is not at some satisfactory completion stage. There are some components for which works have not been started and even the funds are neither available nor tied up.

### **Visit to Super Specialty Hospital**

Visited the Super Specialty Hospital. Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has funded the project partly to the extent of Rs. 8.88 crore under NLCPR. Against this, Rs.8.00 crore have already been released, the utilisation certificate only for Rs.4.42 crore has been received. During my visit to hospital no Super Specialist Wing was working there. Even the Cardiologist, the only specialist who comes from Hyderabad on intermittent intervals was not there for the last one and a half months. The State Government was advised to look into this aspect seriously.

### **Press Conference addressed by the Hon'ble Minister, DONER.**

Attended this press conference.

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

Attended the meeting of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mizoram with the Hon'ble Minister, DoNER. The Chief Minister presented a memorandum and particularly requested for settlement of the issues pertaining to Greater Water Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II and the Champhai Water Supply Scheme. He also requested Minister, DoNER for early approval of projects of Mizoram under NLCPR from Priority List of 2005-06. The undersigned briefed about the status of all of these projects. The Minister stated that these cases are being processed in the Ministry and assured that in these three matters a view would be taken soon. Rest of the projects were concerned with other Ministries/organizations and will be taken up with them.

### **19/2/2005**

### **Visit to some of the Colleges proposed in the Priority List for 2004-05 by the State Government for funding**

The State Government has proposed in their Priority List of projects of 2004-05 a long list of colleges for funding under NLCPR. Proposal includes construction of buildings and other infrastructure. I visited the following colleges that have been proposed for construction of buildings and other infrastructure under NLCPR by the State Government:

1. **Johnson College, Aizawl**- It is a deficit college. The colleges for which the State Government funds salaries are called the deficit colleges. Enrolment, as told by the teachers, in the college is 191 students. BA Classes with English, History, Political Science, and Economics are held. The college, as informed, is run in a rented building. The State Government has identified/allotted site for the construction of college.
2. **T. Ramana College, Aizawl** - It is a deficit college. Enrolment - 600 students – as told by the Teachers and the Principal whereas the statement submitted to me shows the figures of 325 students. On the other hand student enrolment as per the DPR is 293 in 2003-04, 284 in 2002-03 and 346 in 2001-02.
3. **Aizawl West College, Aizawl** - a deficit Arts College with the teaching subjects of English, Mizo, Political Science with Honours, History, Education, Public Administration, Psychology and Economics. There are 35 Lecturers. Classrooms are maintained well. During my visit I was told that the enrolment in the college is around 500 students but two different DPRs show the different figure:

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>1001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2003-04</u>
I	719	750	724	734
II		530	379	448

4. **J. Thankima College** - Deficit College. 100 students are enrolled as told during site visit. But the DPR shows the figures as under:

	<u>1001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2003-04</u>
	371	298	304

5. **Aizawl North College** – Deficit College. 200 students are enrolled, as told during the site visit. But two different DPRs provide different figures:

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>1001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2003-04</u>
I	478	704	545	547
II		390	268	345

The State Government must clarify these discrepancies before any further action is taken in the Ministry.

## Visit to the site of proposed waters intake point and water treatment plant of Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II

During my visit the following officers of PHED of State Government were present:

Shri C. Ropianga, Secretary,  
Shri M. Dawngliana, Chief Engineer,  
Shri Valbuanga, Superintending Engineer,  
Shri C. Lalremsiama, Executive Engineer.

Basic project information is as under:

Name of Project/Scheme: Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme (Phase – II)

Date of Approval of Project/Scheme: 1<sup>st</sup> August 1997.

Approved Cost: Rs. 71.80 crore

Date of completion of Project/Scheme: 31.3.2002

Project Executing Agency: PHE Department, Govt. of Mizoram.

The physical progress so far of the civil works that I visited was found as under:

<u>Sl.No.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Achieved</u>
<b>1. (A) Intake works</b>	1	Foundation work yet to be started.
<b>(B) Sump</b>	2	Foundation completed. Reinforcement in progress for Clear Water Sump at Dihmunzawl Clear Water Pump House at Dihmunzawl
<b>2. Treatment Plant</b>	1	Aerator completed. Flash mixer almost completed. Concreting of foundation for clarifloculator being done, works in progress. Superstructure work for Chemical House & Filter House is in progress.
<b>3. Pump House</b>	3	Construction of super structure in progress.
<b>4. Mechanical Works</b>		
(a) Pumps	6	No sign of any of these items existed on the site. It was informed that orders have been placed.
(b) Diesel Engines	3	
(c) Electric Motors	3.	

The progress of other works that was informed by the State Government:

**I. Power Supply** 17.5 km Site preparation completed as work yet to start.

**II. Rising Main** 7.5 km 3.8 km completed. Details are as under:

- (a) From intake works to the treatment plant for 1.22 km two lines of 18 inches dia pipe are to be laid— nothing has been done as yet.
- (b) From the treatment plant to the main reservoir two lines of 18 inches dia pipe are to be laid for first 3.3 km but only 2.3 km laid and in the next 1 km nothing has been done as yet.
- (c) Then 28 inches dia pipe as a single line is to be laid in a stretch of 2.02 km but nothing has been done as yet for first half a km after that 1.38 Km has been laid then in the next 1.2 km nothing has been done as yet.

I was told that the remaining works on 28 inches dia pipe (i.e. .5 km + 1.2 km) shall be completed by April 2005. While the remaining works on 2.2 km of 18 inches pipe double line will be completed by March 2006.

**III. Feeding Main: (Main Reservoir to Zonal Reservoirs):**

<b>G.I. Pipes:</b>	<b>To be laid</b>	<b>Already laid</b>
80 mm dia -	1100 Rm	-
100 mm dia -	6315 Rm	4800 Rm
125 mm dia -	9577 Rm	6200 Rm
150 mm dia -	8463 Rm	4686 Rm
Total -	18040 Rm	15686 Rm

**IV. D.I. Pipes:**

200 mm dia -	30493 Rm	28655 Rm
250 mm dia -	39758 Rm	28850 Rm
300 mm dia -	4500 Rm	3480 Rm
350 mm dia -	9800 Rm	6300 Rm
Total -	84551 Rm	67285 Rm

**V. Zonal Tanks** 29 Nos. 3Nos.

**VI. Distribution System**

(i) D.I.Pipe (200 mm dia & 250 m dia)	7470 Rm	2490 Rm (Completed)
(ii) G.I.Pipe (20 mm dia – 150 m dia)	1,64,47 Rm	1,36,386 Rm (Completed)
(iii) Supply Tanks	1096 Nos.	155 Nos.

**VII. Booster Pump:**

(a) Durtlang	1 No.	Site preparation completed.
(b) Siphir	1 No.	-do-

**VIII. Main Reservoir at Laipuitlang**                      1 No.                      Completed.

**IX. Security Fencing**                      2025 Rm                      1200 Rm

During the discussion it was informed that the project could be completed for 24 MLD at a cost of around Rs.75 crore up to the Clear Water Reservoir and the Zonal Tanks with the Distribution system leaving aside the areas of Durtlang and Sihphir. It is noteworthy that these areas were originally proposed for water supply through this scheme. Supply of 24 MLD of water through this scheme can be ensured only after all these areas that are supplied water as was originally proposed. The State Government officials were requested to ensure this while completing this project.

The progress of these works was abysmally dismal. The entire project was to be completed by March 2002.

**20/1/2005**

**Visit to the site of Greater Mamit Water Supply scheme**

The basic project information is as under:

Date of approval of Project    :    24<sup>th</sup> July, 2003  
Approved Cost                      :    Rs.576.81 lakh  
Proposed date of Completion:30<sup>th</sup> November 2005.  
Executing Agency                      :    PHE Department of Govt. of Mizoram

I visited the project site and reviewed the progress. During the visit SE, AE and JE in charge of the project were present. Progress as revealed by the site visit was as under:

Nothing as yet has been done at the Water Intake point from the River and the work is yet to be started. Kuchha Road to the intake point has been made.

**The physical progress as reported was as under:**

Sl. No.	Activities/Major Works	Physical Progress	Financial Progress	
			Estimated Amount	Cumulative Expenditure
1	Approach Road	Works are in progress	116.92	51.00
2	Site Development	Completed	2.50	2.50
3	Raw Water Pumping	G.I. Pipes, Fitting, and pipe appurtenances are procured and works are in progress	5.00	2.00
4	Treatment Plant (a) Sedimentation Tanks (b) Rapid Sand Filtration	W/O Issued.	2.91	Nil
		Works in Progress.	2.98	3.00
5	Clear Water Plant		1.38	Nil
6	Pump House	W/O issues, works are in progress.	11.05	Nil
7	Pumps & Machineries	W/O issued. Mobilization Advance 30% paid to the Agency.	89.32	50.00
8	Rising Main	Pipes are transported to site. Jungle clearance for pipe alignment completed, works are in progress.	120.621	79.40
9	Power Supply & Sub-Station	Estimate prepared by P&E Department Mizoram.	49.90	22.00
10	Main Reservoir & Zonal Tanks		8.61	Nil
11	Distribution System (a) Feeding Main (b) Distribution Networks	Pipes under procurement	76.27	Nil
		works are started.	9.07	3.00
12	Buildings	One building complete.	9.07	2.50
13	Security Fencing		9.05	Nil
14	Carriage	Pipes are being transported.	2.68	2.00
15	W/C Establishment (a) Establishment Cost (b) Contingencies Cost		16.02	3.20
			26.70	

From the progress made so far it is doubtful that the project would be completed by the target date. The State Government officers were advised to expedite the progress to complete the works in time.

### **Visit to bamboo processing industry in Sairang:**

Ministry of DONER has supported the project by providing the financial assistance of Rs 4 crore under NLCPR. It is joint venture established by the Government of Mizoram with one private entrepreneur from West Bengal and Taiwanese firm that has supplied machinery for the factory. The factory has not as started production. During my unannounced visit to the site there was no responsible person who could tell me the exactly about the progress. However, as could be gathered from the visual inspection it appeared that major construction work was over and the machinery had also arrived. It was informed by the person present on the site that the factory was likely to start functioning in the month of March 2005.

**Record note of the meeting held to discuss the important development issues related to the state of Tripura**

The Hon'ble Minister DONER chaired the meeting. The list of participants is annexed at **Annex A**. The development issues related to the State were discussed. The State Government made a presentation on these issues. To begin with the Chief Secretary welcomed the Minister DONER. While starting discussion the Hon'ble Minister DONER made opening remarks about the importance of the development of North Eastern Region in general, and Tripura in particular. He emphasized that Government of India was committed to the development of North Eastern Region and stress was being laid on the development of infrastructure both in economic as well as social sectors including education and health. He mentioned that Government of India was aware of Region's isolation and was making all efforts for its development through various schemes/projects. The Minister informed that NEC was now Regional Planning Body and its revitalization was underway.

Chief Secretary made following specific points:

1. Larger number of projects of the State may be retained for detailed techno-economic examination.
2. While scrutinizing the Priority List for retention of projects for funding under NLCPR the State representative may be invited.
3. The DONER has not sanctioned capacity building projects proposed by the State Government. Therefore, there is urgent need for sanction of recommended projects by the State Government.
4. The process of sanction of projects to be funded by NEC may be shortened.
5. Tripura faces geographical isolation; therefore, something should be done to take care of this problem. NEC, now the Regional Planning Body, should address this issue.
6. In anticipation of the final approval/sanction of this project some amount should be sanctioned for medical college so that the State Government may initiate the process for setting up of the college and avail of the forthcoming academic session.
7. The M/o DONER may consider funding the amount needed for preparation of the DPRs.

Hon'ble Chief Minister wanted to know the status of the projects retained from the Priority List 2003-04 and 2004-05. The Joint Secretary, DONER explained the status of the projects as under:

**Projects retained from the Priority List of 2003-04**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	1X21 MW Gas Thermal project {Unit VIII}	Project sanctioned and is already under implementation
1	Para Medical Training Institute, Agartala	Clarifications required on the comments of Ministry of Urban Development are yet to be sent by the State government to the Min. of DONER
2	Medical College in Agartala	Integrated DPR for the up gradation of Hospital and Medical College was as yet to be submitted by the State Government to the Min. of DONER

**Projects retained from the Priority List of 2004-05**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Dhalai District Hospital	DPR under examination in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Urban Development.
2	North District Hospital	Revised DPR awaited from the State Government
3	South District Hospital	
4	Replacement of 10 timber bridges by RCC bridges in West District.	
5	Replacement of 7 timber bridges by RCC bridges in West-South District.	Revised DPR for only two projects received in the Ministry and sent to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for examination. For rest of 23 projects revised DPRs are awaited from the State Government.
6	Replacement of 8 timber bridges by RCC bridges in Dhalai-North District.	
7	Bhavan's Science College	
		The reply on some queries raised by the Ministry of HRD had been requested to from the State Government. They were yet to respond to the clarifications sought.

In addition, briefing about the progress of the rest of the projects, the Joint Secretary DONER requested the State Government to furnish the utilization certificates and completion certificates of the projects for which the entire sanctioned amount had been released. State Government was apprised about these projects as per the **Annex-II**. Simultaneously, the State Government was also requested to utilize Rs.99.87 crore pending utilization and submit utilization certificates for this amount.

Hon'ble Chief Minister made the following requests:

1. Road, Rail, Air and Telecom Communication should be taken care of. Mobile phone not work beyond Agartala and problem even here is in Agartala.
2. Work on Railway line up to Agartala should be expedited. It should be broad gauge and extended up to Subroom.
3. Alternate highway Subroom-Amarpur-Ambassa-Kailashahar-Churanbari-Silchar for Tripura with 4-lane facility should be taken up.
4. Kailashahar and Kamalpur airports should be developed.
5. Issues of North East related to Bangladesh should be taken up in SAARC meeting.
6. Procedures for sanction of projects should be simplified for quicker implementation of projects.
7. Agriculture should be developed. Extension of irrigation facilities of should be resorted to and ground water should be exploited. Innovative system approach should be taken up.
8. Emphasis should be laid on capacity building.

**Projects Completed for which full amount had been released but Utilization Certificates and Completion Certificates were required to be submitted by the state government**

1. Minor Irrigation Schemes.
2. Transmission Schemes-Construction 132/33/iiKV.1x7.5/2.5/5 MVA Sub-station at Gournagar, Kailashahar.
3. Transmission Scheme-Construction of 132 KV transmission line one steel lattice tower from Kailashahar to Dharmanagar, Section-Kailashahar-Kumarghat (17,222 km).
4. Transmission Schemes-Construction of 66/11 KV. 1x10 MVA Sub-station at Subroom, Manubazar.
5. Transmission Schemes-Sector Satchand to subroom (15 Km) on steel tubular pole.
6. Transmission Schemes-Construction of 132 KV transmission line from Agartala to Udaipur via Rokhia on Galvanised Lattice structure.
7. Transmission Schemes-Construction of 132 KV 1x15 Sub-station at Udaipur.
8. Transmission Schemes-Construction of 132 KV transmission line at Kamalpur.
9. Transmission Schemes-Construction of 132/33/11 KV 1x15 MVA sub-station at Ambassa.
10. Replacement of 49 timber bridges by bailey bridges.