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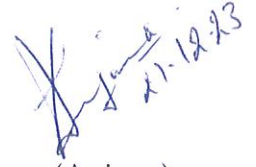
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the 07th Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) meeting held on December 6, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER to consider various project proposals under NESIDS (Roads) due for Selection and Revision- reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) held on December 6, 2023 in hybrid mode under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region to consider various Project proposals under NESIDS (Roads) for Selection & Revision for kind information and appropriate action please.

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Enclosed as above.



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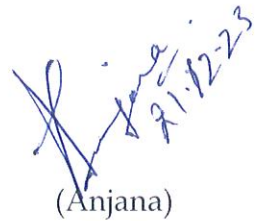
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Minutes of the 07th Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) meeting held on December 6, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER to consider various project proposals under NESIDS (Roads) due for Selection and Revision

The 7th meeting of Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) of NESIDS (Roads) scheme was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (DoNER) on 6th December, 2023 at 01:00 PM in hybrid mode in the Committee Room-245, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi. The list of participants is **annexed**.

2. Welcoming the participants Secretary (DoNER) directed the concerned official in the Ministry made a presentation Agenda-wise. The Agenda-wise deliberations and decisions were taken as follows:

Agenda No I: Confirmation of minutes of the 6th EIMC meeting held on Nov 6, 2023

The minutes of last EIMC meeting held on 6th November 2023 was circulated vide O.M. NEC-11/17/2018-O/o US (NEC) - Part (3) dated 21.11.2023. As no comments had been received, the minutes were treated as confirmed.

Agenda No II: Action taken report on the minutes of the 6th EIMC meeting held on Nov 6, 2023

It was informed that a total of 7 road Project Proposals were selected in 6th EIMC for preparation of DPRs. Also, DPRs of 9 road Projects are yet to be received from States/ NEC against road projects which were selected till 5th EIMC meeting. The State Governments were requested to expedite submission of all pending DPRs of these through special efforts. The list of projects for which DPRs are pending is provided below-:

Sl No	Name of Project	State	Estimated Cost (tentative) (Rs. Crore)
1	Construction of Road from Bogamati to Umananda Via Naobandha and Khagrabari Village (22.95 Km)	Assam	69.82
2	Improvement and strengthening of Mankachar Mahendraganj (Hallidayganj to Jhanjhani) Road (29 Km)	Assam	90.48
3	Construction of Road from NH515 at Lakhi Nepali to Junkareng via Rayang Army camp under 114 Jonai (ST) LAC under Jonai Territorial Road Division (14 Km)	Assam	62.00
4	Improvement and up-gradation of road from Rajagaon to Dalimbari in West Karbi Anglong District (24.36 Km)	Assam	74.53
5	Up-Gradation of road from Mantripantha to Sapok (Charlong village) (18.00 Km)	Manipur	54.00

6	Up-Gradation of road from BRTF road to old Betuk (Myanmar Border) (34.33 Km)	Manipur	85.00
7	Improvement of Road from Kamjong to Phungyar Junction via Bhungpa Khunou (14 Km)	Manipur	40.66
8	Improvement of Road from Bishnupur Chingdong to Khuman cvia Prengba Village, Loukoipat, Bishnupur Awang Leikai, Maning Leikai and Makha Leikai with Construction of RCC Bridge over Thongjaorok River (8 Km)	Manipur	26.40
9	Rehabilitation and Strengthening of a Road from Chokpot to Karukol via warima, Kenegre, Emangre&Nengkong (42.00 Km)	Meghalaya	94.20
10	Up-gradation of road from Khonoma village to NH-29 via Dzudza River (10 Km)	Nagaland	37.01
11	Construction of Road from Old Peren to New Peren (Dc Office) via Chalkot Jn (20 Km)	Nagaland	49.63
12	Improvement of road from Phomching HQ to Longding HQ (Arunachal Pradesh) via Wetting, Longzang, Pukha.(25 Km)	Nagaland	80.00
13	Improvement of road from Coco road Emlomi (Old British Bungalow) to Ghukiye Jn via Kilki Road. (13 Km)	Nagaland	49.40
14	Construction of road from Jalukie B (NH-129A) to New DC complex model township, peren (9 Km)	Nagaland	20.00
15	Construction of Road from Thizama via Kohima bypass Road to proposed Chiethu Airport via Nerhe Model village. (16.5 Km)	Nagaland	30.00
16	Improvement & Strengthening of Road from Burighat to Shermun-II in Tripura (15.86 Km)	Tripura	48.09

Agenda No. III : Consideration of Projects with cost/scope revision.

Revision of Cost			
SN	Name of Project	Remarks	EIMC Recommendation
1	Construction of RCC Bridge No.17/1 over River Dhansiri on Udalguri Bhairabkunda Road, Assam (Bridge-320 M and Approach Road 715 M) (Total Cost -34.70 Cr to 41.75 Cr)	This project was sanctioned for ₹ 34.70 Crore on 15 March 2022 under the scheme of erstwhile NERSDS. The bridge is located on Assam -Arunachal Border.The released amount is ₹28.86cr, and the physical progress is about 80% as on 31 Oct, 2023. Transformation & Development Department Govt of Assam vide Letter dated 24 August 2023, forwarded a Proposal for Revision of	Recommended for approval.

		<p>Cost from Rs 34.70 cr to Rs. 41.75 crore. The upward revision of cost was due to the following reason: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per the tender, the bridge alignment was 40 m downstream of the existing irrigation barrage. • Shifting of the bridge alignment from 40 m downstream of the existing irrigation barrage to 60 m from the earlier proposed alignment was considered necessary after a joint inspection of the site by both State Govts before the commencement of the work (due to an eco-tourism complex of Arunachal Pradesh coming up on the earlier proposed alignment of the Bridge. • Pier heights needed to be increased to facilitate the proposed road along the inter-State border/ Dhansiri river to pass below the bridge. • Change in rate of GST from 12% to 18%. 	
2	<p>Construction of Road from Likwa Gyadi to Gyawepurang, Arunachal Pradesh (10.86 Km) under NESIDS (Roads), (Total cost 22.53 cr to 21.90 cr)</p>	<p>This project was sanctioned for ₹22.53 Crore on 08 March 2019, Under the scheme of NESIDS. The released amount is ₹8.49 cr and the physical progress is about 53%. The proposed revised cost by the State Govt. is ₹21.90cr.</p> <p>Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh submitted the QPR ending March, 2021 in June, 2021 stating that certain scope of works had to be modified as per actual requirement at site and get it technically sanctioned by Chief Engineer.</p> <p>M/o DoNER vide letter dated 13th October,2021 sought clarifications from State Govt. for the changed scope of work without the approval of SLEC/EIMC.</p> <p>Govt. of AP forwarded the proposal for consideration of the change in scope of works vide their letter dated 23 September, 2023 and</p>	<p>Recommended for approval.</p>

		<p>also vide letter dated 17 November, 2023.</p> <p>The change of scope and downward revision in cost was due to the following reason-:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in quantity of breast wall • Reduction in quantity of Retaining wall <p>The committee reviewed the proposal for revision of scope in the light of the above mention points and was of the view that the revised scope of works is justified.</p>	
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Agenda No. IV: Consideration of Projects for DPR approval

SN	Name of Project	Remarks	EIMC Recommendation
1	<p>Widening and Up-gradation of Sangkhola to Zingla Road in Gangtok District, Sikkim (L-16.37 KM) (Total Cost- Rs 80.00 Cr to 49.89cr)</p>	<p>The representatives of the State Government apprised the Committee that it is an existing single lane road and the State proposes to upgrade it to intermediate lane with a formation width of 7.5 m and a carriageway width of 5.5 m.</p> <p>The State Government further confirmed the availability of encumbrance free land, clearance from the Forest Department, non-duplication of the project, etc.</p> <p>This road provides connectivity with the NH-310 and the surrounding area of Martam-Rumtek area of the State. The road also connects the town of Singtam which acts as a gateway to Namchi District in Sikkim.</p> <p>The DPR for the project was submitted to NEC by the Government of Sikkim on 04.08.2023 for their scrutiny and techno-economic vetting. NEC vide its letter dated 24 August, 2023 sought certain clarification from the Government of Sikkim which has already been furnished by the State Government vide their letter dated 22.09.2023.</p>	<p>Next EIMC to consider the estimate as vetted by NEC.</p>

	<p>The proposed cost of the project as per the DPR submitted by the State Government was Rs 80 cr. However, NEC has given techno-economic vetting for Rs 49.83 cr.</p> <p>Representative from Government of Sikkim raised the issue about deduction made by NEC where in NEC had broadly reduced the cost component of protection work and the escalation over SOR 2020.</p> <p>EIMC observed that the NEC would need to quickly review the scope of protection work as per technical requirement and in consultation with PWD Sikkim. Further, the escalation of SOR may be considered as per the cost index over SOR 2020 published by Government Sikkim, if there is any; else latest SOR of Sikkim may be followed.</p>
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Agenda No. V: Consideration of New Projects for selection:

Sl No	Name of Project	Remarks	EIMC Recommendation
Tripura:			
1	Improvement of Road from Jampui (PMGSY Road Point) To Kangrai under Jampui Hill R.D. Block, Tripura (Length-8.62 KM, Total Cost - Rs 20.50Cr)	<p>Representative from the State Government informed that it is an earthen road with brick soling and it is proposed to have a single road carriageway width of 3.75 m. This will provide all weather connectivity to 5 habitations in Dasda and Jampui Hills RD Blocks. At present distance from Kangrai under Dasda RD Block to Jampui Hills via Kanchanpur is 36.00 km. The distance will be reduced for a length of 27.37 km after implementation of the proposed road. The proposed road shall benefit a population of about 1,000.</p> <p>It was informed that the video footage made available by the State Government through NEC showed that the road is a mostly brick</p>	Recommended for selection.

		soled and black topping is not available.	
2	Construction of Road from Kowaifung (Panjirai) Karbook under Julaibari RD Block, Tripura (Length-9.10KM, Total Cost-Rs38.12Cr)	<p>Representatives of State Government informed that the proposed road is partially earthen and partially brick soled. Out of 9.10 km length of the proposed road, 0.70 km is brick soled and rest 8.40 km is earthen track. The proposal is for a single road carriageway of width 3.75 m. The proposed road will provide all weather connectivity to 7 villages namely Birendra Nagar, Srikantabari, Twairuma Kowaifung under Jolaibari RD Block; Lowgang Som, Laxmicherra under Bogafa RD Block; and South Ekcharri, West Karbook under Karbook RD Block. This road will benefit a population of about 20,000.</p> <p>It was informed that the video footage made available by the State Government through NEC showed that the road is mostly brick soled and earthen in many stretches. Black topping is not seen.</p>	Recommended for selection.
3	Construction of Road From Debendra Choudhury Para(Belcherra) to Chankala Bazar under Padmabil R.D.Block, Tripura (Length 13.00 KM, Total Cost - Rs 66.33 Cr)	<p>Representative of State Government informed that the road is partially earthen and partially brick soled with carriage way 2.40 m. The proposal is to upgrade it to an intermediate lane road with carriageway width of 5.50 m. This proposed road will provide all weather connectivity between NH-108(B) & to the BOP. The proposed road will enhance transportation to the nearest economic centers i.e. Ratanpur and Chankhala Bazar.</p> <p>The road will benefit 8 villages with a total population of about 28000.</p> <p>It was informed that the video footage made available by the State Government through NEC showed that the road is in substantially damaged condition and was brick soled in most stretches. State govt also indicated that any stretch of good condition road would be excluded.</p>	Recommended for selection subject to the observation in Column 3.

Remaining Projects of Tripura were not considered by the EIMC due to the exhaustion of balance outlay available for the State of Tripura.

Arunachal Pradesh: A total of 8 projects was proposed by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh for selection. However, from the video footage obtained from the State through NEC, it was seen that the prioritized Projects mostly pass through uninhabited areas and dense forests which may need further consideration as regards their justification regarding coverage of habitations, etc. Secretary, Planning of Arunachal Pradesh stated that the issue would be discussed at appropriate level of the State Government and will be re-submitted accordingly before the next EIMC.

Meghalaya :

SN	Name of Project	Remarks	EIMC Recommendation
4	Construction of Major Bridge of span 75 m i/c immediate approaches over River Umngot on Jongksha-Kharang Diengleng-Nonjrong-Moodymmai-Wahaiajer road, Meghalaya, (Length-75M), Total Cost- Rs 25.00 Cr)	<p>Representatives of the State Government informed that the proposed bridge is a new one and will provide inter District vital connectivity between East Khasi Hills and West Jaintia Hills and finally with the state capital at Shillong via NH -6.</p> <p>When completed, economic activities will improve exponentially for both the districts and most importantly there is potential for eco-tourism as the river Umngot can be explored for adventure sports and other activities. The bridge will benefit 14 village covering about 28000 people.</p> <p>It was informed that the Video footage made available by the State Government through NEC showed that the proposed bridge would provide vital connectivity between East Khasi & West Jaintia Hills District.</p>	Recommended for selection.

The remaining Projects of Meghalaya did not appear to be eligible as per the new NESIDS (Roads) Guidelines and relevant Govt. policy directions in this regards; as the proposed roads seemed to be in a reasonably good condition. State of Meghalaya was advised to submit fresh proposal for construction of new roads or for roads that would require substantial improvement work and not just repair and maintenance, which can be done from State's resources.

Assam

SN	Name of Project	Remarks	EIMC Recommendation
5	Construction of new road from Chowkihola to Tarapung via Borpung (Chowkihola-Arlongwoti road with one major bridge over river Kaliyani) under NESIDS in Barpathar Roads Division for the year of 2023-24, Assam (Length- 50.30KM, Total Cost - Rs 209.16Cr),	Representatives of State Government informed that the existing road is an earthen one and the proposal is to make it into an intermediate lane road carriageway width of 5.50 m and formation width 9.00 m. The road and bridge connect the Sub-Division HQ Bokajan via NH 129; and local tourist destination Tara Aji Falls at Tarapung. It also provides connectivity with economic centre Bokajan. The road will benefit of 18 villages with a population of about 9000 . It was informed that the video footage made available by the State Government through NEC showed that the road is in a very bad condition and would needs new construction and a major bridge over river Kaliyani.	Recommended for selection.

Remaining Projects of Assam were not considered by the EIMC due to exhaustion of balance outlay available for the State of Assam.

Manipur			
SI No	Name of the Project	Remarks	EIMC Recommendation
6	Construction of RCC Bridge at Kengseng Ashang Khullen (KAKA) over Maklang River connecting international border areas of Kamjong Block and Kasom Khullen Block, in Manipur (Length- 50.00 m, Total cost Rs 12.63 crore).	Secretary (NEC) pointed out that the Project was put up in the 3rd EIMC dated 27 March, 2023 for selection. It was informed that in pursuance of the decision of the said EIMC, factual clarification was sought from NEC. NEC has vide No. NEC/T/NESIDS (Roads)/2022 dated 04 December 2023, clarified that there is no existing bridge in the proposed location, and the proposed bridge would be a new construction which would provide connectivity to Kamjong Block and Kasom Khullen Block. Secretary, NEC indicated that it may be selected subject to availability of allocation, if any after	Recommended for selection subject to observation in Column 3.

		finalization of the awarded cost of other road projects already selected/sanctioned under 15th Finance Commission period.	
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3. State wise balance outlay and Liabilities of ongoing NESIDS Road projects is given below:

NESIDS(Roads)* (Amt in Rs. Crore)							
Total Outlay for new sanction : 2718.01							
S.No.	State	Internal Outlay since 01.04.2022	AFS Issued after 01.04.2022	DPR Approved after 01.04.2022	In-Principal Approved after 01.04.2022	Balance of Outlay for new projects	Liabilities of Ongoing Projects
1	Arunachal Pradesh	354.97	157.18	69.35	0	128.44	152.36
2	Assam	755.06	164.93	0	505.99	84.14	199.78
3	Manipur	271.26	72.79	0	206.06	0.00	101.12
4	Meghalaya	292.46	0	0	119.2	173.26	243.36
5	Mizoram	283.22	0	33.19	0	250.03	75.9
6	Nagaland	276.69	0	0	266.04	10.65	252.14
7	Sikkim	177.76	29.82	80	0	67.94	62.04
8	Tripura	306.59	127.90	0	173.04	5.65	101.69
	Total	2718.01	552.62	182.54	1270.33	720.11	1188.39

4. It was requested that, while preparing the DPRs of road Projects, new technologies for road construction should invariably be used as per MoRTH and IRC Guidelines so that the roads have longer durability and protection from rainwater.

5. The committee observed that the progress of expenditure of the ongoing projects has been very slow. States were advised to expedite implementation of the ongoing projects and expenditure the projects and to complete the projects at the earliest. States still having outlay available, were requested to send proposals for remaining outlay for taking up new roads under the Scheme. For taking an informed decision by EIMC, the States were also advised to send geo-referenced videos in future, briefly explaining the condition of the existing roads and indicating the alignment in case of new road proposals, on a pattern similar to that prepared by Tripura and shown during the meeting.

6. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

List of Participants of the Meeting

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3. Dr Vijay Kumar, Planning Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya
4. Shri. Gromyko K. Marak, Secretary, PWD, Govt. of Meghalaya
5. Dr. Sandeep Rathod , Secretary, Health Department, Govt. of Tripura
6. Shri Ashish Bhutani , IAS, Additional CS, Dept. of Agriculture & APC, Govt. of Assam
7. Mr. Udayan Sinha, Add. Secretary, Planning, Govt. of Tripura
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20. Chief Engineer, West Zone, PWD, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
21. Shri Khuman Kalita, Executive Engineer, Jorhat
22. Shri Dhrupad Bora, Assistant Engineer, Govt. of Assam
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