

Minutes of the meeting held on 29th August, 2018 at 5.00 PM at the State Secretariat in Agartala to review the ongoing NEC projects in the state of Tripura

1. A meeting to review the NEC projects in Tripura was held on 29.08.2018 at the State Secretariat in Agartala. Meeting was co-chaired by Secretary, NEC and Chief Secretary Tripura. Sector Heads from the NEC, and Departmental Heads of the Tripura Government were also present.
2. At the outset, Principal Secretary, Tripura welcomed the team from NEC and participants from State Government departments. This was followed by brief self introduction. Chief Secretary, Tripura, in his opening remarks mentioned that there are lot of expectations from NEC.
3. Secretary NEC expressed his appreciation of the good practices of the Government of Tripura and reiterated that it should be emulated by other NE States. Secretary NEC then explained three purposes for which the meeting has been held viz. (i) NEC funding has been considered as 100% Central Grant from 2017-18, (ii) Non-submission of UCs from the States remain a matter of concern as not spending 50% of the allocated amount by September, 2018 may result in Budget cut, and (iii) No new projects to be taken up for implementation from 2017-18 till it is processed for fresh sanction after following laid down institutional mechanism and he also highlighted the details of the new Schemes of the NEC which had been approved by the Cabinet in March 2018. He expressed concern about the non-submission of UCs and briefly mentioned about the status of expenditure of NEC for the current year and stressed that pending UCs need to be submitted immediately in order to enable NEC to release funds to the State.
4. Planning Adviser, NEC made a presentation on the status of NEC projects under implementation in the state. It was informed that there were 19 ongoing NEC projects in the state as on July 2018 out of which 7 were delayed for more than 12 months from the scheduled date of completion. It was also informed that 6 projects costing Rs 46.33 crores had been sanctioned by NEC after March 2017 out of which Rs 13.17 crores had been released to the state.
5. Thereafter, all the ongoing projects were reviewed in detail with a view to clear NEC liabilities where feasible and close non-feasible projects as directed by the EFC while recommending the extension of the Schemes of the NEC beyond March 2017. The State Government has requested to expedite the sanction of the project for setting up of Nursing College at Hapania and also requested to hold PIC meeting at the earliest especially for the six new projects sanctioned during 2017-18. The matter regarding geo-tagging of all NEC ongoing projects was



also discussed and it was decided that the State Government will provide the GPS co-ordinates of the ongoing NEC projects as early as possible.

- **Action: Planning Adviser & Concerned Sectoral Heads**

6. The State Govt. of Tripura requested for revision of cost of some ongoing Power projects in the State due to implication of GST that came into force w.e.f 1st July, 2017. The matter was discussed in detail and it was decided that no revision can be considered as the delay is caused due to late starting of the project.
7. The State Government requested for early release of the balance amount of Rs. 11.76 lakhs incurred for hosting the NITI-NER Forum meeting which was held in Agartala on 10th April, 2018.

- **Action: DS/A**

8. The Chief Secretary, Tripura instructed all the concerned State Departments to submit all pending UCs before **15th September, 2018**. The Project-wise decision on **timeline for submission of Utilization Certificate and completion of the project** is given at Annexure.

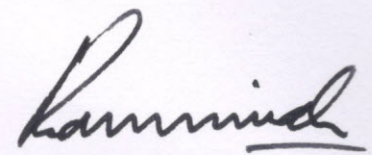
- **Action: All Sectoral Heads**

9. **NERSDS- DPR to be prepared and sent expeditiously to NEC for the project "Improvement and upgradation of road from Hmunpui (NH-44A) to Damcherra (Tripura Mizoram Border) via Hmonchuang"** under North Eastern Road Sector Development Schemes (NERSDS) within 10th September, 2018.

The State PWD of Tripura reported that there was only one respond to the open tender for preparation of DPR for NERSDS roads in Tripura. As per CPWD Manual, single tenderer could not be entertained. They expressed serious apprehension that at this rate NERSDS could not be completed within the stipulated period i.e., March 2020 as effectively only 10 months working season is available (excluding monsoon season). Given the extreme urgency, they requested for restricted tender as per the relevant provisions of CPWD Manual. This was unanimously agreed subject to formal approval of the IMC on NERSDS.

- **Action: Adviser (T&C)**

10. Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.



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Secretary, NEC

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