

**Minutes of the fifth meeting of the National Steering Committee for the North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme held under the Chairmanship of Shri Navin Kumar, Secretary (UD) on 17.06.2011**

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The fifth Meeting of the National Steering Committee (NSC) was held on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Urban Development) at 10:30 AM in the Conference Hall of the Ministry of Urban Development. List of the participants is placed at Annex 'A'.

2. Secretary (UD) welcomed the participants and desired to know the progress of the scheme. Dir (UD) apprised the Committee with the status on action points recommended by the Committee in its last meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2011 and progress of Tranche-I projects was reviewed. Following was decided :

- a. Reform Action Plan (RAP) : Agartala and Shillong had submitted the same.  
Gangtok : PD, SIPMIU, Gangtok stated that the RAP will be submitted to Empowered Committee by 1<sup>st</sup> week of July,11 and submitted to MoUD by 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2011.  
Kohima : PD, SIPMIU, Kohima submitted that IDC is under recruitment and once IDC is in place, RAP will be prepared. Secretary (UD) asked PMMC to support the SIPMIU in preparation of RAP for which they would be on site in Kohima for a fortnight. The RAP would be submitted to MoUD by end July,2011.  
Aizawl : PD, SIPMIU, Aizawl stated that IDC has joined and is working on RAP. On 29<sup>th</sup> June'11, the State Govt. will be apprised with the plan and it will be submitted to MoUD by 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2011.
- b. Shillong : PD, SIPMIU, Shillong informed that under SWM project of Tranche-I the contract for closing the land-fill site was ready for award but is held up for want of clearance for cutting of trees from Forest Department. It was decided that this issue may be taken up by the State Govt. at Chief Secretary level with the Forset Department.
- c. Gangtok : PD, SIPMIU, Gangtok informed that under water supply project of Tranche-I financial bids had been evaluated and report is being submitted to Empowered Committee for approval which was expected by 1<sup>st</sup> week of July'11. He informed that the contract is expected to be awarded by end August, 2011
- d. Kohima : PD, SIPMIU, Kohima informed that under water supply project of Tranche-I financial bids for WS project will be opened on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2011 and will then be evaluated within 10 days. Contract is expected to be awarded by end July, 2011 after obtaining approval of the State Empowered Committee. Regarding SWM project, he informed that the award of contract is held up for want of environmental clearance from SEIA. The clearance was held up for nearly an year. It was decided that this issue should be taken up by the State Govt. at Chief Secretary level with the SEIA.
- e. Aizawl : PD, SIPMIU, Aizawl informed that under water supply project of Tranche-I the remaining 3 reservoirs will be completed by end Nov'11 and installation of water meters by end Feb'12.

3. Regarding Tranche-II projects and other issues, the National Steering Committee of the NERUDP decided that :

**A. Projects to be included in PFR-2:**

The issue relating to preparation of PFR for Tranche-II was discussed at length. It was reiterated by the Secretary UD that in view of the heavy commitment charge payable to ADB within two months of signing of the loan agreement, it is important that only those projects be included in the PFR-2 which meet the GoI guidelines on readiness of projects. It was agreed to include the following projects in PFR-2.

1. **Agartala** : Water supply project consisting of construction of reservoirs, treatment plants and rising mains, installation of water meters, and distribution system for South Zone only for which DPR has been submitted to MoUD for review.
2. **Aizawl** :
  - a. Recruitment of IDC consultants
  - b. Water Supply project consisting of distribution network, construction of zonal tanks, and installation of bulk water meters to be included if final DPR is received by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011
  - c. Sewerage project consisting of sewerage network, community toilets, and equipments subject to usage of RCC pipes in trunk/ main lines instead of proposed HDPE pipes and if final DPR is received by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011
  - d. SWM project consisting of development of land-fill site, equipment for transportation and waste collection. Entire project to be taken in Tranche-III
3. **Gangtok** :
  - a. Recruitment of IDC consultants
  - b. Water Supply project consisting of extension of distribution system and construction of 7 reservoirs in areas not covered in Tranche-I. To be included if issue regarding use of design software is decided and final DPR submitted by end June'11
  - c. SWM project consisting of development of land-fill site, equipment for transportation and waste collection to be included if consent to cut trees from land-fill site is obtained and final DPR submitted by end June,11.
4. **Kohima** :
  - a. Recruitment of IDC consultants
  - b. Water Supply project consisting of distribution network and bulk water meters. To be included if issue regarding use of design software is decided and final DPR submitted by end June'11
5. **Shillong** : Component of SWM project consisting of equipment for transportation and waste collection to be included. Approach road etc. to be included in Tranche-III with development of land-fill site. The O&M cost included would have to be borne by the State Govt. as NERUDP budget did not have provision for O&M.

**B. Unsuccessful Bids**

State may use Force Account and get the works executed by the Govt. Department/ Agency if bidding is unsuccessful in first attempt itself since one cycle of contract award takes 8-10 months.

**C. Non-starter Projects**

Projects where project initiation gets held up for more than 18 months due to delay in obtaining statutory clearances or any other reasons would be dropped from NERUDP.

**D. Delays in contract approvals**

Time lines framed by PMMC, MoUD should be adhered to.

**E. Involvement of PHED**

Since PHED is an important stake holder in all the water and sewerage projects, its association at senior level is necessary with SIPMIU for implementation of the projects. The State Authorities should initiate action in this regard wherever there were water supply and sewerage projects under NERUDP

**F. Audit of Accounts**

PD, SIPMIUs of Aizawl, Shillong, Gangtok and Agartala informed that they had submitted accounts to their respective AGs. Kohima is getting internal audit done and will submit on completion of the same. SIPMIUs were asked to send to MoUD copy of the documents submitted to the AGs so that consolidated accounts could be prepared for audit by CAG.

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**List of Participants – 17.06.2011**

1. Shri Navin Kumar, Secretary, MoUD
2. Ms. Nisha Singh, Jt. Secretary, MoUD
3. Ms Jaysheela, Advisor (HUD), Planning Commission
4. Shri Rakesh Ranjan, Director, Planning Commission
5. Shri RS Ahlawat, Economic Advisor, MoEF
6. Shri JB Kshirsagar, Chief Planner, TCPO, MoUD
7. Shri Dinesh Chand, Jt. Advisor, CPHEEO, MoUD
8. Shri K. Kholie, Secretary, UD&H, Arunachal Pradesh
9. Shri M. Gojendra, Secretary, PDA, Manipur
10. Shri Ashutosh Joshi, Director, UD, MoUD
11. Shri VK Chaurasia, Dy. Advisor, CPHEEO, MoUD
12. Shri Moti Lal, Director (Budget), MoUD
13. Shri Ramesh Chandra, Director (Works), CPWD, MoUD
14. Shri BB Thakur, CPWD, MoUD
15. Shri K. Ramachandran, Dy. FA, MoUD
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17. Shri Vabuanga, PD, SIPMIU, Mizoram
18. Shri B. Dutta, PD, SIPMIU, Meghalaya
19. Shri. K. Haralu, PD, SIPMIU, Nagaland
20. Shri. JD Bhutia, PD, SIPMIU, Sikkim
21. Shri. RK Majumder, PD, SIPMIU, Tripura
22. Shri T. Lyngwa, OSD, UA, Meghalaya
23. Shri BK Panda, UA, Meghalaya
24. Smt. Anjali Goswami, T&CP, UDD, Assam
25. Shri N. Gitkumar Singh, Chief Town Planner & Director (UD), Manipur
26. Shri S. Dhanabir Singh, SE, IFCD, Manipur
27. Shri Kunjumon, Chief, UD
28. Shri TB Gurung, Chief Engineer, PHED, Sikkim
29. Shri D. Dadiyal, SE (UDHD), Sikkim
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