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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the 11th meeting of the National Steering Committee for the North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme held on 24.06.2013 in New Delhi.

A copy of the minutes of the 11th meeting of the National Steering Committee for the North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme held under the chairmanship of Secretary (UD) on 24th June 2013 in New Delhi is enclosed for information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.

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To

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2. Joint Secretary (UD), MoUD
3. Joint Secretary & Mission Director, JNNURM
4. Joint Secretary & FA, MoUD
5. Economic Advisor, MoUD
6. Joint Secretary (MI), DEA
7. Joint Secretary (IC), MoDONER
8. Adviser(HUD), Planning Commission
9. Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Expenditure
10. Joint Secretary, M/o Environment & Forest
11. Principal Secretary, UDD, Meghalaya
12. Principal Secretary, UD&FA, Mizoram
13. Secretary, Urban Development, Nagaland
14. Secretary, Urban Development & Housing, Sikkim
15. Principal Secretary, Urban Development, Tripura
16. Director (LSG/PHED), MoUD
17. Director (UD), MoUD
18. Director (Budget), MoUD
19. Adviser, CPHEEO, M/o UD
20. Chief Planner, TCPO, M/o UD, New Delhi
21. Project Directors, SIPMIU
22. Project Officer, ADB

Copy to the Sr. PPS to Secretary (UD)

SECTION OFFICER

**Minutes of the 11th meeting of the National Steering Committee of NERUDP held on
24th June, 2013**

The National Steering Committee of the NERUDP met on 24th June, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Urban Development) to review the physical and financial progress of the project and suggest measures to improve performance. The list of participants is placed at Annex – I.

The Secretary (UD) welcomed the participants. JS (UD) reiterated that the MoUD is a central executing agency for this programme and project should be steered by MoUD only. Secretary (UD) desired that ADB be asked not to entertain any request directly from the Project Directors. Project Directors may restrain themselves from corresponding with ADB directly.

Director (UD) gave a presentation apprising the committee of the progress of execution of projects under Tranche-I and status of contracts and commencement of projects under Tranche-II.

The Secretary (UD) appreciated the progress made under the project and on implementation of reforms. However, he advised the States to implement the reforms action plan formulated by the SIPMIUs. He also desired that SIPMIUs should report on extent of improvement in collection of user charges and property tax on account of execution of these reforms.

Following action points were suggested by the Committee after deliberation on various issues.

1. Augmentation of water supply by digging bore wells need be discouraged and States should come up with alternative schemes to use surface water instead.
2. SIPMIUs were advised to include plan for re-cycling and reuse of waste water in the sewerage projects under implementation and in future DPRs as well. Discharge of water into rivers and streams from treatment plants should strictly comply with the prescribed standards. It must also be ensured that raw waste water is not discharged into water courses.

3. Regarding disposal of solid waste, it should be ensured to recycle 85-90% of waste. Even remaining 10-15% could also be converted into usable items by exploring technologies developed in this field.
4. Regarding difficulty faced in disposal of compost, States may contact organizations like IFFCO, KRIBHCO, etc. who are marketing organic manure also.
5. Stress should be laid on e-tendering for transparency, better competition, and reasonable bids. This would also reduce advertising costs.
6. States should use JNNURM window for infrastructure development and capacity development projects instead of relying on loan based schemes as JNNURM Scheme is available for such projects for the notified towns on first come first serve basis and there is no city-wise/state-wise allocation.
7. Kohima: State may like to explore the feasibility of installing synthetic water tanks instead of RCC/Steel tanks where space was a constraint. The Secretary (UD), Nagaland, informed that problem of location was being faced in respect of one water tank. Considering that water is a public utility, he was advised to seek intervention of the Chief Secretary. Regarding delay in transfer of funds into project accounts, State UD Secretary was advised to take up the issue with the Chief Secretary and Finance Secretary.
8. Aizawl: a water reservoir collapsed due to seepage resulting in damage to property and life. The State requested to include its reconstruction in Tranche-II as it is an urgent requirement and is estimated to cost Rs 1.6 core. He was advised to submit scope variation proposal for consideration by MoUD and ADB. Also, performance guarantee against seepage must be included in the contract.
9. Gangtok: provision for feeder mains was requested for inclusion in Tranche-II. This requirement has come up after the damage caused by earthquake and hence was not a part of DPR for Tranche-II WS project. SIPMIU was advised to submit scope variation proposal, with clearly demarcated area to avoid overlapping with other schemes, for consideration by MoUD and ADB.
10. JA (PHE), CPHEEO, may prepare a database on community toilets in the country.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair and the participants.

List of Participants – 24.06.2013

1. Dr. Sudhir Krishna, Secretary, MoUD
2. Dr. Ashok Singhvi, Jt. Secretary, MoUD
3. Shri P Naik, Pr. Secretary, UDD, Meghalaya
4. Shri RL Rinawma, Pr. Secretary, UD&PA, Mizoram
5. Shri Mhonbemo Patton, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, UDD, Nagaland
6. Shri Parmod Kumar, Director, UD, MoUD
7. Shri VK Chaurasia, Jt. Adv., CPHEEO, MoUD
8. Shri Ashok Kumar, DIGF (SU), MoEF
9. Shri Sudeep Roy, ATCP, TCPO
10. Shri KK Mahawar, DS(F), MoUD
11. Shri Valbuanga, PD, SIPMIU, Mizoram
12. Shri B Dutta, PD, SIPMIU, Meghalaya
13. Shri BK Panda, Director, UDD, Meghalaya
14. Shri JD Bhutia, PD, SIPMIU, Sikkim
15. Shri RK Majumder, PD, SIPMIU, Tripura
16. Shri Khupi Natso, Addl. PD, SIPMIU, Nagaland
17. Shri Thomas Thailu, Nodal Officer, Nagaland House
18. Shri KC Lalawmpuia, Proc Engr., SIPMIU, Mizoram
19. Ms Lalrinliani, Sr. Accounts Officer, SIPMIU, Mizoram
20. Shri Abhishek Biswas, SO, NERUDP, MoUD
21. Shri Yogesh Goel, Consultant (Admn. & Fin), NERUDP, MoUD
22. Shri P Kapur, Team Leader, PMMC, MoUD