

Annual Administrative Report of NEC Cell, Planning and Development
Department for the year, 2015-16.

NEC Cell, P&D Deptt.

The North Eastern Council (NEC) was constituted in August 1972 as an Advisory body under NEC Act. No. 84 of the parliament in 1971. The NEC was restructured under the NEC Amendment act. 2002 as a "Regional Planning body". The NEC comprises 8 nos. of states namely Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. The main objective of the Council is to ensure the balanced and integrated economic development of the North Eastern parts of the country. The NEC has funded for the schemes of vital sectors like Transport and Communication, Water Resources, Power, Health and FW, Agriculture, Industries & Commerce, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary etc. of the NE states with funding pattern of 90% grants from NEC and 10% loan to be borne by state govt. In addition NEC also provides fund to various organizations for works/schemes beneficial to the region. The NEC co-ordinate and prepare the integrated plan to meet the basic infrastructure requirement, mainly for the interest of the region.

The Planning & Development department is nodal department for Assam. NEC is generally funding projects for infrastructure development having regional character. NEC Cell of P&D department is working as a coordinating Deptt. the Cell invites proposals from various Deptt's for onward submission to NEC. After receipt of it the Deptt. scrutinises these and send the eligible scheme to NEC for funding. After according Administrative Approval of the projects, NEC releases fund on 40:40:20 basis generally on 90:10 basis (90% NEC's grant share and 10% state share to be borne by State Govt.) After getting U/C of 1st installment, through P&D Deptt. NEC releases subsequent installments.

Chief Secretary or head of the P&D Department hold meeting to review the progress of implementation of on going projects at least once in a year. A representative from NEC also invited to attend such meeting. NEC also review of such project with state Govt. officials through periodical review meetings with P&D and line Deptt's. From 2015-16 an Executive Committee is also formed and the Chief Secretary, Assam is also a member. The 1st Executive Committee meeting was held in New Delhi on 06-10-2015 and the Addl. Chief Secretary, P&D Deptt. attend the meeting.

Staffing Pattern:

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1. Chief of Division :- Sri Dilip Sarma
 2. S.R.O Research Officer :- Smti Minati Sharma (Service Placed from PC Division)
 3. Research Officer :- Smti. Mitra Goswami
 4. Assistant Research Officer:-Vacant

5. Research Assistant:- 1) Ms. Sameera Mazumdar, (Service Place from Man Power Divn.) .
2) Sri Diganta Baruah.
5. Junior Administrative Assistant:- Sri Arup Saikia, attached to Addl. Chief Secretary, P&D Deptt.
8. Computer :- Sri Apurba Deka, (Service Placed from PP Division).
9. Sr. Typist-Smti. Ila Mitra Roy
10. Peon-Sri. Biren Ch. Boro
11. Peon- Sri Khargeswar Baishya.

FUNCTION.

1. Scrutinize the Five Year Plan as well as Annual Plan concept paper of proposals submitted by different departments and recommended the selected proposal to NEC, Shillong for funding with the approval of the state government.
2. Scrutinize the DPR (Detailed Project Report) of the projects retained by NEC. and forward the same to NEC .
3. Compilation of the QPR (quarterly progress report) showing physical and financial progress of NEC schemes under implementation and to forward the same to NEC, Shillong and Govt. of India.
4. To arrange review meeting with different departments from time to time to assess the progress of the schemes implemented under NEC.
5. Preparation of speech for the Hon'ble Chief Minister in connection with the Councils Meeting (to be held at least twice a year) and to initiate follow up action as per decision of such meetings.
6. In the NEC –PAC (Project Appraisal Committee) meeting representative from P&D Department need to be attended the meeting.
7. Officials from P&D Department also attend the Advisory Board meeting of TEDF (Techno Economic Development Fund) meeting held once in a year.
6. The ADB was approached for Assistance in the effort to improve the conditions of some of the most trafficked State Highways and district Roads in various States in the NER under North Eastern State Road Investment Programme (NESRIP). Assam is also one of the NE States considered under this programme. MDoNER is the executing agency and is responsible for overall co-ordination with ADB and NEC Cell of P & D Deptt. is responsible for co-ordination with mainly PWD and other relevant departments. The following roads of Assam are included under the programme under Trans-I and Trans-II.

Trans-I

1. Kalitakuchi to Barpeta

2. Fakiragram to Bilasipara

Trans-II

1. Tamulpur to Paneri.
2. Paneri to Udalguri.
3. Major Bridges.

7. Rs. 500 crore special package announced by Union Finance Minister in his budget speech 2008-2009 for funding under Social Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF). Total amount earmarked for Assam Rs.104 crore. Eight projects approved under this package and four projects have been completed. NEC Cell of P & D Deptt. co-ordinate with MDoNER for releasing of fund to implementing department and for submission of Utilization Certificate etc.

6. Compile the following reports:

- a) Position of submission of utilization certificate by the concerned Department.
- b) Position of release of fund by NEC as well as State Finance Departments.
- c) Status of the proposals submitted to NEC under Annual Plan/Five year plan.
- d) Preparation of budget estimate for submission to state finance (budget) department for making necessary budget provision in the state budget of relevant year.
- e) Other reports as required by MDoNER and NEC etc. from the time to time.
- f) Scrutinize various proposals for financial assistance under different NEC programmes submitted by Autonomous Bodies/Trust/NGO/Industrial Units etc.