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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**SUB. Guidelines for release of funds under BTC Package**

 The undersigned is directed to say that a Memorandum of Settlement (MOS) was signed between Government of India, Government of Assam and Bodo Liberation Tigers (BLT) on 10-2-2003. The Memorandum of settlement (MOS) includes, inter-alia, additional financial assistance of Rs. 100 crore for five years for projects to develop the socio-economic infrastructure in Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC). In this connection, Para 10.2 of the Memorandum of Settlement (MOS) reads as under :

 “In order to accelerate the development of the region and to meet the aspirations of people, Govt. of India will provide financial assistance of Rs.100 crore per annum for 5 years for projects to develop the socio-economic Infrastructure in Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) areas over and above the normal plan assistance to the State of Assam. The size of the Corpus will be reviewed after a period of 5 years. Suitable mechanism will be built in the system to ensure that the funds are transferred to BTC in time and at regular intervals.”

2. The Ministry of DONER has been allocated a sum of Rs. 100 crore in 2004-2005 for funding such projects. In order to expedite release of funds for the BTC projects, the Ministry of DONER has, after careful consideration, finalized the following guidelines to process such cases. These guidelines will come into force with immediate effect.

1. The BTC will prepare an annual list of priority projects within the overall framework of

Memorandum of Settlement (MOS) and Master Plan for BTC area for balanced socio-economic infrastructure development across sectors and will submit the same to the Ministry of DONER through the Govt. of Assam by 30th November.

1. Govt. of Assam will prepare and submit Concept Papers for these projects which will

 include details of major components of projects and the benefits that will accrue from

 these projects. This will also include the estimated cost of the project.

1. The NLCPR Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DONER will consider

 these projects in the overall context of the Accord and recommend the retention of

 projects for sanction.

1. After the Committee’s recommendations are approved by the Minister, DONER 50%

 of the cost as indicated by the Govt. of Assam will be released as advance in lump-

 sum.

1. The Govt. of Assam/BTC will prepare Detailed Project Reports and cost estimates for

 each of the retained projects and will have a techno-economic examination done by a

 competent technical authority.

1. The State Govt. will constitute a Standing Committee under the Chairmanship of the

 Chief Secretary , Assam with the following members:

 1.Commissioner/Secretary, Planning,

 2.Commissioner/Secretary, Finance,

 3.Commissioner/Secretary, BTC,

 4. Commissioner/Secretary to Chief Minister,

 5.Commissioner/Secretary of the Deptt. concerned with the project

 as a special invite.

The Committee will co-opt any other officer/representative of Govt. to assist the Committee. The Standing Committee will consider DPRs along with the comments/ reports of the competent authority regarding the techno-economic examination of the project.

1. The Standing Committee while approving the DPR will firm up of the cost of project. A copy of the DPR, along with a copy of a techno-economic analysis and the recommendation of the Standing Committee will be sent to the Ministry DONER.
2. The Standing Committee will also decide the implementing agency and fix time limits

for the implementation of the project with special reference to the time limits fixed for

various stages of implementation.

 9. After 75% of the released amount of the first installment is utilized, BTC through

 Govt. of Assam will send a proposal to DONER with relevant UCs, DPRs (on the

proforma already prescribed for NLCPR projects) and photographs of completed

works ( depleting mandatory NLCPR signboards) for the release of balance 50% or

 the balance amount of the approved project cost.

 10. The Standing Committee will monitor , review and evaluate the progress of

 implementation periodically. The Standing Committee will ensure that the

 completion report of the project is sent to the Ministry of DONER immediately after

 the implementation of the project.

1. The BTC/Govt. of Assam will ensure timely implementation/completion of projects

 in accordance with the approved cost and no revision/escalation in the project cost

 will be entertained.

1. The work of preparation of DPRs, their techno-economic examination and their

 approval by the Standing Committee will be completed within a period of 3 to 4

 months.

Sd/-

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