

Minutes of the Meeting of the High Power Project Monitoring Committee held on 11th July, 2008 at 2:00 PM at Meghalaya Secretariat Conference Room under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Planning to review and monitor the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) Projects financed by NABARD.

List of Officers present – As at Annexure-A.

The Meeting was presided over by Shri Barkos Warjri, I.A.S., Principal Secretary Planning Department who welcomed the members and officials present in the meeting.

1. In his opening speech, the Principal Secretary welcomed Shri Arvind Mohan, on his assumption of charge as General Manager, NABARD, Regional Office, Shillong and sought his co-operation in ensuring smooth flow of NABARD's funds to the State for taking up infrastructural projects. He then invited Commissioner & Secretary, Planning to initiate the discussion.

2. Dr. Shreeranjana, I.A.S., Commissioner & Secretary, Planning mentioned that the meeting has been convened to review the progress of projects taken up under RIDF-VI to RIDF-XIII in different Departments. He stressed that implementation of the projects under RIDF's needs to be geared up by the implementing Department especially P.W.D. to ensure strict adherence to the Time Schedule for completion of the projects, otherwise, the very purpose of availing of the loan would be defeated. He further emphasized that the Departments should immediately submit claims to NABARD in respect of expenditure incurred so as to ensure steady flow of funds and to submit Project Completion Reports (PCRs) in respect of completed projects.

3. Shri Arvind Mohan, in his speech assured that NABARD would ensure smooth flow of funds for implementation of sanctioned RIDF projects. He informed that upto 30th June, 2008 since inception, 410 projects were sanctioned totalling Rs. 25842.77 lakhs and amount availed was Rs. 16013.75 lakhs. It was further informed that the period of completion of RIDF-VIII, and RIDF-IX have been extended upto September, 2008 and December, 2008 respectively. Further, phasing of RIDF-XI has been extended to March, 2009. The General Manager also informed the Committee that the present rate of interest is 6.5 p.c.

Tranche-wise outstanding issues as per discussion was then taken up as follows:-

4. **RIDF-VI:- (NABARD agreed during the year 2001-2002, closed on 31-03-2007).**

P.W.D.(R&B):- Chief Engineer, P.W.D.(R) stated that out of 47 (forty seven) projects, 44 (forty four) have been completed and 2 schemes have not been accorded A/A and 1(one) work is under progress.

5. **RIDF-VII:- (Agreed by NABARD during 2001-2002, closed on 31-03-2007).**

P.W.D. (R&B):- Altogether 26 (twenty six) projects have been agreed by NABARD during the year 2001-2002 at a cost of Rs.1755.47 lakhs. Out of 26 projects, 20 (twenty) had been completed, 4 (four) are in progress and 2 (two) A/A had not been accorded. It was decided that the remaining projects should be completed by September, 2008.

(Action Secretary P.W.D. (R&B)/ Chief Engineer P.W.D.(Roads).

6. RIDF-VIII:- (Agreed by NABARD on July, 2002, Period of Completion extended upto September, 2008).

P.W.D. (R&B):- Altogether 21 (twenty one) projects were agreed under this tranche at a total cost of Rs1839.32 lakhs. Out of which 12 (twelve) had been completed, 7 (seven) works is in progress and 2 (two) projects for which A/A had not been accorded. It was agreed that the P.W.D (R&B) will complete the remaining schemes by September, 2008. **(The full details of the schemes is at Annexure-I).**

Action Secretary P.W.D.(R&B)/ Chief Engineer P.W.D.(Roads)

7. RIDF-IX:- (NABARD agreed during the year 2003-2004, Period of Completion extended to 31-12-2008).

(a) P.W.D.:- Under this tranche, 4 (four) Rural bridges were taken up at a cost of Rs927.98 lakhs. Out of which 2 (two) projects have been completed and another 2 (two) projects, works is in progress.

(Details is at Annexure-II)

(b) Agriculture:- 2 (two) Rural Regulated markets one each at Garobadha and another at Mawiong at a cost of Rs63.90 lakhs was agreed by NABARD during the month of August, 2003. The officials of the Department informed the Committee that the above projects have been de-sanctioned. The Committee directed Agriculture Deptt. to furnish a copy of the same to Planning/ Finance Departments for further action.

(Action Agriculture Department/ Directorate of Agriculture)

8. RIDF-XI:- (NABARD agreed during the month of February/ March, 2006. Period of completion extended to 31st March, 2009).

(a)P.W.D.:- NABARD has agreed for financing of 28 (twenty eight) rural bridge projects at a cost of Rs2558.33 lakhs. The P.W.D. officials stated the above projects are under implementation and progress of achievements varies from 5 p.c. to 80 p.c. **(Details is at Annexure-III).**

(b) Minor Irrigation Projects:- 7 (seven) Minor Irrigation projects at a cost of Rs644.76 lakhs was agreed by NABARD during the month of February, 2006. Chief Engineer (I) stated that so far out of 7 projects, 2 had been completed and the percentage of physical achievements varies from 40 p.c. to 96 p.c. He assured the Committee that the projects would be completed by September, 2008. **(The full details is at Annexure-IV).**

9. RIDF-XII:-(NABARD agreed during the month of November, 2006. Period of completion-31st March, 2009).

(a) P.W.D. :- 12 (twelve) rural bridges were agreed by NABARD during 2006-2007 at a cost of Rs1976.20 lakhs. The above projects are under implementation **(The Detailed picture of the scheme is at Annexure-V).**

(b) Minor Irrigation:- During the year 2006 NABARD had agreed to finance 14(fourteen) Minor Irrigation projects at a cost of Rs1220.08 lakhs. According to the Progress Report, an expenditure of Rs189.36 lakhs has been incurred against the schemes and physical achievements varies from 5 to 60 p.c. On being asked, Chief Engineer (Irrigation) stated that there is no problem in implementation of the schemes **(Detailed particulars of the schemes is at Annexure-VI).**

10. RIDF-XIII:- NABARD agreed during the month of October, 2007. Period of Completion-31st March, 2009).

(a) Soil & Water Conservation:- During the month of October, 2007, NABARD had agreed to finance 7(seven) River Valley Projects at a cost of Rs719.30 lakhs. The above projects are under implementation and expenditure upto March, 2008 was Rs210.00 lakhs. The Director of Soil & Water informed that the above projects will be completed by the year 2010 because it will take 2/3 years to complete such types of projects. Soil & Water Conservation Department was asked to expedite works so as to complete in 2 years. A discussion was also made in connection with commercial crops. **(The detailed picture of the scheme is at Annexure-VII).**

(b) P.W.D.:- During March, 2008 NABARD had agreed to fund 80 (eighty) ongoing rural road projects at a cost of Rs5907.33 lakhs. Out of which Rs3997.71 lakhs is a loan. Expenditure incurred by the State Govt. against the above schemes upto March, 2007 was Rs1751.86 lakhs. Chief engineer P.W.D (Roads) informed the Committee that out of 80 projects, 13 had been completed and physical achievements in respect of remaining projects varies from 70 to 91 p.c. It was decided that these should be completed latest by March, 2009. Principal Secretary P.W.D.(R&B) was of the view that long term schemes should not be taken up/sanctioned under NABARD Loan. **(Detailed particulars is at Annexure-VIII).**

(c) Public Health Engineering:- NABARD has approved an amount of Rs1509.28lakhs for implementation of 29(twenty nine) ongoing Rural Drinking Water Supply schemes out of which Rs967.57 lakhs is a Loan and Rs24.80 lakhs is to be contributed by the State Govt. Upto March, 2007, the State Govt. has already incurred an expenditure of Rs516.91 lakhs for the above projects. Out of 29 projects, the Deptt. has completed 11 projects and the remaining projects physical achievements varies from 72 to 95 p.c. Chief Engineer P.H.E. was asked to submit Quarterly Progress Report for the quarter ending March, 2008 to Finance (E.A.) Deptt. for further action at their end. It was also decided that all schemes should be completed by December, 2008. P.H.E. also requested that some additional schemes (on-going) may be considered for completion under NABARD loan. **(The detailed picture of the schemes is at Annexure-IX).**

(Action:- P.H.E. Deptt. / Chief Engineer P.H.E.)

(d) Health Department:- The State Govt. during the month of March, 2008 have proposed 8 (eight) on-going Health projects at an estimated amount of Rs667.236 lakhs for which physical achievements is 70 p.c. and above for kind consideration of funding under RIDF-XIII. Since the time for RIDF-XIII is already over by 31st March, 2008 the State Govt. have requested NABARD to consider for funding of those Health Sector projects submitted earlier under RIDF-XIV and an amount of Rs4.28crores is needed during the current year for the above projects as stated by Commissioner & Secretary Health.

(Action: NABARD Shillong).

(e) A. H. & Vety. Department:- Commissioner & Secretary A. H. & Vety. informed that the NABCONS have come up with a Detailed Project Reports (DPR) for setting up a “Slaughtering house at Shillong” and an amount of Rs10.16 crores is needed for the purpose.

The Department is requested to examine the matter in the light of Govt. of India, Ministry of Food Processing Industries regarding Central Assistance @ 50 p.c. subject to a maximum of Rs15.00crores for modernisation of Abattoirs during the 11th Plan as sent by Planning Deptt's letter No. PLR.94/2007/6 dt. 9th August, 2007. Department may also examine setting up smaller units in Tura & Jowai also.

(Action:- A. H. & Vety. Department)

Miscellaneous Items:- NABARD officials informed the Committee that one day workshop for Government officials and Line Department on RIDF one each for East Khasi Hills and Garo Hills will be held at Shillong and Tura during the month of August, 2008.

They also requested the State Govt. to furnish the consent of the Government of India under Article 293 (3) of the Constitution of India to State Government for availing negotiated loans from NABARD during the current year (2008-2009). Joint Secretary Finance (E.A.) Deptt. stated that action in this regard is being taken up with the Govt. of India.

The break up of the Loan Component of Annual Plan 2008-2009 is Rs3000.00 lakhs. Detail of which is indicated below:-

| Rs in lakhs | | | |
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| Sl. No. | Name of Sector | Approved Outlay | NABARD LOAN |
| 1. | Soil & Water Conservation | 3075.00 | 200.00 |
| 2. | A. H. & Vety. | 1750.00 | 100.00 |
| 3. | Minor Irrigation | 3700.00 | 200.00 |
| 4. | Roads & Bridges | 16232.00 | 2500.00 |
| | Total | 24757.00 | 3000.00 |

However, further consideration of need and requirements would be examined on due course.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks from the Chair.

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[Barkos Warjri, I.A.S.]
Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Planning Department.

‘ANNEXURE – A’

OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JULY, 2008 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE MEGHALAYA SECRETARIAT CONFERENCE HALL IN CONNECTION WITH THE HIGH POWER PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE ON SCHEMES / PROJECTS TAKEN UP WITH NABARD LOAN.

| Sl. No. | Name of Officers | Designation |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. | Shri P.B.O. Warjri, I.A.S. | Principal Secretary, Planning Department |
| 2. | Shri Anup K. Thakur, I.A.S. | Principal Secretary, P.W.D.(R&B) |
| 3. | Dr. Shreeranjana, I.A.S. | Commissioner & Secretary, Planning Department |
| 4. | Shri P. Naik, I.A.S. | Commissioner & Secretary, A.H. & Vety. Department |
| 5. | Shri H.B. Dkhar | Secretary, Planning |
| 6. | Shri Arvind Mohan | General Manager NABARD, Shillong |
| 7. | Smti. D.T. Kharshiiing | Joint Secretary, Finance (E.A.) Department |
| 8. | Shri I.R. Gatphoh | Joint Secretary, P.W.D. |
| 9. | Shri P.S. Lyngdoh | Chief Engineer (Irrigation) |
| 10. | Shri B. Sohmat | Director of Agriculture |
| 11. | Shri K.C. Momin | Director, Soil & Water Conservation |
| 12. | Shri T. G. Abraham | Chief Engineer, P. H. E. |
| 13. | Shri P.S.G. Lyngdoh | Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Roads) |
| 14. | Smti. C. Langstieh | Dy. Secretary, Planning Department |
| 15. | Shri A. Syeim | Addl. Director, Soil & Water Conservation |
| 16. | Shri P.K. Bordoloi | Joint Director of Horticulture |
| 17. | Smti. M. Dkhar | S.R.O., Finance (E.A.) |
| 18. | Dr. E. Bareh | Dy. Director (Pl), A.H. & Vety. |
| 19. | Shri M.L. Mawlong | Research Officer, Planning |
| 20. | Shri A.M. Girbal | Asstt. General Manager, NABARD |
| 21. | Shri S.D.Kynter | Asstt. Research Officer, Planning. |