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To
The Secretary,
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region,
Vigyan Bhavan Annexe,
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**Subject:- Status of Trans Arunachal Highway and 2-lane connectivity of
District Headquarter towns of Arunachal Pradesh**

Reference is invited to the meeting held by Secretary, DONER to review the status of implementation of above components of Arunachal Package. As desired, the status is given below:

2. Trans Arunachal Highway

(i) Tawang to Nechipu Section (232 km)

This sector is being improved to 2-lane standards by BRO under China Study Group Programme. The target date of completion (TDC) is March, 2012.

(ii) Nechipu to Potin section (331 km)

State PWD has prepared pre-feasibility reports. The Ministry has established a Regional Office at Itanagar. The pre-feasibility reports were examined by Regional Officer and comments have been sent to State PWD, Arunachal Pradesh for affecting modifications to feasibility reports. **The pre-feasibility reports are deficient in many aspects and require extensive modification.** The State PWD has also to prepare land acquisition plans and the proposals to seek environmental and forest clearances. Thereafter, the State Government has to acquire the land. The improvements are proposed on annuity basis. The Ministry has already issued NIT inviting applications for qualification of bidders, with application due date of 17.11.2008. The State Government need to complete all the above actions in order

to enable completion of the bidding process and further action to award the work to the selected bidder.

(iii) Potin to Pasighat section (500 km)

Out of 496 km, 412 km is proposed on annuity basis for which also advertisement inviting applications for qualification has been issued by the Ministry. State PWD had prepared pre-feasibility report. The alignment was inspected by Chief Engineer (P 10) on 5-6 July, 2008 and it was approved 'in principle'. PWD has to carry out detailed survey, prepare land acquisition plans, get the forest & environmental clearance and statutory clearances before the Feasibility Report can be given to the prospective bidders. In respect of the remaining length of 84 km also from Pangin to Pasighat, which is proposed to be executed on EPC basis, the alignment was approved 'in principle'. State PWD has to carry out proper survey, prepare DPR and acquire land and also to do all similar actions as above. In considerable length of the road between Pangin and Pasighat realignment was to be done to form the road at higher contours to avoid the adverse affect of submergence due to the proposed dam on lower Siang river near Pasighat.

(iv) Pasighat to Mahadevpur section (290 km)

The improvement of this section is envisaged through Border Roads Organisation, except 30 km. BRO is already preparing DPR. Two major bridges (one across Dibang valley and the other across Lohit river at Alubarighat) alongwith the approaches and connecting roads aggregating to about 30 km length out of total 290 km are proposed on annuity basis, for which advertisement has been inserted. BRO will prepare feasibility report for this also by November, 2008.

(v) Mahadevpur to Kanubari section (350 km)

Arunachal Pradesh PWD has prepared and submitted pre-feasibility reports recently. The road will be inspected. On examination of the reports in the office, it appears that these pre-feasibility reports will also require extensive revision/modification.

3. Two-lane connectivity of District Headquarter towns

Eleven District Headquarter towns, out of total 16 are located on the alignment of Trans Arunachal Highway. DPR preparation work in respect of the roads connecting 4 district Headquarter towns would be allocated to various agencies after CCEA's approval to Arunachal Package. In respect of Yupia District Headquarter town, DPR is awaited from Arunachal Pradesh PWD. In this way, all 16 District Headquarter towns get covered.

4. Draft Note for CCEA seeking investment approval for Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads & Highways has been circulated by the Ministry to the appraising agencies on 29.9.2008.

Yours faithfully,



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