

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH DECEMBER 2009 IN THE
CONFERENCE HALL OF HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER ON ISSUES RELATED
CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS UNDER PRIME MINISTER'S PACKAGE**

A meeting was called by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in his conference room on 18.12.2009 for discussion of issues related to implementation of Trans-Arunachal Highway, connectivity of District Headquarters, 4-lanning of NH-52A etc. under PM package.

2. The meeting focused on problems related to obtaining pre-construction activities like forest clearance, shifting of utilities on existing alignment by PHED and Power departments and problems related to land acquisition. After detail deliberation/discussions following clarification/decision emerged:

- I. As regards to the issue of obtaining forest clearances, it was clarified/decided that:
 - (a) The WRC fields and Jhum land are private properties and the question of compensatory afforestation (CA) and NPV will not arise.
 - (b) The cost for the number of trees which are likely to will be felled during the course of execution of the road works, shall have to be borne by the user agency. The sale proceed from felled trees are to accounted for and this amount is credited to as revenue for the State Government. This aspect was not considered in the sanctions accorded for Nechipu-Hoj and Potin-Pangin. Necessary revision may be initiated.
 - (c) Wherever the Forest Deptt. is being paid the cost for compensatory afforestation and NPV, claim from any individual for payment of compensation will not arise;
 - (d) It was clarified that on the existing road of BRO and PWD, widening work to make it 2-lane or 4-lane should not involve **forest clearance formalities**. Obtaining of forest clearance from Central Ministry should be a joint effort of both PWD and Forest department. It should not be an impediment for a planned development of road network in a backward state like Arunachal Pradesh.
- II. As regards the costing for shifting of utilities under **PHED** and **Power** Department, it was clarified / decided that :
 - (a) The departments shall assess the actual items to be shifted, work out the salvageable value and allow necessary rebate while working out the costing for shifting of the utilities. The present approach of submitting the cost for new constructions shall be reviewed;
 - (b) The cost of shifting of transmission lines being maintained by other organizations like NEEPCO and other Power Transmission



organizations along the proposed highways should also be incorporated in the cost for shifting of utilities for which estimates shall be called from these organizations;

- (c) The cost of non-existing assets like transformer, sub-stations etc. should not be included in the compensation package for shifting of utilities.

III. As regards the Land Acquisition problems, it was decided that :

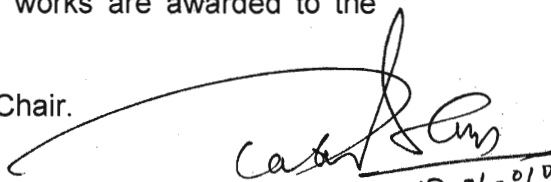
- (a) All along the proposed Trans-Arunachal Highway alignment, the respective Deputy Commissioners have declared the requisite 'Right of Way' for widening and no construction should be permitted within this Right of Way. The implementing Agency like BRO or PWD can straightway start the widening works on the existing road after assessing the cost towards such widening works.
- (b) A high level committee at State level with Commissioner and Secretary (Land Management) as Chairman and all concerned Deputy Commissioners, Chief Engineer (Highway)- Member Secretary, C.E., Power (EZ /WZ) ,CE, PHED (EZ/WZ), Directors Horticulture, Agriculture, Fisheries and Nodal Officer (Forest) as members is to be constituted to over-see the land acquisition and compensation process.
- (c) Deputy Commissioners are to immediately notify the land to be acquired as per relevant Act/Regulation.
- (d) The compensation for the existing built up assets, standing crops, bamboo plantation, toko-patta plantation, tree plantation in WRC fields/ jhum lands and horticultural fields, falling within the proposed **RIGHT OF WAY (ROW)** of **24 mtrs** in open areas and **20 mtrs** in built up areas, shall be properly assessed by a committee in each district, to be headed by the concerned Deputy Commissioner and cost of such items as assessed by concerned DC shall be paid to the individual owners.
- (e) No compensation shall be paid for demolition of unavoidable religious structures, memorials, graveyards etc. which fall within the proposed ROW. However, such cases should be avoided as far as possible.
- (f) Acquisition of the land should be done under Section 10 of the Jhum Land Regulation, 1947 as per laid down guidelines so as to avoid legal complications at a later stage. All Deputy Commissioners are to take immediate action in this regard. Once the works are awarded, Deputy Commissioners will ensure that there are no hindrances for execution.
- (g) The whole process of compilation of the compensation packages and land acquisition is to be completed **on or before 31st January 2010**.

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- (h) The compensation packages shall contain estimation based on uniform rates fixed by respective line departments.
- (i) Strip plans will be submitted by PWD (works allotted to PWD) for segments wherever the same has not been submitted till now.


The Hon'ble Chief Minister had stressed on the need for periodical meetings and review of implementation of all schemes under PM package. He advised to sort out the issues at the local level by involving all the elected representatives of the area including Panchayat members. He also directed the Deputy Commissioners and other officers to adhere to the deadline fixed for submission of the reports in complete shape so that the implementation and execution of works do not suffer as and when the works are awarded to the concessionaire.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


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- (1) PPS to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
- (2) PS to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
- (3) The Secretary (MoRTH), Govt. of India, New Delhi.
- (4) The Development Commissioner, Arunachal Pradesh.
- (5) All Deputy Commissioners, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.
- (5) The Commissioner (Land Management), Govt. of AP, Itanagar.
- (6) The Principal Secretary (Power cum coordination), New Delhi, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.
- (7) The Principal Secretary cum PCCF, Govt. of AP, Itanagar.
- (8) The Secretary (Plg)/Power/PHED, Govt. of AP, Itanagar.
- (9) The Chief Engineer (P-9), MoRTH, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
- (10) The Chief Engineer (PWD), EZ/WZ/S&I/D&P/Highways.
- (11) The Chief Engineer (Power), EZ/WZ.
- (12) The Chief Engineer (PHED), EZ/WZ.
- (13) The Chief Engineer (Vartak/Udayak/Arunank), BRO.
- (14) The Regional Officer (MoRTH), Guwahati/Itanagar.
- (15) The Director Horticulture/Agriculture/Land Management/Fisheries.


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