Subject: Minutes of the Empowered Committee Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (RD) at Unnati on 23.7.2013 – regarding

The undersigned is directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting for information and further necessary action.

Encl.: As above

(Satish Kalothra)
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India

1. The Principal Secretary/ Secretary (RD), Government of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Jammu & Kashmir, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Madhya Pradesh
2. All members of the Empowered Committee

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Minutes of the Meeting of Empowered Committee of IAY
department on 23.7.2013 at ‘Unnati, Krishi Bhawan’

The Meeting of the Empowered Committee of IAY was held under the Chairmanship of Sh.S.M.Vijayanand, Additional Secretary (RD).

List of participants is annexed.

Initiating the discussion JS (SA) welcomed the participants and briefed about the agenda for meeting of the Empowered Committee. It was brought to the notice of all the participants that a standardised proforma for sending proposals to the Ministry has been circulated to all State Governments. The same has also been uploaded on the website of Ministry of Rural Development. All State Governments were asked to submit the proposals in the proforma.

The proposals of following States for special projects were examined :-

1. Uttarakhand
2. Himachal Pradesh
3. Odisha
4. Jammu & Kashmir
5. Arunachal Pradesh
6. Manipur
7. Nagaland
8. Madhya Pradesh

Uttarakhand :

Proposal : The proposal of Uttarakhand is for 14,000 additional IAY houses under special package in view of recent natural calamity in 6 districts viz. Chamoli, Pithoragarh, Rudra Prayag, Uttar Kashi, Bageshwar and Almora. The State representative indicated that large number of houses (both kutcha and pucca houses) have been destroyed and as per initial estimates atleast 46 villages would require to be re-allocated to safer places. This includes both APL and BPL category of people. It was clarified by the Chairperson that only BPL can be covered under IAY. State Government need to assist APL from other sources like Disaster Relief Funds from Planning Commission. The representative of Development Alternatives suggested including the designs developed by Lawrie & Baker for Uttarakhand as advisory.

EC Decision

(i) State Government to firm up the figures of actual loss.
(ii) In principle approval for 5,000 additional houses to Uttarakhand under Special Project.
(iii) Re-identify BPL in view of recent calamity as per MoRD instructions.
State Government to link compensation being given by the State to affected people with assistance under IAY so that sanctioned houses can be constructed at earliest.

State Government should emphasize on adoption of disaster resilient technology for the new houses.

Himachal Pradesh:

Proposal: The proposal of Himachal Pradesh is for 819 additional houses in three blocks of Kinnaur district which have been damaged due to recent cloudbursts and heavy rains. The proposal includes assistance for both APL (506) and BPL (313) families.

It was suggested by representative of Development Alternatives that since this is becoming a regular feature government should think of insurance coverage for IAY houses.

EC Decision:

(i) In principle approval for additional houses for BPL (313).
(ii) State Government to help APL families from other sources like the Disaster Relief Fund to be provided by the Planning Commission.

Odisha:

Proposal: The proposal of Odisha is for allocation of 7465 additional houses for PTGs in two districts viz. Nuapada (6012 houses) and Rayagada (1453 houses).

EC Decision:

(i) In principle approval for the proposal of Government of Odisha
(ii) State Government to re-submit the proposal alongwith prescribed checklist with proper certification in standardised proforma.

Jammu & Kashmir:

Proposal: The proposal of Jammu & Kashmir is for additional funds under IAY for 1423 houses for two districts viz. Kishtwar and Doda of Jammu & Kashmir – this was an old pending proposal.

The State Government stated that the BPL survey of 2002 does not cover all the BPLs in the Jammu & Kashmir. The districts of Doda and Kishtwar are very backward, has scattered population and the houses are vulnerable and susceptible to vagaries of nature.
**EC Decision :-**

(i) The proposal is for additional houses under IAY and not for special projects as per IAY guidelines. Hence cannot be approved.

(ii) State Government to undertake exercise of inclusion of left out people in BPL.

**Arunachal Pradesh**

**Proposal :**

The proposal of Arunachal Pradesh is for :-

(i) Housing assistance for people affected by heavy rains, floods and erosions/landslides during the last three to four years under special project in District Dibang Valley (three blocks Anini-Aliney-Mipi, Anelih - Arzoo, Etalin-Maliney). The proposed beneficiaries are of two categories i.e. Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers.

(ii) Housing assistance to Puroik (bonded labourers) Community of Kurung Kurmey, Papumpare and East Kurung districts.

**EC Decision :-**

(i) As per the guidelines of IAY, FRAs are not covered under special project, however, Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) are covered. The proposal for Dibang Valley was not approved.

(ii) In principle approval of Empowered Committee for the proposal for Puroik Community. State Government to submit detailed revised proposal, as per the check-list.

**Manipur**

**Proposal :** The proposal of Manipur is for allocation of IAY funds for 9 districts for 3960 additional houses under IAY.

**EC Observation :-**

(i) The proposal is for additional houses under IAY and not for special projects as per IAY guidelines. Hence not approved.

(ii) State Government to re-submit the proposal under special projects in standardised prescribed format if the proposal comes under this category.
POLICY ISSUES

Nagaland/ Manipur

Proposal: The proposal of Nagaland and Manipur is for approval for practice of State Governments for centralised procurement and coordinated distribution of CGI sheets and material in lieu of cash assistance under IAY.

EC Decision:

(i) Matter is enabled in the revised IAY Guidelines and as per provisions ‘District Collector may fix rates for materials at different points and empanel suppliers following due procedure and intimate these to the beneficiaries so that they can benefit. However, the final choice would be that of the beneficiary. For cement, steel and similar items, State Government could fix the maximum price after negotiation with the suppliers and let the beneficiaries know of the details.’ Hence the proposal of Nagaland, Manipur is within the provisions of Guidelines. The choice of getting material through State Government should be of beneficiary.

Similar issue was also raised by Odisha also.

Madhya Pradesh

No representative from the State Government attended the meeting.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.
Empowered Committee for Rural Housing Scheme on 23rd July, 2013

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