

Minutes of the 1st State Level Committee (SLC) meeting held on 23.09.2016 at 3.00 PM in the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary, Assam on One time Special Assistance of Rs. 539.79 crore for Sixth Schedule Areas for the year 2015-16.

List of Members and Officers present in the meeting is appended at **Annexure – I**.

1. The meeting was presided over by the Chief Secretary, Assam. The Chief Secretary of Assam welcomed the officers attending the meeting.
2. With due permission from the Chief Secretary, Assam, the Director of Finance (Economic Affairs) Department while explaining the objective of the meeting indicated that the Ministry of Finance had released Special Assistance for an amount of **Rs.539.79 crore i.e. BTC (Rs.421.02cr), KAAC (Rs.94.11cr) and DHAC (Rs.24.66cr)** for upgradation of basic infrastructure of the three autonomous councils (under VIth scheduled Areas) during 2015-16.

Meanwhile, NITI Aayog has circulated a guideline vide No M -13022/5/2016 –SC dated 11.07.2016 for utilisation of the Special Assistance and as per the guidelines the schemes/projects to be implemented by the Autonomous Councils are to be approved by the State Level Committee (SLC) under Chairmanship of Chief Secretary. The schemes/projects to be taken up by the councils are to be submitted to SLC after approved of the same by the District Council Level Committee (DCLC) as well. Thereafter, the proposals received from the Autonomous councils are placed before the SLC for discussion and approval.

3. Approval of Schemes / Projects by the State Level Committee (SLC):

Finance Department received proposals from three (3) Autonomous Councils which were stated to have been approved by the District Council Level Committees of the respective Councils. The proposal received from the Autonomous Councils had been discussed as follows:

- A. Bodoland Territorial Council:** - Ministry of Finance has released an amount of Rs.421.02 crore to BTC under the Special Assistance released during 2015-16. BTC has submitted the following activities for implementation of obtaining approval from the SLC:-

Sl. No.	Name of Implementing Department	Number of Projects (In numbers)	Amount Involved (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	PWD (R&B)	Improvement/Up-gradation of 1185 No. of roads & building	33384.00 (79.29%)
2.	Education	Improvement play ground / boundary well of 89 No. of Schools	1504.00 (3.57 %)

3.	Forest	Providing solar power Energy to families inhabiting in different forest & revenue village of BTC	3500.00 (8.31 %)
4.	Irrigation	Const of paddy bund , Const. of Irrigation Brick , improvement of canal etc of 93 Nos.	1706.01 (4.05 %)
5.	Water Resources	Erosion protection , construction of embankment etc of 7 Nos.	806.00 (1.91 %)
6.	Fisheries	Improvement of Fisheries tanks (4).	59.00 (0.14 %)
7.	Agriculture	Shallow Tube well Schemes including diesel Engine, pump House , line filled channel including outlet in BTC Areas.	1015.00 (2.41 %)
8.	Public Health Engineering	Construction of Ringwel under VCDC office of 5 Nos.	128.00 (0.30 %)
Total		1385 nos.	42102.00 (100 %)

After threadbare discussion on the proposal, the SLC approved the Projects/ Schemes submitted by the BTC for implementation during 2016-17.

B . Dima Hasao Autonomous Council (DHAC): - The Ministry of Finance has released Special Assistance for an amount of Rs.24.66cr to DHAC during 2015-16. Against this amount, DHAC has submitted the following Schemes/Projects for implementation for approval from the SLC:-

Sl. No.	Name of Implementing Department	Number of Projects (In numbers)	Amount Involved (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	PWD (Roads)	Improvement/Up-gradation of 69 No. of roads	1047.00
2.	PWD (Building)	Improvement of Community Halls (53 Nos.)	805.00
2.	PHE	Water supply Schemes (19)	266.00
3.	Sports & Youth Welfare (District Sports Officer)	Improvement of Playground (13 Nos.)	160.00
4.	Cultural	Cultural Centre (9 Nos.)	158.00
5	Urban Development	Whellie waste Bins 290 Nos. & Extra large bins 10 nos. (solid waste Management	30.00
Total		165 nos.	2466.00

The SLC had detailed discussions on the proposals and approved the Schemes submitted by the DHAC for implementation during 2016-17.

C. Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC): - Ministry of Finance has released an amount of Rs. **94.11** crore to KAAC under the Special Assistance during 2015-16. KAAC has submitted the following activities for implementation for obtaining approval of the SLC :

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme/Projects	Number of Projects (In numbers)	Amount Involved (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	New Sports Complex at Diphu under Karbi Anglong Sport Association.	1	4500.00
2.	New Sports Complex at Donkamukh	1	2500.00
3.	New Central Hall Complex at Hamren.	1	971.50
4.	Maintenance and Repairing of Town Roads and Footpath	1	339.50
5	Water Supply, Sanitation including Septic Management.	1	200.00
6	Diphu Town River cleaning and	1	800.00
7	Burial ground /Cremation ground in villlages	1	45.00
8	Market sheds in villages	1	55.00
	Total	8 nos.	9411.00

The SLC observed that the Schemes No. (1), (2) of KAAC appears to be bigger in size for completion during current financial year. However, in the interest of infrastructure development of the KAAC District Councils, the SLC approved the projects submitted by the Council. However, the Committee asked the Council to frame a fixed time line for ensuring timely completion the projects and for submission of the Utilization Certificates in time for obtaining subsequent installments.

4. The State Level Committee (SLC) gave the following general guidelines to the Councils for implementation of the Projects
 - (i) The Special Assistance is provided as an unconditional support to the Councils for up gradation of infrastructure of the Autonomous Council areas and to proposal the activities like – the delivery of basic civic services including water supply, sanitation including septic management sewage and solid waste management, storm water drainage, maintenance of community assets, maintenance of roads, footpaths, street –lighting, burial and cremation grounds and any other basic service within the functions assigned to them under the relevant legislations of the council areas.

- (ii) The Principal Secretaries of the Autonomous Councils have to take special attention and prepare a fixed time line for implementation and completion of the projects well ahead within 2016-17.
- (iii) The Councils concerned shall obtain necessary budgetary support, administrative approval and expenditure sanction of each approved project against the allocation indicated.
- (iv) Tendering for all projects would be mandatory for ensuring transparency and competitive bidding.
- (v) The State Level Committee may consider that the amount released by the Ministry of Finance may be transferred to the Councils in two instalments (50% in each instalment). 1st instalment i.e., 50% of the released amount may be transferred to the councils after approval of the scheme/projects by the SLC.
- (vi) The 2nd Instalment (balance 50%) may be released after obtaining UC of the 1st instalment from the autonomous councils.
- (vii) The Principal Secretary of sixth schedule shall submit proposal to Finance (E.A) Department through administrative line departments concerned for release of fund under Special Assistance. Finance Department will release fund directly to the Autonomous Councils as per the existing procedure.
- (viii) The Principal Secretaries of the Autonomous Councils shall submit UCs as per GFR-19(A) duly countersigned by the competent authority to the MoF NITI Aayog, with a copy to Finance (E.A) Department and the AG, Assam.
- (ix) Finance / WPT&BC /Hill Areas department would ensure monitorable targets (Physical and Financial) against each project before release of allocated funds to the councils. The Special Assistance (SA) will be utilized by the Councils only for the purpose for which it is approved and it stands earmarked for the same.
- (x) The State Government would ensure "Third Party Monitoring" for the projects sanctioned under Special Assistance.
- (xi) Works Departments concerned under three Councils viz PWD, Water Resources, PHE, Panchayat & Rural Development, Urban Development, Education, Health etc. shall implement the projects /Schemes as per allocation of the Rule of Business and no deviation shall be allowed.
- (xii) On completion of the projects, the councils shall invariably furnish the Completion Certificates as well as Utilization Certificates to the NITI Aayog, and Ministry of Finance, with a copy to Finance department, AG, Assam and concerned line departments.
- (xiii) Violation of above guidelines/instructions will solely be responsibility of the officers concerned of the respective councils.
- (xiv) In case of any duplication or overlapping of projects is observed, the same shall be brought to the notice of Finance Department and concerned line Department for taking up of the matter with the SLC and NITI Aayog for consideration.

- (xv) The estimated cost of projects and bid price may differ and if the lowest bid price is taken there will be saving. The saving amount will be utilized by taking up similar permissible projects in the Council areas after approval of DLC and SLC.

At length, the Chief Secretary and the Chairman, SLC stated that the Special Assistance provided by MoF, GOI is a good opportunity for the Councils for upgrading the basic infrastructure of the Council Areas. He emphasized on timely and quality implementation of the approved projects and requested the Councils to submit the UCs in time so as to obtain subsequent installments.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Chief Secretary,
Government of Assam

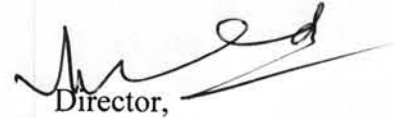
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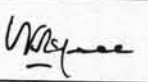
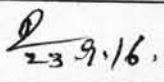

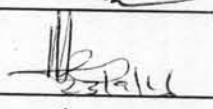
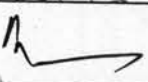
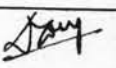

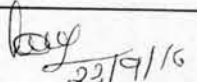
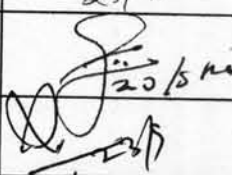
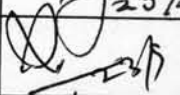
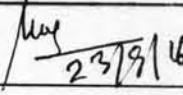
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3. The Addl. Chief Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, WPT&BC/ Hill Areas Department for information and necessary action.
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5. The Director (State Coordination Division), NITI Aayog, Govt. of India, Sansad Marg, New Delhi- 110001.
6. The Principal Secretary, BTC, Kokrajhar/ KAAC, Diphu /DHAC, Haflong, Assam for information and necessary action.
7. The Secretary, P&RD Department, BTC, Kokrajhar.
8. The Sr. Finance & Accounts Officer, N.C Hills Autonomous Council, Haflong.
9. The Joint Secretary, KAAC, Diphu.

By order etc.,



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