

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING TAKEN BY HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER ON AUGUST 3, 2018 AT SECRETARIAT  
CONFERENCE HALL-I AT 04.00 PM TO REVIEW PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (EXCLUDING DWS)**

The officers present in the meeting is given at **ANNEX-A**. Presentations were made by Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B), Building, PMGSY and NH. The main decisions taken in the meeting are given here for compliance by all concerned.

**1. PWD (R&B):**

- 1.1. **Constn. Of Flyover and Bridge over Katakhal:** CE informed that the work is expected by September, 2018 provided fund is released immediately. He also explained reasons for such large deviation in the project including change of scope of works. Hon'ble CM directed to be more meticulous in preparation of the DPR to avoid such situations in future.
- 1.2. **NABARD:** The status of on-going works was placed and the target as fixed for the year 2018-19 was discussed. It was intimated that the large amount of pending bills, which could not be cleared due to fund, is one of the major reasons for slow progress of works. Principal Secretary, PWD requested the Finance Department to releases fund from the loan amount already placed by NABARD to ease the situation. Regarding new proposal (RIDF-XXIV), Principal Secretary Finance suggested that the amount be kept as minimum to enable the Finance Department to allocate fund against other heads including maintenance. He also placed a suggestion that in case the department can save an amount of fund against any Head of account including salaries, the same amount can be reallocated to other Head of account as per requirement. Chief Secretary directed to take consent of the Finance, before posing new proposal under NABARD. In the new proposal, provision of one Bailey Bridge be considered as desired by Hon'ble CM.
- 1.3. **Works under SPA and SDS:** The ongoing works under same schemes should be completed but in no case any new work even if sanctioned earlier against those schemes, be taken up. Principal Secretary, PWD highlighted the requirement of fund and requested for meeting of committee formed to review the works.
- 1.4. **Flood Damage Repair:** CE, PWD(R&B) intimated that the department sustained a huge loss during flood in the month of May and June, 2018 and it was estimated around 54.40 cr. Out of which only Rs. 3 cr has been allocated to the department by Revenue.
- 1.5. **Maintenance of Roads:** Hon'ble CM stressed upon the maintenance of existing roads and to ensure that all roads are repaired before Durgapuja festival. He also emphasized for a quality control on works. He also directed that the priority of the department should be road maintenance. Chief Secretary suggested to tap more fund from CRF scheme of Govt. of India and to explore whether maintenance can be done against that scheme.
- 1.6. **Budget of PWD(R&B):** The budget of PWD (R&B) has been drastically reducing in comparison to the previous years which has resulted accumulation of pending bills of the agencies. Finance Department was requested to consider the demand of the department so as to meet up at least a portion immediately to reduce the liabilities and to maintain progress of works.

1.7. **Manpower management:** Hon'ble CM observed that there are few engineers, who are deputed outside PWD but their services are under-utilized and therefore an exercise can be taken to re-locate them for their optimum utilisation in proper places. He also appreciated the capability of engineers and requested for quality delivery from them. He also directed to make a list of engineering officials who have slipped on the project completion.

## 2. PWD(BUILDINGS):

2.1. **Deposit Works:** The status of works with target date of completion, allocation and requirement of fund etc. under 21 departments was placed. In many other cases, availability of land was an impediment to start the works on time. Chief Secretary suggested that until and unless the land is made available by the concerned department, the work order should not be issued. He expressed dissatisfaction over the works of Law Department, where fund was assured but the projects got delayed. The CE also indicated that there is huge liability on projects under SPA/SDS and State plan which need to be looked into immediately.

2.2. **Building works from budget of PWD:** The CE (Buildings) indicated the present status and target date of completion of buildings being executed from budget of PWD. Since all those buildings are of important nature, priority be attached for completion. Hon'ble CM directed that the bungalow for the Hon'ble Chief Justice be completed early.

2.3. **Building maintenance:** Principal Secretary, PWD explained the reduced budget provision and accumulated bills because of demands for building maintenance.

2.4. **Future Programme of Buildings:** Chief Secretary stated that considering acute shortage of fund particularly against state Plan, all out efforts be given to tap resources from central sector schemes.

## 3. PWD (PMGSY):

3.1 **Target & Achievement:** CE, PWD (PMGSY) elaborated the Action Plan and achievements so far made in the state. He also made it clear that about 386 out of total 8132 habitations will remain unconnected and those are not covered in the core road network of the programme. Chief Secretary noticed that despite availability of funds, progress of works was slow, which is required to be expedited.

3.2 **Activities of PIUs:** Progress so far made by different PIUs including HSCL and NBCC was discussed at length. As per earlier decisions, no new work was endorsed to HSCL due to their poor performance.

3.3 **Maintenance and handing over roads:** A large number of roads were found in bad shape either due to bad quality of works or due to poor maintenance by PIUs and a list of such roads of which was placed in the meeting. Principal Secretary, PWD apprised the difficulties in taking over those roads by PWD without fulfillment of the prerequisites and availability of funds. It was also stated that in some cases, the cost of maintenance can be as high as new construction, which can be a big burden to the department. Chief Secretary reiterated that though the issue may not be with the department, but ultimately the people will suffer, and thus it needs proper attention. Finally, it was decided that the requirement of funds for

bringing the roads to a level which can be taken over will be conveyed to NBCC/HSCL. CE, PWD(PMGSY) made a proposal to pursue Ministry of Rural Development, Govt of India to consider the maintenance cost of ten years in stead of existing five years for up keeping the roads

- 3.4 **PMGSY-II:** He also stressed upon to complete GIS based works for taking up works under PMGSY-II. It was decided that taking advantage of PMGSY-II, the selection of roads be done considering importance and priority of the roads, as thorough roads of larger length can be an option to reduce the burden of state fund under maintenance. The process of preparation of DPRs be expedited for getting early sanction.

**4. PWD (NH):**

- 4.1 **NH Projects under PWD (NH):** CE, PWD(NH) explained in detail the ongoing works and the future Action Plan. Chief Secretary emphasized to complete the Periodical Repair (PR) works with priority and to draw a time line for preparation of all pending DPRs to accord sanction by the Ministry. Hon'ble CM directed to expedite works. It was explained that any change in the alignment as finalized for the portion from Km.343.00 to Km.397.00 on Churaibari-Agartala section of NH-08 would invite many other issues, particularly land acquisition, utility shifting etc. for which preliminary process already completed. MoRT&H be intimated at the earliest about approximate cost for land acquisition to be involved for construction of 4-lane road from Agartala Airport to Amtalai.

- 4.2 **NH Projects under NHIDCL:** GM, NHIDCL informed about the present activities and future plan for strengthening of NHs as given to them in the state. Chief Secretary asked for expediting the tender process so as to award works before October, 2018 to utilize fair weather period. DPR for NH-208 be prepared as per alignment approved by the State Government from Khowai - Lembucherra – Agartala Airport- Amtali, out of which the stretch from Agartala Airport to Amtalai shall be 4- lane. Necessary provision for protection works for 'Deo river' at Kumarghat area be kept in the DPR for Kumarghat – Kailasahar section of NH-208. NHIDCL shall mobilize adequate men & machineries to expedite pace of progress of both improvement & maintenance of NHs in the State.

- 4.3 **Priority of the listed projects:** Hon'ble Chief Minister directed to take up the following projects early-

- i. Speeding work for bridge over river 'Feni' at Sabroom
- ii. Improvement of Kumarghat-Kailasahar road
- iii. Kailasahar-Khowai-Teliamura road

- 4.4 **Road Safety Audit:** Chief Secretary directed for the Road Safety Audit for the portion of new construction and improvement and GM, NHIDCL assured compliance of the same.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

  
(Deputy Secretary)  
PWD

**GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (R&B)**

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2. Chief Engineer, PWD(Buildings), Agartala, Tripura.
3. Chief Engineer, PWD(NH), Agartala, Tripura.
4. Chief Engineer, PWD(PMGSY), Agartala, Tripura.
5. Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD(Planning & Design Unit), Agartala, Tripura.
6. Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD(Buildings), Agartala, Tripura.
7. Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD(NH), Agartala, Tripura.
8. General Manager, NHIDCL, Agartala, Tripura.
9. Superintending Engineer, PWD(R&B), 1<sup>st</sup> Circle, Kumarghat.
10. Superintending Engineer, PWD(R&B), 2<sup>nd</sup> Circle, Agartala.
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13. Superintending Engineer, PWD(R&B), 5<sup>th</sup> Circle, Ambassa.
14. Superintending Engineer, Monitoring Cell, PWD(R&B), Agartala, Tripura.

**Copy also forwarded to:**

1. PS to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura.
2. PS to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura.
3. PS to Principal Secretary, Finance, Govt. of Tripura.
4. PS to Principal Secretary, PWD, Govt. of Tripura.

  
(Susanta Dutta)  
Deputy Secretary  
Public Works Department

## **Annexure-A**

**The list of participant attended the meeting held on 03.08.2018 at 4.00 PM at Conference Hall No-I, Secretariat Complex:**

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Tripura.
2. Principal Secretary, PWD, Government of Tripura
3. Principal Secretary, Finance, Government of Tripura
4. Sri Dipak Chandra Das, Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B).
5. Smt. Sanchayita Das, Chief Engineer, PWD (Building).
6. Sri Rajib Debbarma, Chief Engineer, PWD (NH).
7. Sri Alakesh Sengupta, Chief Engineer, PWD (PMGSY).
8. Sri A. R. Roy Choudhuri, Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B).
9. Sri Subrata Banik, Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD (NH).
10. Sri Sankar Banik, Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD (Building).
11. Sri Tapan Ch. Das, Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD (WR).
12. Sri Akinchan Sarkar, Joint Secretary, Finance.
13. Sri Shamlal Bhowmik, Superintending Engineer, 1<sup>st</sup> Circle, Kumarghat.
14. Sri Kamal Sarkar, Superintending Engineer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Circle, Agartala.
15. Sri Madhab Banik, Superintending Engineer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Circle, Udaipur.
16. Sri Narendra Dalal, Superintending Engineer, 4<sup>th</sup> Circle, Agartala.
17. Sri Pankaj Sutradhar, Superintending Engineer, 5<sup>th</sup> Circle, Ambassa.
18. Sri Chandan Choudhury, Superintending Engineer, Monitoring Cell, PWD (R&B).
19. Sri Ajit Ch. Lodh, Superintending Engineer, NH Circle, PWD (NH).
20. Sri Shyamal Chakraborty, Superintending Engineer, NH Circle, PWD (NH).
21. Sri Alak Chakraborty, Superintending Engineer, Project Unit, PWD (Building)
22. Sri Surajit Chakraborty, Superintending Engineer, PWD (PMGSY).
23. Smt. Durba Ganguli, Superintending Engineer, Planning Circle, PWD (WR).
24. Sri Phani Bhushan Bhattacharjee, Superintending Engineer, PWD (WR).
25. Sri Susanta Dutta, Engineering Officer & Deputy Secretary, PWD(R&B).
26. Sri Sudhan Debbarma, Executive Engineer, PWD (WR).
27. Sri D.S. Dhanda, General Manager (P), NHIDCL.
28. Sri Pradip Kumar Bhuiya, Dy. General Manager (P), NHIDCL.
29. Sri Nidhir Ghosh, Dy. General Manager (P), NHIDCL.
30. Sri Pradip Ch. Das, Assistant Engineer, Monitoring Cell, PWD(R&B).