

Minutes of the meeting of empowered committee of aside 16th february 2009

List of the participants is annexed.

Welcoming the participants Shri R. Gopalan, Additional Secretary, informed about the funds available under the Central Component of ASIDE Scheme at this stage. The Commerce Secretary requested the representatives of various agencies that due to paucity of funds it may not be possible to release the requirement posed by various agencies for current financial and they should inform the actual amount which they would be able to spend upto end of this financial year. CS also mentioned that further approval of EC for release of funds is not required once the project has been approved by EC, ASIDE. After detail deliberation the projects were taken one by one and following decision were taken:

A. New Projects (North East region)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl No.	Agency	Project	Total Cost	Contribution sought under ASIDE	Decision
1	Govt of Tripura	Additional works for development of LCS, Rangana Bazar.	375.73	375.73	Deferred for want of clarification from State Government.
2	Govt of Tripura	Rubber Park at Bodhjangnagar (cost escalation)	2300.00 (initially Rs. 700 lakhs, escalation of Rs. 1600 lakhs)	460.00 (initially Rs. 140 lakhs, escalation of Rs. 320 lakhs)	Project approved as new project at the cost of Rs. 2300 lakhs with contribution under ASIDE Scheme as 20% of total cost i.e. 460 lakh. Rs. 140 lakh has already been released. It was decided to release balance of Rs. 320 lakh. Balance 80% of the project would be met by State Government from their own resources.
3	Govt of Sikkim	Infrastructure Development at Nathula. (cost escalation)	1644.17 (initially Rs. 1354.51 lakhs)	1644.17 (initially Rs. 1342 lakhs, cost escalation of Rs. 302.17 lakhs)	The project was approved at the revised cost of Rs. 1644.17 lakh. The funds would be released during next financial year on demand, utilization of balances from State Government.

					No further cost escalation shall be met from Central Component.
4	Govt of Nagaland	International Trade Centre (ITC) at Avangkhu	1160.00	1044.00	Deferred for want of revised proposal as advised by FT(EA).

B. New Projects pertaining to Land Customs Stations

Sl. No.	Agency	Project	Total Cost	Contribution sought under ASIDE	Decision
1	Govt of West Bengal	Development of LCS at Phulbari	1403.00	871.85	Approved. Rs. 300 lakhs to be released during current financial year.
2	Govt of West Bengal	Development of LCS at Ghojadanga	415.11	415.11	Approved. Rs. 200 lakhs to be released during current financial year.
3	Govt of West Bengal	Development of LCS at Hili	773.00	654.00	Approved. Rs. 300 lakhs to be released during current financial year.

C. New Projects (Others)

Sl. No.	Agency	Project	Total Cost	Contribution sought under ASIDE	Decision
1	Kandla SEZ	Dismantling and Reconstruction of 24 nos. of Type –I quarters	213.00	213.00	Approved Rs. 50 lakh to be released during current financial year.
2	MP Audyogik Kendra Vikas Nigam	Developing infrastructure at Pithampur (Indore) SEZ	691.47	691.47	The project was approved with the contribution from ASIDE as Rs. 500 lakh. Rs. 100 lakh would be released during current financial year.
3	Noida SEZ	Strengthening of existing security road in NSEZ	116.00	116.00	Approved. Funds would be released to NSEZ after they will intimate the completion of tendering process.
4	Noida SEZ	Conversion of existing bituminous road into RCC	136.00	136.00	Deferred.

		road for 4 kms			
5	Noida SEZ	Construction of 33/11 KV new Substation	721.25	721.25	Project was approved. Funds would be released as per the requirement to be intimated by NSEZ.
6	SEEPZ SEZ	Construction of cement concrete road from M/s CGI to M/s TARA ULTIMO, connecting road to M/s INTERGOLD in SEEPZ premises.	338.51	304.66	JS(NKG)/ DC SEEPZ stated that solution to the problem at first stage would require raising of bituminous road segment upto 1.20 mtr and to repair the drain. DC suggested that they have tentatively worked out revised estimates which is around Rs. 280 lakh. The EC decided that the project is approved in principle with 90% contribution from ASIDE Scheme. Estimates be thoroughly checked up for minimum requirement by DC. The decision to release the funds would be taken on file after DC SEEPZ furnishes the revised estimates to DOC for consideration.
7	SEEPZ SEZ	Repairing G&J Building No. II and III.	503.61	503.61	It was decided to approve the proposal related to building No. II at the cost of 150 lakh. Funds would be released during next financial year.
8	SEEPZ SEZ	Setting up of a Fire Station complete with one Fire Engine, an Ambulance and round-the-clock personnel.	520.00	520.00	Approved with following conditions: (i) ASIDE funds would be utilized for capital expenditure. (ii) Funds would be released during next financial year. (iii) Running cost would be met by the Authority.
9	SEEPZ SEZ	Setting up of four Watch Towers inside SEEPZ for purpose of monitoring.	63.66	63.66	Approved. Funds would be released on demand from SEEPZ.

D. Ongoing Projects (others)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl No.	Agency	project	Amount approved under ASIDE	Amount already released	Decision
1	Govt of Uttakhand	Establishment of Super Critical Fluid Extraction Unit (SCFE) at Dehradun	240.11	100.00	It was decided that implementing agency should start tendering etc. and seek balance amount of Rs. 140.11 lakh after the same is utilized based on the need.
2	Knadla SEZ	Construction of the Administrative Office Building	282.00	150.00	Decided to release Rs. 30 lakh during current financial year.
3	Kandla SEZ	Development of Expansion Area	2734.50	2059.50	Decided to release Rs. 90 lakh during current financial year.

E. DC, SEEPZ invited attention of Empowered Committee to an specific issue pertaining to refund of money released to them for a project alongwith interest @10% per annum. She requested that instead of calling for refund with interest, the Department may adjust the same against the releases to be made during current financial year. It was clarified that DC, SEEPZ should make a representation to DOC on this aspect so that the same could be examined on file in consultation with IFD.

F. Projects for Post Facto approval/information of EC

The following projects which were approve on file have been granted ex-post facto approval by Empowered Committee.

1. Setting up of Baddi Trade Centre

The Baddi Barotowala Nalagarh Development Authority (BBNDA) submitted a proposal for setting up of Trade Centre at Baddi, District Solan, Himachal Pradesh with the objective of providing necessary infrastructure for export promotion in the area. The proposed Center is to help industry in sharing knowledge and generating awareness about exports. The project has following component:-Exhibition Hall (No.2), Conference Halls (No.2), Amphitheatre, Development of Office Space, Toilet/pantry and parking areas and green landscaped area. The total cost of the Project is Rs. **1081 lakhs**. ITPO recommended the proposal. The Project has been approved on File with an assistance of **50%** of the total cost i.e. **Rs. 540 lakhs**. The amount has been released this year. **Ex-post facto approval was granted on new project of Govt of Himachal Pradesh and release of fund of Rs. 540 lac.**

2. Construction of a road from Pragpur Chowkdi to Adani Port, Mundra (Gujarat) infrastructure development

The Project is related to construction of a road (9.5 kms) from Pragpur to Adani Port, Mundra (Gujarat) on cost sharing basis to connect the Mundra Port with National Highway 8 A so that the heavy traffic to Mundra Port is diverted from densely populated Mundra town. The Project has been approved on File with total cost of **Rs. 26 crores** and 50% assistance (i.e. **Rs. 13 crores**) under ASIDE, 25 % contribution is proposed each from Adani Group and Gujarat Maritime Board. It had been decided to release 50% of the approved assistance during the current year. However, since the land for the Project is yet to be acquired, no amount as been sanctioned so far. **Ex-post facto approval was granted on new project of Govt of Gujarat**

3. Additional assistance for setting up Spices Park at Chhindwara

The project of setting up of the Spices Park at Chhindwara (MP) by Spices Board was approved in the meeting of Empowered Committee on 16.08.2007. Total cost of the project was estimated to be Rs. 995 lakhs. Rs. 100 lakhs towards land cost were to be borne by Spices Board and balance of Rs. 895 lakhs was approved under the central component of the ASIDE. The amount of Rs. 895 lakhs had since been released to Spices Board. Spices Board requested to approve revised cost of Rs. 18.60 crores due to cost escalation. The request was agreed to on file to the extent of **Rs. 1598.60 lakhs** leaving expenditure on land, pre-operative expenses, etc. A Rs. 895 lakhs had already been released, balance amount of **Rs. 706.60** has been released this year. **Ex-post facto approval was granted on additional funding due to cost escalation of the Project of Spices Board and release of funds Rs. 706.60 lac.**

4. Setting up of Common Pre-processing Centres by MPEDA

EP (MP) forwarded a proposal received from MPEDA for setting up of Common Pre-processing Centres (CPCs) at Sakthikulangara & Ambalapuzha in Kerala. The purpose of the CPCs is to provide common processing facilities for small shrimps which contribute a major share in the total exports of the shrimps from the country. total cost of the CPCs at Sakthikulangara & Ambalapuzha is Rs. 280 lakhs and Rs. 306 lakhs respectively. **Rs. 526 lakhs** (Rs. 280 lakhs for Sakthikulangara and Rs. 246 lakhs for Ambalapuzha) under ASIDE have been approved on File for the Project. 50% of the approved amount i.e. **Rs. 263 lakhs** have been released during the current year. **Ex-post facto approval was granted on new project of MPEDA and release of funds Rs. 263 lac.**

5. Infrastructure Development at Nathula (Trade Mart)

A comprehensive proposal of Infrastructure Development at Nathula Border by Govt of Sikkim was considered in the meeting of EC held on 8th March 2007 and three components of the proposal viz: Cafeteria, Parking Area and Consolidated Check Post were approved with the total assistance of Rs. 1342.58 lakhs For remaining components, EC desired that representative of Sikkim Govt. may come to make a presentation alongwith Master Plan of Development of Nathula Border being prepared by RITES. Representatives of Govt of Sikkim made a presentation on 1st October 2008. During the presentation it was confirmed by RITES that the proposal of Govt of Sikkim is in line with the findings of the study undertaken by them on infrastructure development of Nathula Border. Consequently, the Trade Mart component of the proposal has been approved on file with total cost of **Rs. 850.36 lakhs**. 30% of the approved amount (**Rs. 255 lakhs**) has been released this year. **Ex-**

post facto approval was granted on new project-component of Govt of Sikkim and release of funds Rs. 255 lac.

6. Infrastructure Development at LOC (J&K)

In a meeting of Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor of the Jammu and Kashmir with Commerce Secretary it was indicated that Rs. 5 crores might be provided for creating minimum infrastructure facilities for starting the LOC trade at Salamabad (Uri) and Chakanda-bagh (Poonch). Consequently **Rs. 2.00 crores** have been approved on File for trade facilitation centers at said LOC points. The amount has since been released. Detailed cost estimates have been sought from State Govt. **Ex-post facto approval was granted on new project of Govt of Jammu & Kashmir and release of funds Rs. 200 lac.**

7. International Trade Centre at Pampore (J&K)

The in-principle approval for setting up of International Trade Centre at Pampore (Jammu and Kashmir) was accorded by the Empowered Committee on ASIDE in their meeting held on 16th August 2007. Rs. 50 lakhs were released to ITPO for preparing a Detailed Project Report (DPR) on the Project. Govt. of J&K had informed that the cost of the Project would be Rs. 40 crores and amount over and above ASIDE grant of Rs. 30 crores would be provided by them. The Project was considered in the Meeting of Empowered Committee on ASIDE held on 5th August 2008 and an amount of Rs. 30 crores was approved for the Project. It was also decided that the ITPO would give a report about requirement of funds during 2008-09 and same would be released after tendering stage. A meeting to ascertain the current status of the Project took place between JS (NKG) and Secretary (Commerce & Industries), Govt of J&K, on 26th November 2008. During the meeting it was clarified by the Govt of J&K that since they had identified J&K Projects Construction Corporation, a Govt of J&K Undertaking, as executing agency, no tendering is required. Govt of J&K indicated requirement of Rs. 5.00 crores during the financial year. **Rs. 5.00 crores** have since been released to State Nodal Agency. **Ex-post facto approval was granted on altering the tendering requirement as approved by last EC**

8. The proposal of Spices Board for setting up of a Quality Evaluation Laboratory cum Training Centre at Chennai. and Kolkata.

Proposals of Spices Board for Quality Labs at Kolkata and Chennai seeking **Rs. 11.00 crores** (Rs. 5 crores and Rs. 6 crores respectively) had been received. Spices Board were advised to first acquire the land for projects from respective State Govts and also to explore the possibility of participation of State Govt. for which Spices Board may approach State Level Export Promotion Committees (SLEPCs) of the respective States. Considering the importance of the Labs at Chennai and Kolkata, Plantations Division requested to approve the proposal in principle and release a token amount of **Rs. 25 lakhs** during the current year. In view of the above, the proposal has been approved in principle and a token amount of Rs. 25 lakhs has been released during the current year. Balance amount is to be released in next years. **Ex-post facto approval was granted on new projects of Spices Board and release of funds Rs. 25 lac. EC may also decide the extent of contribution of ASIDE for the Projects.**

9. Reduction in cost of Construction of Separate Blocks for Trading Units by Noida SEZ.

The Project of Noida SEZ for construction of Separate Block for Trading Units was approved in the Empowered Committee Meeting of ASIDE held on 01.06.2005 with the total assistance of Rs. 256 lakhs which was later revised to **Rs. 456 lakhs**. The entire amount has since been released to NSEZ in two installments of Rs. 200 lakhs and 256 lakhs. NSEZ have informed that due to the change in the specifications of the work, the executing agency of the Project, M/s NBCC Ltd. have reduced the cost of the project **from Rs. 456 lakhs to Rs. 384.66 lakhs**. The NSEZ have drawn amount of Rs. 384.66 lakhs only. Thus there is saving of Rs. 71.34 lakhs which has not been drawn by NSEZ from CPAO. The said Project is now completed and UCs for Rs. 384.66 lakhs have been submitted by NSEZ. Finance Division have observed to place this change before EC for their information. **Ex-post facto approval was granted on reduction in cost of Project of Noida SEZ.**

10. Change in cost pattern of ROB Dadri

The Project of the Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA) of Rail Over Bridge at Dadri (Greater Noida) was originally approved under CIB during 2000-2001. The revised Project was approved in the EC meeting held on 08.03.2007 with the total cost of Rs. 45 crores as per following pattern of funding:

Central Component ASIDE	Rs. 12.50 crores
State Component of ASIDE	Rs. 11.25 crores
Greater Noida Authority	Rs. 11.25 crores
CONCOR	Rs. 10.00 crores

Out of Rs. 12.50 crores under Central Component of ASIDE Rs. 6.50 crores have been released so far. As per decision of EC meeting on 5th August 2008 the progress on the implementation of the Project was to be verified from the GNIDA by DC, NSEZ, and State Government. Reports have since been received. There is a progress of only 10% so far. Despite the acquisition of land by the GNIDA, the works has been obstructed by the farmers who are demanding better compensation for their lands. An attempt is on to convince the farmers. Meanwhile North-Central Railways have increased the Vertical Clearance for the track from 6.67 mts to 8.14 mts keeping in view the proposed Dedicated Freight Corridor. Consequently additional land is required for the Project. A proposal in this regard has been submitted for the approval of U.P. Govt. The Entire process for land acquisition is likely to be completed by February 2009. The Project is expected to be completed by December 2009.

It has also been informed that in the meeting of Public Investment Board on 12.09.2007 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, the Project has been approved with the condition that State Govt would not provide any fund for the Project. The contribution of Rs. 11.25 crores proposed earlier under State Component of ASIDE will now be met by GNIDA increasing their total contribution to Rs. 22.50 crores. The contribution under Central Component of ASIDE and CONCOR will remain unaltered. **Ex-post facto approval was granted on changed cost pattern of project of GNIDA.**

G. The meeting ended with thanks to Chair.

List of Participants for the Empowered Committee Meeting of ASIDE Held on 16/02/2009 under the Chairmanship of Commerce Secretary.

Sr. No.	Name of the participants	Designation/Organization
1.	Sh. G.K. Pillai	Commerce Secretary
2.	Sh. R. Gopalan	Additional Secretary
3.	Sh. Neeraj K. Gupta	Joint Secretary
4.	Sh. Rajeev Kher	Joint Secretary
5.	Sh. V.D. Alam	Director (Finance)
6.	Sh. Anil Bamba	Director
7.	Ms. Kiran Puri	Director
8.	Sh. M.R. Sharma	Director
9.	Sh. D.K. Verma	Under Secretary
10.	Sh. Sajen Peter	Chairman, Rubber Board
11.	Ms. Anita Agnihotri	Development Commissioner, SEEPZ
12.	Sh. Bhaskar Khulbe	Advisor, Govt. of West Bengal
13.	Sh. Ravi S. Saxena	Development Commissioner, KSEZ
14.	Sh. C.P.S. Bakshi	JDC, NSEZ
15.	Dr. Rajinder Chauhan	Industrial Advisor, Govt. of H.P.
16.	Dr. Hema Lohani	Scientist, HRDI, Dehradun
17.	Sh. D.K. Bhalla	Resident Commissioner, Nagaland
18.	Sh. Neeraj Mandala	SIDC, M.P.
19.	Sh. R.K. Agarwal	Jt. Director, Hq. DGBR

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Dated the 20th February, 2009

Office Memorandum

Sub: Minutes of the Empowered Committee (EC) Meeting of the ASIDE Scheme.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of the Empowered Committee (EC) Meeting of the ASIDE Scheme held under the Chairmanship of Sh. G.K. Pillai, Commerce Secretary in Room No. 141, Udyog Bhawan, on 16th February, 2009 for information and further necessary action.

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To,

As per list attached.

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