## MINUTES OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> -STATE STEERING COMMITTEE (SSC) OF NERCCDIP (ADB) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM ON 6<sup>th</sup> -JUNE, 2014 AT 12:00 NOON

#### Member present:

- 1. Mr.R.L.Rinawma, Principal Secretary, UD &PAD
- 2. Mr.F. Vanlalruata, Secretary, Finance Deptt.
- 3. Er.R.Lalfanliana, Engineer-in-Chief, PHED
- 4. Mr. Lalbiaksanga, Dy.Adviser, Planning Deptt.
- 5. Mr.Zorammuana, Director, UD & PAD
- 6. Er.C.Lalrinawma, Chief Engineer (Bldg), PWD
- 7. Er.R. Vanlalhruaia, Chief Engineer (SO), P & E Deptt.
- 8. Er.C.Chawnghnuna, Jt.Secy, PHED
- 9. Er.Lalropuia, EE, PHED
- 10. Er. Valbuanga, PD, SIPMIU

#### Invitees:

- 11. Mrs.M.Zohmingthangi, Chief Executive Officer, AMC
- 12. Dr.Lalnunsiama Colney, Sr.S.O, MIRSAC
- 13. Mrs. Zosangzuali Pachuau. Dy. Director, DM&R Deptt.

Project Director, SIPMIU has made an overview on status of the Project-2 implementation and preparedness of Project-3 through Power Point presentation. Members also shared the performance of the 5- Program Cities of the North Eastern State compiled, during the last 13<sup>th</sup> -National Steering Committee meeting, by the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India.

While expressing her appreciation for being the best performing State on implementation of the Program from the chair, the Chief Secretary alerts the Project to complete ongoing contract works as per scheduled time and requested member concerned departments to continue their full support in clearing the right of way required for the contract execution.

The Principal Secretary, UD & PA Department placed the agenda before the committee, discussed, deliberate and resolved the following:

## 1. Implementation of reforms action agenda:

The mandatory reforms under NERCCDIP/JnNURM have been clarified and impact of non-performance of reforms in withholding of release of last installment fund for the projects by the Government of India. Discussed the benefits in sharing the Finance Commission Grant and taxes levied by AMC to operations & maintenance cost of urban services provided by concerned State Government through allied departments and which in turns relief the burden of the present State financial crunch.

The PHED informed the committee that modality for transfer of functions on utility services such as operation on water supply distribution, billing, and collection of

bills etc., prepared by SIPMIU-IDC has been received. PHED was advised to continue deliberation on the matter and come out the best agreement with the AMC for ring fencing Aizawl WATSAN Circle at the earliest. Assistance of SIPMIU-IDC may also be taken in creation of Water Supply Board in parallel.

Action: Secretary, PHE Department

Mr. Sumitabha Ray, SIPMIU-IDC shared one part of the mandatory reform of ULB and the most easing task for introduction of Property Tax with Unit Area Method for the first time in Aizawl, through the power presentation. Introduction of property tax is targeted from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014.

Resolved to have a separate meeting for balance functions to be devolved to AMC at the earliest.

Actions: Principal Secretary, UD&PA Department

### 2. Merging of NERCCDIP into JnNURM:

All the 5-States of Program Cities are advised during the 13<sup>th</sup> -NSC meeting at New Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 to submit their view to merge NERCCDIP to JnNURM. The meeting discussed all merits and demerits of merging the program funding through JnNURM and after long deliberation, the committee opined that the program implementation through ADB is preferable. The program is being implemented in a professional manner and monitored under the guidance of international experts.

Action: Principal Secretary & Project Director (SIPMIU), UD & PA Department.

#### 3. ADB Technical Assistance Loan:

The Project Director informed the committee that the ADB could assist the State for piloting Rain Water Harvesting, Water Management Plan, Landslide vulnerable and warning system Management Plan for Aizawl City through ADB Loan TA grant. The meeting agreed to go ahead SIPMIU in preparation of Concept Notes and concerned line departments and agencies may support SIPMIU in the matter.

Action: Project Director, SIMIU, Director, DMA&R
Project Director, MIRSAC

#### 4. <u>Installation of water meters and bulk-flow meters to consumers:</u>

The Project Director informed the meeting that water meters of different brands has been installed/replaced to the consumers since September 2006 when volumetric charges for water has been introduced. 15,000 Nos. has been replaced under Project-1 and another 20,000 Nos. are being replaced as per requirement of PHED. PHED reported that water meters model "Kranti" installed by SIPMIU is functioning well

but may need revision of the present water tariff structure. There is a need of having proper records of water meter reading, billing and receipts of water charges and compiled for every month to check performance of meters and monitoring benefits on accounts of non-revenue water reduction, improving efficiency of revenue collection as well as review of water tariff structure. It was decided that management of metered connection to consumers bulk-flow meters for volumetric charges be done in a systematic manner for which support of SIPMIU-IDC be utilized fully make it convergence with ADB funding support of Public Resources Management Program/NERCCDIP as well as Finance Commission grant.

Action:

- (a) Secretary, Finance Department
- (b) Secretary, PHED
- (c) E-in-C PHED
- (d) Project Director, (SIPMIU)

# 5. Approval of proposal for piloting installation of Bio-digesters (Defence Technology) for Septage Management Plan:

The meeting appreciated the innovative approach of SIPMIU (UD & PA Department) resulted through the Technical Assistance grant given by the Asian Development Bank for Septage Management through Defence Technology. The proposal submitted by Project Director, SIPMIU has been appraised by the meeting for immediate implementation.

Action:

Project Director, SIPMIU

## 6. <u>Absorption of 2-Accounting Staff and Data Entry Operators to Aizawl Municipal Council:</u>

The proposal for absorption of 2-Accounting Staff and Data Entry Operators, trained by SIPMIU-IDC and utilized by AMC has been appraised. Advised Aizawl Municipal Council to appoint such resource persons, trained & experienced locally available for continuance of their services.

Action:

Chief Executive Officer, AMC

The meeting ended with thanks from the chair.

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Chief Secretary to the Government of Mizoram

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1. All members concerned for necessary action.

2. The P.P.S. to Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram.

3. The P.S. to Principal Secretary, UD & PA Department, Government of Mizoram.

4. The Chief Executive Officer, Aizawl Municipal Council

5. The Joint Director, Town & Country Planning, UD & PA Department, Govt. of Mizoram.

6. The Director, Geology & Mineral Resources Department, Govt. of Mizoram

7. The Director, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, Govt. of Mizoram.

8. The Project Director, Mizoram Remote Sensing Application Centre (MIRSAC).

(VALBUANGA)
Project Director,

SIPMIU (NERCCDIP)