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Minutes of the Third Project Guidance Council (PGC) meeting held on 30th June 2018 at 3.30 PM at the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary, Assam

Members present- Annexure-I

The 3rd meeting of the Project Guidance Council (PGC) was held on 30th June, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Smti. T.Y Das, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam in the conference Hall of the Office of the Chief Secretary at C-Block of Assam Secretariat, Dispur, Guwahati, Assam.

The meeting started with a welcome note from Sri. Ashutosh Agnihotri, IAS, State Project Director, AIWTDS cum Commissioner & Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Transport Department.

Sri. B B Dev Choudhury, Director, Inland Water Transport cum Addl. State Project Director, AIWTDS presented a brief overview of the AIWTD Society, its composition and the various components of the World Bank funded AIWT Project being implemented by it.

The PGC noted the progress made in regard to the following:

1. General Consultant, ISDP, ISBP and EIA-SIA Consultants are on board.
2. PMU has been set up and all critical positions have been filled up.
3. The Project Preparation Period has been extended till February, 2019.

After detailed and threadbare discussions on various issues, relevant resolutions were adopted, which are appended hereunder:-

1. The passenger ferry operations currently being undertaken by IWT Department in both the major rivers of Brahmaputra (NW-2) and Barak (NW-16) should be expanded to cover other important rivers and tributaries in the Assam so that connectivity can be provided to all rural /hinterland places.
Action: DIWT and AIWTDS to plan the activities accordingly
2. The proposed infrastructural interventions to be taken up by IWAI on NW2 and NW16 with assistance from World Bank and its resultant overlap with AIWT Project's components in development of fixed terminals, Night Navigation facility and setting up of Regional Inland Navigation Institute was discussed. It was advised to invite Senior Officials of IWAI, Delhi to next PGC meetings as special invitees for greater co-ordination and synergy between the two projects and to avoid duplication of efforts.
Action: DIWT and AIWTDS to plan the activities accordingly
3. It was agreed to include components of Tourism such as River Cruise, House Boat along with River Ambulance services in the AIWT Project. Further, it was advised to include Secretary to the Government of Assam, Department of Health and F.W. and Tourism Department in the Project Governing Council (PGC) for co-ordination.
Action: Transport Department to issue notification for the same



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4. The concept of the Incentive Scheme for individual boat owners, coined as "Jibondinga" was presented along with its objectives, benefits and proposed financial model. It was suggested to further refine/develop the scheme and to propose at least 3-4 alternative economic models with effective Regulatory mechanisms and place it before the members in the next meeting for approval.
Action: AIWTDS to present in the next meeting accordingly.
5. As part of the AIWT Project, it is proposed to introduce Integrated River Metro services along the length of the river in Guwahati and adjoining areas as an economic and alternative mode of transportation from city to Airport, religious places along the river banks and as a feeder service to the city public road transportation network. As part of infrastructure, State-of-the-art vessels/jetties/floating pontoons, Intelligent Navigation, Control Room and Automated Fare collection shall be procured. It was decided to go ahead with the project and conduct feasibility studies along with identification of suitable locations and vessels.
Action: DIWT/AIWTDS to implement the project accordingly.
6. Refurbishment and Upgradation of existing ferry infrastructure of IWT Department in the state shall be done on priority basis. It shall include proper safety equipment, GPS trackers, upgradation of passenger facilities such as gender/disabled friendly seating and toilets, retrofitting of engines and hull etc. It was advised to introduce better policing and monitoring on all ghats/terminals to bring down petty crimes and other illegal activities.
Action: DIWT and AIWTDS to take necessary actions
7. It was advised to explore the possibility of augmenting/subsidising the commercial transportation of Agro-produce through inland waterways using suitable vessels with emphasis on the Kharupetia - Guwahati route to bring in greater economic benefits to the farmers-consumers.
Action: DIWT to explore the possibility along with IWAI
8. An Integrated Control Room with latest technologies for effective monitoring of vessels and other modes of transport and their movement in the river along with early warning system and live incident monitoring and response system shall be established centrally at the Directorate of Inland Water Transport Office, Ulubari as part of the AIWT Project.
Action: AIWTDS to prepare a detailed plan accordingly.
9. It was advised to explore the feasibility of connecting the various towns in Barak Valley through development of IWT department's ferry routes as a faster and more convenient alternative to the present road connectivity.
Action: DIWT to explore the feasibility accordingly.



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10. It was advised that the Crew Training Centre(CTC)of IWT Department which is the only one of its kind in NE region shall be upgraded with all latest training facilities and a modern /standard curriculum shall be developed along with possibility of twinning arrangements with Internationally renowned Institutions.
Action: DIWT to take necessary action
11. It was advised and approved in principle to revise the organogram as per actual requirement so that it is lean and compact for efficient functioning.
Action: AIWTD
12. In order to derive optimal benefits out of the project, it was advised to emphasize and strengthen the core competencies of Inland Water Transport Department such as providing cross ferry services and Commercial Cargo services across Assam.
Action: DIWT/ AIWTDS
13. To bring in better co-ordination and synergy among the various developmental activities undertaken by all the EAP funded projects in the State, it was proposed to initiate a common Project Guidance Council (PGC) for AIWTD Society and all similar ongoing projects.
Action: Transport Department to follow up with T& D Department.
14. The existing ferry terminals of the IWT Department along the riverfront in Guwahati from Uzaan Bazar to Machkhowa is proposed to be redeveloped into State of the art modern terminals under the AIWT Project. As the Guwahati Smart City Project is also working on riverfront development and has prepared a DPR for the same, it was decided that DPRs of Guwahati Smart City shall be shared with AIWTD Society and necessary steps may be taken for collaboration and convergence between the two projects.
Action: AIWTDS to convene a meeting with Guwahati Smart city

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/- (T YDas, IAS)
Chief Secretary



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Date: 23rd July, 2018

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1. All members present
2. PS to Additional Chief Secretary, Environment & Forest and P&D for kind appraisal of Additional Chief Secretary
3. PS to Additional Chief Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development for kind appraisal of Additional Chief Secretary
4. PS to Additional Chief Secretary, Finance for kind appraisal of Additional Chief Secretary
5. PS to Additional Chief Secretary, PWD for kind appraisal of Additional Chief Secretary

By order etc,

(Ashutosh Agnihotri)



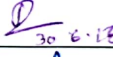

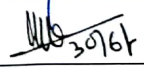
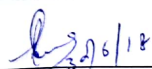
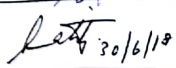
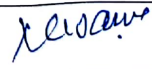
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Attendance sheetThird Project Guidance Council Meeting

Venue: Conference hall of the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

Date: 30th June, 2018

Time: 3.30 PM

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