

Minutes of the 2nd CCI-PMG Meeting Chaired by Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India.

(Dehradun,22.11.2013)

A meeting regarding fast tracking of approval in respect of mega projects held under the Chairmanship of Shri Anil Swarup, Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India on 22nd November 2013 . The Meeting was attended by the following Officers:

1. Dr. Umakant Panwar, Secretary, Transport, Government of Uttarakhand
2. Shri Amit Negi, Secretary, PWD, Government of Uttarakhand
3. Shri C. Ravi Shankar, Additional Secretary, Planning, Government of Uttarakhand
4. Shri Rajendra Mahajan, Additional PCCF & Nodal Officer- Forest Land Transfer, Government of Uttarakhand
5. Shri Ram Janm , Chief Engineer, Northern Railway
6. Shri Tula Ram ,Dy. Chief Engineer, Northern Railway
7. Shri Akesh Gupta, Dy. Chief Engineer, Northern Railway
8. Shri A K Singh, EE , NER
9. Shri Ram Pal Singh, S& S/C/W/BRY
10. Shri Narendra Kumar, Project Director, NHAI, Dehradun
11. Shri Shailendra Mishra, Executive Engineer, NH-PWD, Roorkee.
12. Shri L K Sachdev , EE, (C) Roorkee
13. Shri K.P. Agarwal, General Manager(S&LR), GAIL
14. Shri B.S. Gusain, Chief Manager(S&LR), GAIL

In the beginning the progress on commitments and targets of last 2 meetings dated 03.09.2013 & 13.09.2013 held at Dehradun in the office of Chief Secretary/Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand on the subject of GAIL spurline was reviewed. The Major points discussed in the meeting of 22-11-2013 are as follows:

1- Kichha-Khatima new Railway Project

Originally this railway project was sanctioned in 2003-04 as Kichha Khatima line. Accordingly the survey was done and villages were identified. Initially the estimated cost was Rs 37 Crore. Later on, an alternative alignment (Lalkuan- Sitarganj-Khatima) was proposed. The agriculture-belt through which the proposed line passing, is very fertile. Cultivators have been protesting strongly against the acquisition of land. No progress since 2003-04 has taken place. It was felt that the project is not economically viable because of absence of major commercial activities and market. Considering all these aspects the PMG felt that a view may be taken by the concerned Ministry on whether to continue with the Project or drop it. In this regard formal letter should be written to Railway H Q.

2- Roorkee-Deoband new railway project

This is a 50:50 cost sharing project sanctioned in 2007-08 and is delayed due to strong protest of 05 villages against land acquisition. Cost of land has highly escalated since then. Cost sharing is the main issue. A formula of cost sharing should be evolved on 50:50 basis for ensuring the implementation of this project which seems commercially viable for Deptt of Railway and having positive growth impacts in State economy of Uttarakhand and UP equally. The project is highly beneficial to the State, as it cuts down travelling time between Muzaffarnagar - Roorkee by nearly one hour. Considering the crucial importance of this project the PMG feels that the escalation cost should also be borne on 50: 50 basis. The Adl Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat

suggested to invite concerning representatives from U P Govt in future meetings of this project.

3- Bawana- Nangal Spurline (Uttarakhand & Punjab)

Part-I: Haridwar-Rishikesh Pipeline :

- Officials present from GAIL Shri K.P. Agarwal & Shri B.S. Gusain informed that permission for 9 Km parallel to NH- 58 under NHAI from Haridwar to Nepali Farm has been granted by NHAI, Dehradun.
- Permission for 4 KM parallel to NH-58 under NH-PWD, Dehradun from Nepali Farm to Rishikesh (*idpl*) has been approved by RO, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways & forwarded to Chief Engineer, NH-PWD, Dehradun/Executive Engineer NH-PWD, Roorkee for issue of permission after signing agreement by GAIL by 30.11.2013.
- Combined forest proposal after compliance of compensatory afforestation scheme & Certificate of DM, Dehradun as per forest Act 2006 has been submitted by GAIL to Additional PCCF & Nodal Officer, Forest Land Transfer, Dehradun on 21.11.2013. The certificate of DM, Haridwar is under process & shall be obtained within 10 days. It has been agreed by Nodal Officer to send the proposal for approval of Govt of Uttarakhand by 25.11.2013 and asked GAIL to submit the certificate of DM, Haridwar to Nodal Officer before sending the proposal to MoEF for 1st stage clearance after approval of Govt of Uttarakhand.
- GAIL officials informed that out of 4 Railway permissions, DRM, Moradabad has granted 3 Railway permissions to GAIL. For balance permission Railway informed that it will be granted after compliance of query by GAIL related to whether GAIL pipe line can be crossed through existing opening under railway track. Compliance after joint site visit is under process.

Part-II: Rishikesh-Dehradun Pipeline:

- Officials present from GAIL informed that as per the decision taken in the meeting dated 03.09.2013 chaired by Chief Secretary Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun regarding extending gas pipeline from Mohakkampur to ISBT, the pipeline has been extended up to ISBT and

plot of 100m x 100m has been identified by GAIL near ISBT for setting up of Receiving Terminal Station (RT). Proposal is under submission for Government acquisition. It was assured in the meeting that the land will be provided by Government of Uttarakhand on priority for establishing GAIL RT Station.

- For 9 km parallel to NH-72 under NH-PWD from Mohakkampur to RT-Dehradun (ISBT), Demand note has been issued by Ex. Engineer NH-PWD Roorkee to GAIL, Bank Guarantee & DD is under process by GAIL.
- For 26.5 Km parallel to NH-72 under NHAI from Nepali Farm to Mohakkampur proposal submitted to Project Director, NHAI Dehradun. PD, NHAI forwarded proposal to Consultant, NHAI for checking & site inspection. Query raised by NHAI consultant/ PD NHAI to GAIL to mark the pipe line alignment in their NH alignment sheets. Part alignment sheets have been given by NHAI consultant /Contractor to GAIL. Balance alignment sheets are yet to be given by NHAI Consultant /Contractor to GAIL. GAIL requested PD, NHAI to instruct NHAI consultant /contractor to provide balance alignment sheets to GAIL on priority. Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India advised PD, NHAI to provide all the alignment sheets and NH details to GAIL immediately for compliance of NHAI query. PD, NHAI agreed to instruct NHAI consultant/contractor to provide the balance alignment sheets/details to GAIL on priority and on compliance of queries by GAIL, PD NHAI will forward the proposal to RO, Lucknow. PD NHAI raised the serious concern over the issue of encroachment at various places on NH ROW for widening of NH-72 and tree cutting. Additional PCCF /Nodal officer assured PD, NHAI that Government of Uttarakhand will help to remove the encroachments from the NH ROW.
- Forest proposal submitted by GAIL for Rishikesh-Dehradun pipe line to DFO, Dehradun. Primary joint site inspection done by SDO, forest with GAIL. SDO advised GAIL to expedite the balance tree cutting in the scope of NHAI to avoid the double counting of trees. Nodal officer informed that as decided in the earlier meeting of Chief Secretary Government of Uttarakhand on 03.09.2013 that forest permission for

Rishikesh – Dehradun pipe line will be processed only after stage-1 clearance is granted by MoEF for Haridwar-Rishikesh pipe line section.

- GAIL officials informed that out of 3 Railway permissions, DRM, Moradabad has granted 2 no. Railway permissions to GAIL. For balance 1 no. permission Railway informed that it will be granted after compliance of query by GAIL related to whether GAIL pipe line can be crossed through existing opening under railway track. Compliance after joint site visit is under process.
- It was also informed that Shri Rajendra Mahajan, Additional PCCF & Nodal Officer has been nominated as Nodal officer from Government of Uttarakhand for timely forest clearance related to implementation of Haridwar-Rishikesh-Dehradun pipe line.
- Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, New Delhi advised that the representative from of MoEF camp office, Dehradun may also be invited in the next review meeting for speedy clearance of forest permission.

Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India also emphasized that early implementation of this GAIL pipe line will be beneficial in the development of Uttarakhand state economy. Hence, all officials should work as a team for implementation of this pipeline project within stipulated time. The status of progress should be uploaded immediately in the portal of the PMG.

4- Vishnugad-Pipalkoti Hydro electric project by THDC

Nodal officer, Forest Land Transfer informed that Ministry of Environment & Forest has accorded Environmental and forest clearance for Vishnugad-Pipalkoti Hydro- electric project. The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 13-08-2013, has issued certain directions for Hydro electric projects in Uttarakhand. In view of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the matter has been referred to the Law department for its opinion, which is still awaited. It was decided in the meeting that Law Department should be approached to do the needful

at the earliest. It was also decided that THDC will also pursue the matter with Law Department for early action in this regard.
Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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