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To,

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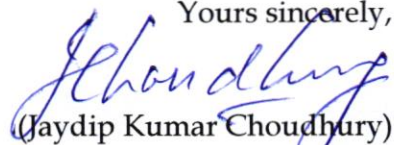
Sub:- Approved minutes of LPAC meeting held on 15.05.2019.

Sir,

Please enclosed find herewith the approved minutes of the meeting of the Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) held on 15.05.2019 under the chairmanship of Mr. Prashant Goyal, Joint Secretary (UN & OMI) in respect of the following five projects for information and necessary action:

- (a) Market Transformation and Removal of Barriers for Effective Implementation of the State-Level Climate change Action Plans in Manipur-GEF assisted
 - (b) Redrafting of State of Environment Report (SoER) and State Action Plan for Climate Change (SAPCC) to strengthen implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals Related to Environment and Climate Change in Haryana (SDGs 13,14 & 15)"
 - (c) India High Range Mountain Landscape Project
 - (d) Plastic Waste Recycling Management
 - (e) Improving efficiency of vaccination system in multiple states funded by GAVI and MoHFW
2. This issues with the approval of JS (UN & OMI).

Yours sincerely,


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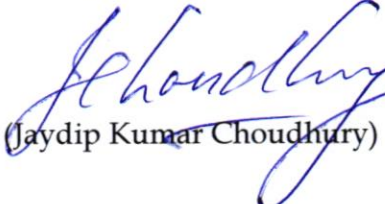
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**Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs**

**Minutes of Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) meeting
Date & venue: 15th May 2019 (2.30 PM)
(Room No. 131-A, North Block, New Delhi)**

Present:

Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance

1. Mr. Prashant Goyal, Joint Secretary (UN&oMI) and the Chairman, Local Projects Appraisal Committee
2. Mr. Vishal Pratap Singh, Deputy Secretary (UN)
3. Mr. Jaydip Kumar Choudhury, Under Secretary (UN)
4. Mr. Amit Anurag, Asst. Section Officer

NITI Aayog

1. Ms. Deepika Lohia Aran, Director
2. Ms. Shamistha Sinha, Dy. Director

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

1. Mr. S. B. Mondal, Director
2. Mr. Roy P. Thomas
3. Dr. R. Gopinath

Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs

1. Mr. Yogender Singh, Director

Government of Madhya Pradesh

1. Er. Vipin Shrivastava, State Cold Chain Officer

UNDP

1. Ms. Nadia Rasheed, Deputy Country Director
2. Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Additional Country Director
3. Ms. Payal Suri-Head Finance
4. Mr. Vikas Verma
5. Mr. Prabhjot Sodhi
6. Dr. Manish Pant
7. Ms. Ruchi Pant
8. Ms. Anusha
9. Mr. Srikrishna Bala
10. Mr. Pankaj Mehta
11. Ms. Momin Jaan
12. Mr. Saba Kalam
13. Mr. Mayank Aggarwal
14. Mr. Prabhakar Singh

1. At the outset, JS (UN&oMI) welcomed the members present. He requested the invitees/representatives to highlight the details of the project.

• **Agenda 1: Market Transformation and Removal of Barriers for Effective Implementation of the State-Level Climate change Action Plans in Manipur- GEF assisted**

2. JS(UN&oMI) enquired about the scope and the activities being undertaken in the project, as also the closure date of the project.

3. It was clarified that the project will be funded by GEF and UNDP will implement the same @ 8% of the project cost as its management fee. UNDP representative highlighted the key activities being carried out in the project i.e. solar installation in institutional sector, development of Monitoring, reporting, and verification (**MRV**) tool. He also informed that the closure date of the project is December 2019. He also informed that as the project implementation got delayed for want of necessary clearances from concerned Central Ministry; therefore, extension for the project would be sought separately for this project.

4. JS(UN&oMI) asked MoEFCC representative to express his view on this project. Mr. Mondal, Director, MoEFCC told that the Ministry supports the proposal. Director, MoEFCC also intimated that NITI Aayog has been requested for providing its comments but the same has not been received yet. JS(UN&oMI) observed that as the views of NITI Aayog has not been received despite several reminders, one final notice of one clear week may be given to it wherein it be clarified that in case no comments are still received, it shall be presumed that NITI Aayog has 'no comments' to offer.

5. The project was accordingly given a go ahead subject to the comments, if any, from NITI Aayog.

6. JS(UN&oMI) requested MoEFCC to visit the project site to ensure its proper implementation, and also to ensure that the implementation is as per the scope permitted by GEF.

• **Agenda 2: Redrafting of State of Environment Report (SoER) and State Action Plan for Climate Change (SAPCC) to strengthen implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals Related to Environment & Climate Change in Haryana (SDGs 13,14 & 15)**

7. JS(UN&oMI) enquired about the role of UNDP in the project and also about the funding source of the project. It was intimated that UNDP would draft and design the State of Environment Report (**SoER**) and update the State Action Plan on Climate Change (**SAPCC**). UNDP representative informed that the project is being funded by Government of Haryana and UNDP will implement the same @ 8% of the project cost as its management fee.

8. JS(UN&oMI) sought the comments of MoEFCC on the project proposal of UNDP. It was apprised to the Chair that MoEFCC has not given its comment

on the proposal as yet. He also enquired from UNDP about the resource person for this project. UNDP informed that it would hire two environment specialists who would design the report.

9. Mr. Mondal informed the Chair that the MoEFCC is providing grants from the Centre to State Government for SAPCC and therefore, State Government has to adhere to the guidelines for SAPCC issued by MoEFCC as grant is being provided by the latter. Mr. Mondal informed that the MoEFCC supports the proposal.

10. JS(UN&oMI) enquired about the scope of action plan. MoEFCC informed that as per the action plan, State Govt can take climate specific action in different sectors, e.g. agriculture, industries, etc. He also cautioned that in past the SAPCC prepared for Haryana have not been implemented and hence enough safeguards are required to ensure implementation of the same this time. MoEFCC assured that it will be able to ensure that Haryana actually implements the project this time.

11. JS(UN&oMI) enquired about the comments of NITI Aayog. In response to this, DS(UN) informed that comments of NITI Aayog is for central sector projects. JS(UN&oMI) directed that the comments of NITI Aayog should be taken henceforth for all State Government projects also.

12. The committee accordingly gave an in-principle approval for the project. The Chair requested MoEFCC to monitor the project and ensure that it is taken to its logical conclusion by State of Haryana.

• Agenda 3: Plastic Waste Recycling Management

13. Mr. Sodhi, UNDP gave detailed presentation of the project, its model & pillars. He intimated that the project has been drafted on the four pillars which is the flagship scheme of Government of India. He outlined the linkage of the project to various sector & schemes of Government e.g. Formation of women SHGs with waste pickers, linking SHGs to waste management & recycling, access to services, including insurances, pension, etc. He also highlighted the Framework for plastic waste collection, processing and recycling, its structure of implementation. He also highlighted the issues faced by waste-pickers and how the project would intervene in addressing those issues and its impact. UNDP explained how the plastic waste will be used for various useful products, including construction of roads, plastic artefacts, etc.

14. While lauding the objectives of the project, JS(UN&oMI) enquired about the comments of all the concerned Central Ministries. It was informed to the Chair that views of all the concerned Ministry/ Department have been received except MoEFCC. JS(UN&oMI) directed to get it from MoEFCC within a week's time.

15. JS(UN&oMI) asked about the source of funds for project. Mr. Sodhi intimated that Coco Cola Pvt Ltd, along with other private partners, is funding the project and UNDP would be charging 8% management fee for the implementation. Mr. Sodhi informed the Chair that UNDP is in constant touch with Urban Development Departments of the States where the

implementation of the project is to be done to seek some funds from their side.

16. JS(UN&oMI) commented that the project activities are anyway supposed to be undertaken by municipalities and enquired from UNDP whether it is also mobilising funds from Municipal Corporation/ Committees, as the case may be. In response to this, it was informed by UNDP that Municipal Corporation is not providing funds but supporting the project by in-kind contributions such as providing machinery, space, segregation of dry-waste etc. He also showed the key activities to be undertaken in the project through the presentation. JS(UN&oMI) suggested that UNDP may mobilize the funds from State Municipal Corporation also in order to keep the project running.

17. JS(UN&oMI) also sought to know the basis of the selection of city. UNDP informed that these are synchronized with the Indian national priorities and target cities which are producing high waste products. The wishes of sponsor are also kept in view MoHUA informed that it supports the proposal. JS(UN&oMI) requested MoHUA to play pro-active role in selection of appropriate cities and also ensuring sufficient funds through leveraging of funds provided by the private companies.

18. JS(UN&oMI) observed that during the implementation of the project, there is a chance of unintended or careless release of the plastic pollutants and therefore, directed UNPD to obtain necessary clearances from concerned State Pollution Control Board. UNDP assured that the same would be done.

19. JS(UN&oMI) asked about the sustainability of the project. It was informed by UNDP that the project is for four years and thereafter, some agency would take over the project in consultation with the Municipal Corporation. UNDP also informed the Chair the Municipal Corporation would be empowered/ trained to take forward the project.

20. The Committee accordingly gave in-principle approval to the proposal submitted by UNDP. The Chair also request MoHUA to oversee the implementation of the project and come up with suggestions on how to increase the reach of the project to more and more cities.

• **Agenda 4: India High Range Mountain Landscape Project**

21. Mr. Gopinath, MoEFCC informed that the scope of the project covered mainstreaming biodiversity considerations in production sectors through a landscape approach for conservation in Munnar region of Western Ghats in India. It was informed that GEF is funding the project.

22. UNDP representative gave detailed presentation of the activities being done in the project which includes pro-conservation approach for sustainable use of landscape, capacity building in the forest area, etc. He referred to the importance of this project during the Kerala flood last year. He told about the funding source in the project and informed that it is also being co-funded by State Government. It was informed that total budget for the project is USD

36,275,000, including GEF funding of USD 6,275,000 in-kind support by State Government of USD 2,800,000.

23. JS(UN&oMI) expressed his displeasure over not having any representative from State Government. He desired that representative from State Government, whenever required and called for, should be available for all the future LPAC meetings.

24. Seeing the importance of the project, the Committee gave in-principle approval to the proposal submitted by UNDP. The Chair also requested MoEFCC to actively monitor the project and ensure that it meets the scope permitted by GEF for the project.

• Agenda 5: Improving efficiency of vaccination system in multiple states funded by GAVI and MoHFW

25. JS(UN&oMI) began by expressing serious concern over UNDP going ahead with the project with State Governments without prior approval of the project by LPAC. He clarified that this project is being considered as an exceptional case since the work has begun and funds already incurred. However, in future UNDP has to ensure that prior clearance from LPAC is taken before even commencing any project activity. The UNDP gave an assurance to this effect.

26. The UNDP further informed that as per Ministry of Health & Family Welfare's suggestion, it has as a special case agreed, without creating a precedent, for implementing the project at 3% management fee. It also clarified that it is following with MoHFW to permit additional 2% operational cost for this project.

27. UNDP informed that 12 States which were in Phase-I of the project have now moved to Government funding. Remaining 24 states are being covered in Phase-II of the project with funds provided by GAVI. JS(UN&oMI) further enquired about the management fee in the Phase-II. It was informed by UNDP that for government funded States, UNDP will charge 3% + 2% operational cost subject to prior clearance of MoHFW, and for phase-II i.e. GAVI funded, UNDP will continue to charge 8% management fee.

28. JS(UN&oMI) asked representative from MP Government whether MP is in consensus with this management fee. Mr. Shrivastava informed the Chair that the State Government is in agreement with this arrangement as permitted by the MoHFW.

29. JS(UN&oMI) enquired about the timeline of the transition of the Phase-I and Phase-II of the GAVI project. He directed that transition plan should be the part of the MOU with State Government and that the Phase I states may be transitioned within an outer time limit of one year from today. Also, MoHFW may monitor, along with the concerned States, that the project follows timelines and is implemented strictly as per the scope of activities permitted for the project.

30. DS(UN) asked from Mr. Shrivastava, Govt of MP about the role of UNDP when the transition of the project has been done in MP. Mr. Shrivastava informed that the transition is done at different level. He informed that there is wage gap at district, State & regional level. DS(UN) asked how this wage gap is going to be addressed. UNDP told that present staff would leave and then it would be taken over fully by States.

31. The Committee gave in-principle approval to the proposal submitted by UNDP subject to condition that UNDP will follow the project strictly as per the approvals and any management fee to be charged by UNDP would have the prior clearance/ approval of MOHFW.

32. Further, UNDP will ensure that the number and salary structure of Consultant and other staff posted by it at its HQ in Delhi and in other States for implementing GAVI project (Phase I and Phase II) is decided in consultation with the concerned States and MoHFW.

33. In fact, in general, in all projects being implemented by UNDP and which get cleared by LPAC, UNDP shall decide the number and salary structure of Consultant and other staff posted by it at its HQ in Delhi and in other States for implementing that project in consultation with Central Line Ministry, as also the State. For existing projects under implementation, UNDP may provide this list to the Central Line Ministry and DEA.

34. In addition, UNDP shall in future submit quarterly physical and financial progress report on each of the projects under its implementation, to the Central Line Ministry, and the concerned State, with a copy thereof to the UN Section of DEA. The report shall clearly bring out if any of the involved Staff is redeployed or a new one added. Addition/ deletion/ amendment of any activity should also form part of the report.

35. The Chair directed the UN Section, DEA to ensure the following for all future UNDP Projects:

- (i) The comments on project proposal are taken from NITI Aayog and all concerned line Ministries. For North Eastern States, views of MEA, DONER and MHA may also be taken.**
- (ii) All line Ministries, NITI Aayog and concerned State representatives should be present during the LPAC meeting.**
- (iii) The scope and cost of project, project area and the source of funds (cash/ kind), and time-period of implementation be clearly brought out. The winding-up/ transition plan should also be covered in the meeting.**
- (iv) The key performance indicators along with timelines may also be indicated.**
- (v) It may remain in touch with the line Ministry to ensure that the project is implemented exactly as per its scope and project**

proceeds in a timely manner. Quarterly reports from the line Ministry and PIA may also be taken, and analysed.

36. The meeting ended with the Chair thanking all the participants for their contribution in the meeting.

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