

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Climate Change Division

Minutes of the meeting of the National Steering Committee on BUR-3
November 11, 2020, 12:00-1:30 hrs.

A virtual meeting of the National Steering Committee on BUR-3 was chaired by Shri R.P Gupta, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India (GoI) on 11.11.2020 to discuss and finalize India's third Biennial Update Report (BUR) being prepared for submission to the UNFCCC secretariat. The list of participants is at Annexure.

2. Shri Ravi S Prasad, Additional Secretary, MoEFCC gave overall context and background of BUR-3. He informed that the upcoming project on Capacity Building Initiative on Transparency is to address various gaps in preparation of such reports and making it more advanced apart from capacity building and other related issues.

3. A very brief presentation was made by Adviser (CC), MoEFCC on draft BUR-3 after which floor was opened for discussions.

4. Important discussion points:

- i. IMD and MoES confirmed that data up to 2019 as sent by them already stands incorporated in the draft. Comments from Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) will be conveyed soon.
- ii. MNRE said that they have already sent their inputs and comments as well pertinent data till September 2020. Additional comments, if any, will be shared in a week.
- iii. DST said that there is a visible improvement in data quality, accuracy and representation from BUR-1 to BUR-2 and from BUR-2 to BUR-3. Vulnerability of Himalayan states has been brought out by DST that may also be included. Capacity building in the area of climate change as promoted by DST may be also included.

- iv. DG (BEE) said that the report is comprehensive and the results and analysis of PAT-3 cycle will be available soon, which may be included in future report.
- v. Shri Ninad Deshmukh, Director (UNES), MEA observed that the report is a good compilation and may be further enriched with more information, on externally aided projects, that would be shared with MoEFCC.
- vi. Ms Chandni Raina, Advisor, CCFU, DEA pointed out that the Report of the Sub-Committee for the Assessment of the Financial Requirements for Implementing India's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) was published by DEA in June 2020 and may be used in the BUR-3. AS (RSP) suggested that the report needs to be revisited as communicated by MoEFCC earlier.
- vii. Shri Ashwini Kumar, Additional Economy Advisor, MoHUA informed that their major policies such as Smart Cities Mission, AMRUT have been captured in the draft and additional inputs will be soon provided.
- viii. Ms Rasika Choubey of Ministry of Steel said that the requirement for new technology and finance may be clearly brought out with additional information that they will provide.
- ix. Shri Bhabani Prasad Pati of Ministry of Coal said that Information of clean coal technology need to be strengthened with the inputs that will be supplied shortly by the Ministry.

5. The Chair remarked the following:

- i. Analysis of the GHG inventory reported in the BUR is poor, inadequate and should be improved.
- ii. National GHG inventory is understandably a necessity for reporting to UNFCCC as well as important in tracking energy efficiency of economic development in the country. Inventory data is also useful in gauging mid-course correction for the extant policies and programmes as well as designing new ones.
- iii. Sector-wise changes in emission intensity should be worked out for internal policy planning purposes.
- iv. Implementation of pre 2020 goals/NDCs should also be analysed.

- v. Inventory of later years i.e. 2017, 2018 or even later need to be attempted so that it feeds to the domestic policy planning in a timely manner. Ministries/ Departments should endeavour to furnish latest data for such exercise.
- vi. All Ministries/ departments which have yet not provided comments/ inputs or need to give additional inputs may please do so in a week's time i.e. by 18 November 2020, after which draft note for the cabinet will be circulated.

7. Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair and the participants.

Annexure: List of participants

Ministry/Department	Name
MoEFCC	Shri R P Gupta, Secretary
MoEFCC	Shri R S Prasad, Additional Secretary
Niti Aayog	Shri Avinash Mishra, Adviser
DARE	Dr Bhaskar, DDG
DEA	Ms Chandni Raina, Adviser
DST	Dr Nisha Mendiratta, Sc F
MoWR	Sh Sunil Arora, Adviser
Railways	Sh Arun Arora, Pr. ED (Env)
MoSPI	Ms Bhanumati, DDG
IMD	Dr S D Attri, Sc G
MNRE	Dr P C Maithani, Adviser
Housing & Urban Affairs	Sh Ashwini Kumar, Additional Economic Adviser
MoES	Dr R S Mahesh Kumar , Sc F
MoRTH	Sh Kailash Chand Gupta, AS
Steel	Ms Rasika Choubey
M/o Shipping	Sh Arvind Chaudhary, EA
M/o Power	Sh Abhay Bakre, DG, BEE
M/o RD	Sh. Yashpal, DS
M/o IPP &Commerce	Ms Asha Sota, DS
M/o Civil Aviation	Ms. Ekta Agrawal, ADAED
MEA	Sh Ninad Deshpande, Dir (UNES)
M/o Agriculture	Ms Chhavi Jha, JS
M/o Coal	Sh Bhabani Prasad Pati, JS
MoEFCC	Dr J R Bhatt, Advisor
MoEFCC	Shri R K Kodali, Director
MoEFCC	Shri Ajay Raghava, Joint Director
NATCOM Cell	Shri Lokesh Chandra Dubey
NATCOM Cell	Dr Abhijit Basu
NATCOM Cell	Ms Biba Jasmine Kaur
NATCOM Cell	Ms Sruthi Vinod
NATCOM Cell	Shri Jaypalsinh Chauhan
