## Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at 3.00 PM at the conference hall, RUSA, Assam

A meeting was organised by RUSA Assam on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at 3.00 PM at Conference Hall of RUSA office, Kahilipara, Assam. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Deepak Majumdar, IAS, Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt. of Assam cum Mission Director RUSA, Assam. Detail list of participants present in the meeting is enclosed at annexure: I.

Important points discussed during the meeting are:

- 1. Mission Director of RUSA Assam has stated that out of the total 20 nos. of colleges, ASHB has not yet initiated steps for issue of notice inviting tender whereas Housefed has issued NIT for all its alloted colleges numbering 39. Smt. Sukla Rani Sinha of ASHB has stated that they will complete the issue of NIT within the current month. MD has requested ASHB to complete the all preliminary process including the process of NIT within 7 working days.
- 2. Since submission of utilization report will be due on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020, the MD has requested ASHB and Housefed to complete atleast 40% of civil works within 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020. As discussed in last review meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, MD requested ASHB & Housefed to focus primarily on rennovation works followed by other priliminary works.
- 3. Various colleges including Mankachar college, Sibsagar College, Arya Vidhyapeeth College, Moirabari College has stated that the civil works has not yet been started. They also mentioned that ASHB has included soil testing, structural design etc work in detail working plan although same has already been done by the college authority. And also has placed demand for expenditure connected with those works. After discussion it was decided that ASHB shall not place any demand for the above works since soil testing and structural design has already been done.
- 4. Coordinator of LTK College along with Lakhimpur Girls' College have stated that ASHB has requested for additional fund for undertaking works like preparation of plan & estimate in addition to 2.95% of agency charge. The same problem has been also found in Dhakuakhana College. All other Principals and Coordinators have stated that Housefed has not been placed any demand for such type of works. The Assistant Project Engineer of Housefed has stated that they will finish all other related works like preparation of working estimate, structural design & soil testing from their own agency charge. In view of above, MD has stated that the both agency (ASHB & HOUSEFED) should follow one common principle in executing the civil works. He has requested ASHB to follow the policies/rules adopted by Housefed so, that the civil works can be completed within the allocated amount. He has requested concerned Engineer of ASHB to make necessary action accordingly.
- 5. MD has stated that ASHB has not completed signing of MOU with some colleges and also incorporated works which have already been done by colleges. He has cited example of Sibsagar College, where Girls' Hostel under equity initiatives is executing by ASHB and Mankachar College where construction under component: infrastructure grants to collegesa is under the supervision of ASHB. He has requested Assistant Engineer of ASHB to delete the portion of MOU which is not necessary.
- 6. Dr. Dharmendra Nath, Principal of S.B. Deorah College and Secretary of Assam Principal Council has stated that both the agencies (ASHB & Housefeed) does not have sufficient Engineering man power to oversee the works. Both the representatives of ASHB & Housefeed have stated that they have sufficient man power to supervise all civil works in different colleges of the state and assured that the quality of works will not be compromised. Dr. Dharmendra Nath, Principal of S.B. Deorah College and Dr. Hiranya Kr. Chaliha, Principal of Kaliabar College have stated that, in view of slow

progress of works all civil works should be entrusted with PWD (B). Both the representatives of ASHB & Housefed assured the Mission Director RUSA, Assam that they will complete the assigned work within the stipulated period. In this connection, MD, RUSA has specifically requested ASHB to strictly follow the timeline & also to exclude the portion of MOU which has been objected by some colleges. The specific clauses like term of completion of work and payment of 1% contingency charge etc should be deleted.

7. The next review meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at 3.00 PM. Finally the meeting was ended with vote of thaks offered by Mission Director, RUSA, Assam.

(Dr. Deepak Majumdar IAS)
Secretary, Higher Education Dept., Govt. of Assam
And Mission Director RUSA, Assam

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## Copy to:

- 1. Commissioner of ASHB for information and necessary action.
- 2. MD, Housefed for information and necessary action.
- 3. President, Assam College Principal's Association for kind necessary information.
- 4. Principal of S.B. Deorah College for information and necessary action.
- 5. Principal of Kaliabar College for information and necessary action.
- 6. Principal of GNDG College for information and necessary action.
- 7. Principal of B. Barooah College for information and necessary action.
- 8. RUSA Coordinator of Arya Vidhyapeeth College for information and necessary action.
- 9. RUSA Coordinator of LTK College for information and necessary action.
- 10. RUSA Coordinator of Sibsagar College for information and necessary action.
- 11. RUSA Coordinator of Lakhimpur Girls'College, Dhakuakhana College for information and necessary action.
- 12. Assistant Engineer of ASHB for information and necessary action.
- 13. Assistant Project Engineer of Housefed for information and necessary action.
- Principal JHNS College & Moirabari College, Panigaon OPD College & Mankachar College for kind necessary information.
- 15. Concerned officials of RUSA Assam for necessary actions only.

(Dr. Deepak Majumdar IAS)

Secretary, Higher Education Dept., Govt. of Assam And Mission Director RUSA, Assam

## REVIEW MEETING TO DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF WORKS UNDER RUSA

<u>Venue</u>: Conference Hall, RUSA, Assam

Date:07/01/2020

Time:03:00 P.M.

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