

Record Notes of the Review meeting taken by Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao, Additional Secretary, M/o Mines on FSP implementation of FS 2019-20 and status of project proposals in State of Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh held on 18.02.2020 at M/o Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines [AS (Mines)] held a review meeting on FSP implementation on geoscientific activities being implemented by GSI in the State of Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh during the current FSP 2019-20 and project proposals for the ensuing FSP 2020-21. The meeting was attended by Dr. P. K. Singh Director, TC, SU: Arunachal Pradesh; Shri C. Yanthan, Superintending Geologist, SU: Tripura and Mizoram and Dr. Deshraj Trivedi, Senior Geologist, M/o Mines.

2. AS (Mines) expressed his satisfaction on the achievement made by State Units Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura & Mizoram, GSI except on the drilling component of SU: Arunachal Pradesh wherein the achievement remained dismal. Based on the deliberations, the following actionable points have emerged for urgent necessary action:

- i. In the FS 2020-21, five to six projects on Landslide Susceptibility Mapping and Mesoscale Mapping may be taken up in Arunachal Pradesh and proposals be finalised and submitted in the CGPB meeting.
- ii. It has been observed that the achievement made under drilling activity in Arunachal Pradesh is dismal. In this regard AS (Mines) directed that Chief Engineer, CHQ, GSI, Kolkata will visit NER, Shillong & Arunachal Pradesh and submit status report on drilling activities, target vis-a-vis achievement (State-wise), status of deployment of in-house drilling rigs and capacities of available drilling rigs in NER.
- iii. AS (Mines) directed that the reports on Landslide Susceptibility Mapping and Mesoscale Mapping for last three years are to be shared with State Government of Tripura, M/o Road Transport and Highways and Principal Secretary, Tripura CPWD with copy to Additional Chief Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura State.
- iv. AS (Mines) desired that a project on Geo-environmental appraisal of the Howrah River may be taken up in Tripura State as per discussions of SGPB meeting/ local need and professional issues.
- v. AS (Mines) desired that in the ensuing FS 2020-21, minimum four projects on NLSM/ Meso-scale landslide mapping are to be implemented in State of Tripura. It is also desired that projects on Public Good geoscience studies [Arsenic and Fluoride contamination] may be finalised for implementation in FS 2020-21 as per discussions of SGPB meeting/ local need and professional issues.
- vi. The possibility of taking up NAGMP project in NER may be worked out by DDG, HoD, RSAS, Bengaluru.
- vii. AS (Mines) desired that one/two best performing officers, identified on the basis of their field activities carried out during FS 2019-20, from each State Unit of NER may be shortlisted by HoD, NER in consultation with DG, GSI for participation in upcoming CGPB meeting as an incentive and for professional exposure.
- viii. The field visits of Supervisory officers shall be result oriented.
- ix. In Arunachal Pradesh focus of implementation of projects for FS 2020-21 shall be in the mineral potential areas abutting Chinese border as per discussions of SGPB meeting/ local need and professional issues.
- x. Shri Mohan Raj, ADG and NMH-II may visit to NER before 31st March, 2020 for comprehensive review of the geoscientific activities and way forward for FS 2020-21.