

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF ASSAM INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITY (AIFA) SOCIETY
HELD ON 14.10.15.**

The 6th Executive Committee (EC) meeting of AIFA, Society was held on 14.10.15 at 4 pm in the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary, Assam. On behalf of Shri Tarun Gogoi, Honorable Chief Minister, Assam and President, AIFA, the meeting was presided over by Shri Vinod Kumar Pipersenia, IAS, Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam.

The list of members of Executive Committee of AIFA Society present in the meeting including the special invitees is placed **at Annexure I**.

After threadbare discussion the following decisions were taken.

Item No. (1): Confirmation of the Minutes (including corrigendum) of the 5th meeting of the Executive Committee held on 16th May, 2015:

6/01R/2015: The minutes of the 5th meeting of the Executive Committee of Assam Infrastructure Financing Authority (AIFA) Society held on 16th May 2015 along with the corrigendum were confirmed.

Item No. (2): Review of Action taken on the decisions of the 5th meeting of the Executive Committee:

6/02R/2015: The Executive Committee noted the action taken on the decisions of the 5th meeting of the Executive Committee of Assam Infrastructure Financing Authority (AIFA) Society held on 16th May 2015.

Reviewing the status of disbursement of AIFA funds that were released to the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup towards cost of land acquisition (LA) for establishing the IIIT, the EC approved the proposal to recall the AIFA funds parked with the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup to the extent undisbursed in view of the Honorable High Court stay orders on the land acquisition and authorized AIFA to invest it in fixed deposits to avoid interest loss and release to the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup on a future date for payment to the remaining awardees of LA as and when the litigation is resolved.

Item No. (3): Amendment of Memorandum of Association (MOA) and the Rules and Regulations of AIFA Society:

6/03R/2015: The Executive Committee approved the necessary amendments proposed to the Memorandum of Association (MOA) and the Rules and Regulations of the AIFA Society for creation of a Governing Body of AIFA Society headed by Honorable Chief Minister, Assam and an Executive Committee of AIFA Society. However in supersession of the decision taken in the 5th meeting of EC, AIFA, it was further resolved that the proposed Executive Committee, AIFA will be headed by the Chief Secretary, Assam instead of the Senior Most Secretary of the Finance

Department and the latter will function as the Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee, AIFA.

The Executive Committee also approved the proposal to make necessary changes in Section 2 (a) of the MOA and the Rules and Regulations of AIFA Society to incorporate the new address of the registered office as mentioned below:-

“Office of the Assam Infrastructure Financing Authority (AIFA)
3rd Floor, CM Block,
Assam Secretariat,
Dispur, Guwahati -781006
District- Kamrup (Metropolitan), Assam”

Item No. (4): AIFA’s fund position and need for written commitment from state government for budgeting and release of funds in future against projects funded by AIFA:

6/04R/2015: Noting that AIFA doesn’t have the requisite funds for financing even the approved projects, the Executive Committee concurred with the AIFA Management on the matter of seeking a commitment from the Government of Assam for providing the requisite funds needed for financing the EC approved projects and accordingly approved and authorized the Project Director, AIFA to move the Finance Department, Government of Assam for giving a written commitment to the AIFA, Society to the extent that the Finance Department will provide to AIFA the entire AIFA fund amounting to Rs/-1400 crores (Rupees fourteen hundred crores) that was returned to state exchequer through adequate budgetary provisions as per requirement to be communicated by AIFA at the time of preparation of annual State Budgets from time to time for financing the approved projects.

The EC further resolved that on receipt of the written commitment from the finance department, the AIFA will give necessary ‘go-ahead’ to the concerned Administrative Department of Government of Assam (under whose control the project is taken up for implementation) for according Administrative Approval for the projects approved for financing by AIFA and the combined Administrative Approval for all approved projects put together shall be limited to about Rs 1650 crores which includes Rs 250 crores (approx) interest fund available in AIFA account and Rs 1400 Crore likely to be committed by the Finance Department, Government of Assam.

The Executive Committee after deliberations also resolved that the entire amount of Rs 1400 crores to be committed by the Finance Department, Government of Assam for financing the AIFA approved projects needs to be provided as Grants-in-aid to AIFA and accordingly authorized the Project Director, AIFA to move a proposal for seeking approval of the Finance Department to this effect.

While rejecting the proposal for retaining 3% funds as administrative costs of AIFA Society, the EC viewed that the Administrative costs of AIFA Society

will be approved on an annual basis based on actual needs through a duly approved budget.

Item No-(5): Roles and Responsibilities of AIFA Secretariat in project execution:

6/05R/2015: Approving the proposed Roles and Responsibilities of AIFA Secretariat as placed on agenda, the Executive Committee, AIFA resolved that the role of AIFA Society including its officials shall be limited to Project Financing and the actual responsibility of sponsoring a project for funding by AIFA, causing its detailed scrutiny for correctness both from technical and financial point of view, issue of Administrative Approval of the project and its financial sanction as per DFP Rules and field monitoring shall lie with the Administrative Department under whose control the project is being implemented and its Implementing Agencies to the extent applicable.

Item No. (6): Approval of project “Construction of Phase II of Barpeta Medical College submitted by PW (Bldg & NH) Department through Health Department:

6/06R/2015: The Executive Committee, AIFA recommended for giving ‘go-ahead’ to the Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Assam for according Administrative Approval for the project “Construction of Phase II of Barpeta Medical College” at a revised cost of Rs. 272.86 crores or lesser after obtaining necessary written commitment of state government in finance department for providing necessary funds to AIFA as resolved under Item - 4 above.

Item No. (7): Police Housing Project:

6/07R/2015: The Executive Committee, AIFA recommended for giving ‘go-ahead’ to the Home Department, Government of Assam for according Administrative Approval for the “Police Housing Project” at a cost of Rs. 500 crore or lesser after obtaining necessary written commitment of state government in finance department for providing necessary funds to AIFA as resolved under Item - 4 above.

The EC also resolved that Home Department, Government of Assam will implement the entire project through the PW(B&NH) Department which in turn will ensure that the Tenders are invited for execution of the project only in those locations where land is available.

Item No (8): Low Cost Housing Project:

6/08R(A)/2015: The Executive Committee decided to defer the discussion on the project of “Low Cost Housing for Rs 50 crores” to be taken up by GMDA to the next EC meeting in view of absence of the Principal Secretary, Guwahati Development Department and the CEO, GMDA.

6/08R(B)/2015: Shri. M G V K Bhanu, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary recalled that the EC, AIFA in its 5th meeting actually decided to implement the entire project of the Low Cost Housing at a total cost of Rs. 500 crores in Guwahati and its adjacent areas but it has been erroneously recorded in the minutes that the project will be implemented in the entire state. The EC, AIFA deliberated on the matter and decided that the Low Cost Housing Project at a total cost of Rs. 500 crores will be implemented in Guwahati and its adjacent areas and not in the entire state and further resolved that the minutes of 5th meeting of EC, AIFA stand modified to that extent.

Item No (9): Approval of Directorate Complex at Betkuchi:

R 6/09/2015: The Executive Committee AIFA after deliberations recommended for giving 'go ahead' to the General Administration Department (GAD), Government of Assam for according Administrative Approval for the project at a revised cost of Rs. 471.40 crore or lesser after obtaining necessary written commitment of state government in finance department for providing necessary funds to AIFA as resolved under Item - 4 above and subject to the DPR of the project being formally recommended to AIFA by the GAD.

The EC also resolved that the GAD should ensure that the notification regarding de-reservation of the land on which the project has been proposed to be taken up is received from GDD before according Administrative Approval and a copy is furnished to AIFA.

Item No. (10): Construction of Assam Bhawan at New Delhi:

6/10 R/2015: The EC after deliberations resolved that the funding by AIFA for the Project "Construction of Assam Bhawan at New Delhi" shall be for an amount of Rs 49.99 crores and not for Rs. 59 crores as approved earlier and accordingly resolved that the resolution of the 5th meeting of EC of AIFA stands modified to that extent.

The Executive Committee also recommended for giving 'go-ahead' to the General Administration Department (GAD), Government of Assam for according a revised Administrative Approval for the project at a cost of Rs. 49.99 crore to be funded by AIFA. The GAD will obtain all required approvals in this regard.

Noting that the implementation of the project has already commenced, the EC authorized AIFA secretariat to release the funds to the extent required in the current financial year based on the physical progress of the project. However the funds required in the next financial year may be released after obtaining necessary written commitment of state government in finance department for providing necessary funds to AIFA as resolved under Item - 4 above.

Item No (11): Guwahati Metro Rail Project:

6/11R/2015: The Executive Committee AIFA while noting the status of Feasibility Report and the DPR preparation for the Guwahati Metro Rail Project (i.e. Rail based MRTS) accorded *ex post facto* approval for sanction and release of fund by AIFA to the GMDA towards the cost of preparation of feasibility report including minor revision in the estimates resulting from enhancement of Services Tax rates.

Item No (12): Construction of six lanes Road Bridge over River Brahmaputra:

6/R12/2015: The Executive Committee noted the status of preparation of the feasibility report for Construction of Six-lane Road Bridge over River Brahmaputra and authorized the PW (B&NH) Department to accord Administrative Approval for the task of preparation of Feasibility Report for the project at a cost of Rs. 5.20 crores.

Item No (13): Improvement in infrastructure of 14 numbers of Colleges/Universities:

6/13R/2015: The Commissioner and Special Secretary Public Works (B&NH) Department informed the EC that the DPR for the project is under preparation and will be submitted shortly. The Executive Committee decided that the DPR for the project should be submitted by Public Works (B& NH) Department immediately to the Higher Education Department who in turn will recommend the project and send it to AIFA for placing in the next meeting of the EC, AIFA for approval.

Item No (14): Ex post facto approval of investment of AIFA Funds:

6/14R/2015: Noting that AIFA interest funds amounting to Rs 156 Crores have been invested in short term fixed deposit for a period of 181 days at a rate of 7.50% interest in 4 banks, the Executive Committee accorded *ex post facto* approval for the same.

Item No. (15): Ex post facto approval of Budget of AIFA for F.Y. 2015-16:

6/15R/2015: The EC deliberated on the matter of according *ex-post facto* approval of budget of AIFA Secretariat for the F.Y 2015-16 amounting to Rs 46.85 lakhs and resolved to restrict the budget for the F.Y 2015-16 to Rs. 25 lakhs and according accorded *ex post facto* approval for an amount of Rs.25 lakhs and authorized the Project Director, AIFA to incur the expenditure within the approved limit. Out of the Rs. 25 lakhs approved budget, Rs.10 lakhs is for incurring a onetime expenditure for establishment of AIFA office including furniture and fixtures, Rs.10 lakhs for procurement of computers, printers, photocopy machine, one laptop, LCD projector and other

accessories, and a lump sum of Rs. 5 lakhs for incurring expenditure on Office Expenses.

Item No. (16): Delegation of financial powers to Project Director, AIFA:

6/16R/2015: The Executive Committee noted that as a temporary measure, financial powers have been delegated to the Project Director, AIFA to the extent exercised by a Head of Department under Govt. of Assam until the approval of the Financial Rules of the Society by the Finance Department and their acceptance by AIFA.

Item No (17): Audited Accounts of the Society:

6/17R/2015: The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the Audited Accounts of AIFA Society along with Auditors Report and statement of utilization of funds of AIFA for the FY 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 along with the Management replies.

The Executive Committee also noted the AG Audit Report on AIFA Accounts since inception upto 2014-15 along with the replies furnished to AG.

Item No. (18): Financial Rules

6/18R/2015: Noting that the draft Financial Rules of the Society have been sent to Finance Department, Government of Assam for approval, the Executive Committee authorized the honorable President, EC AIFA and the Principal Secretary, Finance cum Secretary EC, AIFA to approve the Financial Rules of the Society on receipt of the Finance Department approval after incorporating necessary modifications as may be advised by the Finance Department and place in next EC for noting.

Item No. (19): Engagement of staff on contractual basis

6/19(A) R/2015: While rejecting the proposal seeking approval for engagement of two retired staff to AIFA secretariat on contractual basis, the Executive Committee resolved that the required staff for AIFA secretariat shall be provided by the Secretariat Administration Department and authorized the Project Director, AIFA to move the Secretariat Administration Department for this purpose from time to time.

6/19(B) R/2015: The Executive Committee rejected the proposal of engagement of a retired Chief Engineer rank officer well conversant in the civil engineering works to head the Technical wing of AIFA on contractual basis along with a retired Superintendent Engineer or EE for Electrical engineering works.

The EC reiterated that AIFA should function only as an extended arm of finance department with a role limited to project financing including fund

release for approved projects and for coordination with concerned Administrative Departments for smooth and timely execution of the projects.

Item No. (20): Delegation of power to Project Director for investment of AIFA funds in short term deposits/mutual funds i.e of lesser than 181 days duration.

6/20R/2015: The Executive Committee after deliberations delegated the authority for investment of AIFA funds in short term deposits/mutual funds up to 181 days duration to the Project Director, AIFA who in turn shall take prior approval of the Principal Secretary, Finance cum Secretary EC, AIFA for making any such investments.

Item No. (21): Any other item with the approval of the chair.

6/21R/2015: Shri. K. V. Eapen, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Planning and Development Department and Power Department requested that the state share of the proposed 120 MW Lower Kopili Hydro Electric Project should be approved for funding by AIFA as all statutory clearances required for the project has already been received.

The Executive Committee after deliberations resolved that the Power Department should take up with the state government for funding of the state share for the said project under regular State Budget and not from the funds of AIFA.

Item (22)–*Ex post facto* approval for engagement of Chartered Account

6/22R/2015: The Executive Committee, AIFA accorded *ex post facto* approval for engagement of M/S Bhuyan and Associates, Chartered Accountants, as CA for audit of accounts of AIFA Society for a period of 3 years w.e.f 2014-15 i.e. the audit of accounts of FY 2014-15, FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 and at an annual audit fee of Rs. 10674 fixed.

Item (23) - Converting Assam Infrastructure Financing Authority to Assam Infrastructure Financing Corporation

6/23R/2015: The Executive Committee of AIFA deliberated on the matter and resolved that the Assam Infrastructure Financing Authority shall continue as a Society.

Item (24) – Hiring of vehicle for Project Director for official purpose

6/24R/2015: The proposal was not approved.

Item (25) – General Resolutions

6/25(A)R/2015: The EC resolved that henceforth AIFA will consider approving an infrastructure project proposal for financing ordinarily in two stages. Initially, on receipt of a project proposal from the sponsoring Administrative department the same will be placed in the EC of AIFA and if accepted, an in-principle approval will be given by EC, AIFA showing its intent to finance the project. However the final approval for financing the project will be accorded by EC, AIFA only on receipt of proper DPR with clear land status, on addressing any queries or conditions that may be prescribed by AIFA and subject to availability of requisite funds with AIFA for project financing or on receipt of commitment of providing necessary funds to AIFA for project financing by the Finance Department of Government of Assam.

6/25(B)R/2015: The EC resolved that henceforth all Agenda notes for Society meetings shall be approved by the Chief Secretary, Assam before circulating to the members.

6/25(C)R/2015: The Executive Committee, AIFA resolved that henceforth AIFA shall not consider any project proposal that is not recommended by the concerned Administrative Department and the Project Director, AIFA shall not place any project proposal for approval of Executive Committee, AIFA if the same is not received from the concerned Administrative Department with its recommendations.

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Chief Secretary, Assam