

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
FINANCE (ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) DEPARTMENT

No.FEA.33/2017/16

Dated Djspur April 18, 2017

To:

The Addl. Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary to  
the Govt. of Assam,

\_\_\_\_\_ Department,

**Subject: Constitution of a dedicated technical cell within the Finance Department for all  
matters related to Externally Aided Projects in Assam.**

Dear Colleague,

You may be aware that the Government of Assam (GoA) has adopted the SDG 2030 goals for charting out the development roadmap for Assam. In this regard, the GoA has taken a slew of initiatives aimed at transforming the socio-economic landscape of Assam through large scale public investments in key economic sectors such as roads, energy, urban, transport as well as key social sectors like health and education. The implementation of such a massive initiative will require a substantial amount of financial investment and the GoA is actively looking to partner with international donor agencies like the multilateral/bilateral banks and other agencies in this journey.

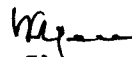
In line with the above objective, the GoA has recently established a dedicated cell called LEAP (Lead Externally Aided Projects) in the Finance Department to advise, manage, coordinate, and monitor all aspects with regard to Externally Aided Projects in Assam in an end to end manner right from project conceptualisation to monitoring and evaluation. This is part of the Government of Assam's recently launched mission mode project ReSTART Assam (Restructuring Systems and Technology for Augmentation of Resources for Transformed Assam) which aims to increase our resource base which will help us drive large social and economic transformation projects.

The LEAP cell has been operational since 16 February 2017 and during the last one month the LEAP cell has held discussions on ongoing and pipeline EAPs with various Administrative Departments, in addition to interactions with the Chief Secretary of Assam and the Hon'ble Finance Minister to the Govt. of Assam.

In order to streamline the process further, all the administrative departments are hereby requested to **appoint a nodal officer for EAPs and contact the LEAP Cell** (Ground Floor, Block F, Assam Secretariat) for any **matter pertaining to Externally Aided Projects** including on-going EAP projects/pipeline EAP projects/EAP projects in the concept stage. The administrative departments are also **requested to mark a copy to the LEAP Cell** of all communications made by the department with regard to EAPs.

The departments may get in touch with Mr. Kailash Karthik N, IAS, Deputy Secretary, Finance Department (email id: kailashkarthik@gmail.com; Mobile: 95310-69185) or Mr. Ranajoy Ghosh, LEAP Cell, Finance (Economic Affairs) Department (email id: ranajoy.ghosh@in.pwc.com; Mobile: 84202-00195) for any clarifications regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully,



(V.K Pipersenia)  
Chief Secretary, Assam

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Copy to:

1. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
2. SO to the Chief Secretary, for kind appraisal of the Chief Secretary.
3. PS to the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Assam for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Assam.
4. PS to the Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Finance Deptt. for kind appraisal of the Additional Chief Secretary.
5. The Deputy Secretary (K.K.) to the Govt. of Assam, Finance Department for his information and necessary action.
6. The Team Leader LEAP Cell (Saurabh Bhattacharya) for his information and necessary action.
7. e-Governance Unit for uploading the letter on the FinAssam Portal.

By order etc.,

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Jt. Director,  
Finance (Economic Affairs) Department.