

Minutes of the meeting held in the Conference Hall of Finance Department on 18/09/2017 at 3.00 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam, Finance Department regarding eProcurement, GeM, PFMS and DBT.

Members present as per Annexure- I

1. At the outset the Chairman briefed the Agenda of the meeting and requested Shri Kailash Karthik, IAS, Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam, Finance Department to make the presentation on the discussion points.
2. The Immediate Result Indicators and Disbursement Linked Indicators of World Bank aided ASPIRe Project on eProcurement were discussed and it was appraised that Government of Assam has decided to declare NIC developed GePNIC as eProcurement Platform for Government of Assam. The Chairman advised that the existing eProcurement portal may be notified as the State Public Procurement Portal as mentioned in Assam Public Procurement Act, 2017.
3. Smti Kabita Roy Das, Technical Director, NIC informed that all the departments have on boarded the NIC portal for eProcurement.
4. Chairman indicated that in order to achieve the DLIs there is a need for further up scaling of the eProcurement portal in terms of technical aspects and well as further rollout in the field level. In this regard it has felt that the ownership of the portal along with the helpdesk be transferred from IT Department to Finance Department and accordingly Finance Department shall move the proposal to take over the eProcurement Cell from IT Department.
5. Shri Kailash Karthik, IAS, Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam, Finance Department appraised the proposal received from NIC for extended GePNIC Solution including Seven number of Resources for setting up of eProcurement Cell. The proposal has been asked to be placed for necessary approval in order to initiate the other modules of Finance Department.
6. The training need for the GeM has been discussed in the meeting, Head, SeMT indicated that NISG is the Training Partner for GeM and in case of a MoU being signed between Finance Department and NISG the Training and Capacity Building can be delivered through NISG.
7. The composition for State Procurement Facilitation Cell (SPFC) as laid in the Assam Public Procurement Act, 2017 has been discussed and it was decided that the Composition proposed would suffice for day to day administrative work for cell. In addition to this it was also proposed to setup a PMU with three external resources for driving all the Procurement related initiatives.
8. The matter related to PFMS were discussed and the Chairman noted the present status of PFMS implementation in Assam as briefed by Shri Dilip Kumar Borah, Deputy Director, Finance (BT) Department and Nodal Officer, PFMS. The issues as raised by the Nodal Officer regarding PFMS has been asked to be brought to the notice of CGA through a DO letter.

9. Chairman raised the concern regarding implementation as indicated in last Video Conference with CGA office. Deputy Director assured him that along with mapping the integration has been completed between CTMIS and PFMS. The delayed data upload of Expenditure was due to accounts compilation at Treasuries now it was decided that the expenditure data in PFMS would be uploaded once it is being approved by Treasuries without waiting for the accounts to be compiled and closed. This will result in daily sharing of data between CTMIS and PFMS. He further appraised that the salary issue of the Operational Support Staff placed through CGA's office has been resolved and their pending salary has been released.
10. The Chairman advised that the integrated approach for the PFMS with Finassam.in/CTMIS/eKuber has been asked to be initiated so that the data transmission is seamless across the system instead of depending upon manual process. The scheme Codes of the PFMS has been asked to mapped with budget code and the dashboard should reflect the same regarding the fund flow. The Nodal Officer, PFMS indicated that there is no need of additional manpower as PFMS can be managed with the existing resources. Chairman requested Nodal Officer to submit a roadmap for implementation of PFMS in the State of Assam.
11. The DBT activities initiated till date has been appraised to the Chairman, in this regard Shri Kailash Karthik, IAS, Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam, Finance Department indicated that post configuration of DBT portal, the Finance (IF) Department has written to all line department requesting for information related to DBT Portal. It was decided that a meeting would be called for all line department alongwith the information sought in the Second week of October.

The Scope of Work and Team Composition of DBT PMU has been discussed, it has been decided the same team would drive the implementation of PFMS, E-GRAS in addition to DBT. Head, SeMT suggested that the Process Consultant related to Business Process Re-Engineering for DBT may be added in the Team as there would be lot of aspects during verification of Beneficiary for DBT implementation. It was finalized that the scope of work and Team composition shall be submitted to NICSi for obtaining proforma invoice thereof and also separately taken up for funding through the World Bank. Subsequently, depending on approval of higher authority the same shall be followed upon.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks from the Chair.

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Shyam Jagannathan, IAS,
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Finance Department.

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1. Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Information & Technical Department for information.
- ✓ 2. Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Finance (Estt-B) Department, eGovernance Unit & Addl. Project Director, ASPIRe. He is requested to upload the minutes at Finance deptt's website.
3. P.S. to Commissioner & Secretary, Finance & Project Director, ASPIRe for appraisal of Commissioner & Secretary.
4. Shri Dilip Kr. Borah, Deputy Director, Finance (Bt) & Nodal Officer PFMS for information.
5. Smti Kabita Roy Das, Technical Director, NIC for information.
6. Sri Mukunda Borpujari, Head SeMT, Information & Technology Deptt. For information.
7. Project Manager PFMS for information.
8. Tamajyoti Bose, e Governance Unit, Finance (Estt-B) Department for information.
9. Shri R. Pathak, ASPIRe Project for information.
10. Supdt., Finance (Estt-B) Department for information.

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