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214 incomplete projects in Nagaland: CAG report

KOHI MA, MARCH 17: There are 214 incomplete projects (estimated cost Rs 2268.64 crore and total expenditure incurred Rs 170.70 crore as of March 2014) relating to 24 departments out of which 77 projects (estimated Rs 1126.20 crore and actual expenditure Rs 702.97 crore) were to be completed by March but remained incomplete as of March 2014.

As per the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on State Finances for the year ending 31 March 2014, due to the delay in completion of the projects, the intended benefits of those projects did not reach the beneficiaries in the State. The delay in completion in respect of

28 projects could not be furnished by the departments and in respect of the remaining 109 projects, completion is not due as on 31 March 2014.

The audit findings reported that during the current year, the fiscal deficit decreased due to the combined effect of decrease in capital expenditure and increase in revenue surplus, as a result of which the primary deficit also changed into primary surplus. Besides, during the last five years, the fiscal deficit continued with a fluctuating trend.

Development expenditure of Rs 2467.96 crore in 2009-10 increased to Rs 4044.65 crore in 2014-14, however, its share in

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Rs 78.82 lakhs toll not remitted to DMC account

KOHI MA, MARCH 17: The report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has revealed that there was a short remittance of toll tax amounting to Rs. 78.82 lakh to the Dimapur Municipal Council (DMC) by the Advisor-in-charge of Revenue wing during 2011-2012.

The audit report stated that the advisor-in-charge of Revenue, DMC failed to remit toll amounting to Rs 78.83 lakh collected from co signees against goods transported through railway wagons during 2011-12.

DMC advisory committee while deciding in March 2011, the modalities for collection of various taxes and fees to be levied under Section 120 of the Municipal Act 2001, entrusted the Rev-

enue wing of the DMC to collect the toll on items such as cement, edible oil, etc transported by Rail. Accordingly, instructions were issued to the Station Master Nilgiri Railway by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), DMC not to clear any goods brought by rail without the clearance from the DMC.

Examination of records of the DMC in July 2014 revealed that the advisor-in-charge of Revenue (ACR) deposited an amount of Rs 17 lakh during 2011-12 on account of toll from goods transported through Rail. Since no receipt books were furnished to audit in support of the collection and remittance of toll for scrutiny, audit collected details of goods transported through

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BDO Phomching misutilized Rs 5.49 cr under MNREGA

KOHI MA, MARCH 17: Fictitious procurement involving a sum of Rs 5.49 crore was detected under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA), department of Rural Development as shown in the audit report for the year ended 31 March 2014. The report stated that the Block Development Officer (BDO) cum Programme Officer, MNREGA, Phomching Block mis-utilised Rs 5.49 crore meant for procurement of stone boulder and chips by producing fabricated records showing non-existent stone industries.

As per the financing pattern prescribed by Government of India (GOI) under MNREGA, GOI

bears the cost of wages for unskilled manual labour and also 75% of the cost of material, wages for skilled and semi-skilled workers while the state government has to bear 25% for the same.

The BDO, Phomching is said to have received an amount of Rs 16.23 crore during 2011-12 and 2012-13 for implementation of the scheme out of which Rs 6.15 crore was for material component and the remaining amount of Rs 10.08 crore was wage component. Examination of records of the BDO in July 2013 revealed that out of the material component of Rs 6.15 crore, the BDO utilised Rs 5.49 crore for procurement of stone boulders and chips

through 13 Village Development Boards (VDBs) from three Stone Crusher Industries located in Phomching and Tapi villages. The actual payee receipts (APR) and the cash memos were signed by the VDBS secretaries and counter signed by the BDO.

To ascertain the genuineness of the procurement, audit collected the details of the stone crushers existing in Phomching and Tapi villages from the District Industries Centre (DIC), Mon and Directorate of Industries, however it was revealed that the said three Stone Crusher Industries were not registered at any point of time.

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