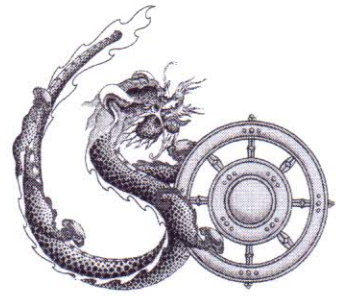




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The 3rd Bhutan-India Small Development Project Committee (SDPC) meeting was held on 27th August 2015 in Thimphu. The Bhutanese delegation was led by Mr. Kinga Singye, Director General, Department of Bilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thimphu and the Indian delegation by Mr. Bishwadip Dey, Dy. Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Thimphu.

The meeting reviewed the progress of the 1st batch of 46 projects amounting to Nu. 1,424.185 million approved in March 2014 and the 2nd batch of 257 projects amounting to Nu. 3,125.273 million approved in November 2014. The meeting noted that the 1st batch of projects would be completed by mid 2016 and the 2nd batch by mid 2017. The meeting further noted that Nu. 1,619.727 million has been received for the 2 batches of SDP and agreed on the need to expedite release of the balance amount of Nu. 599.622 million.

The meeting approved 182 projects amounting to Nu. 2368.095 million, out of the 218 projects proposed under the 3rd batch of SDP projects. The meeting decided that the remaining 36 projects related to formation cutting for construction of farm roads which were not approved, should either be proposed again alongwith the permanent structures or replaced by new projects. These projects will be considered, by the Committee as soon as they are ready. The meeting also decided that the SDP Committee should meet at the earliest to consider the 4th batch of SDP projects.

Blacktopping of Gewog connectivity roads, construction of farm roads, irrigation channels, motorable bridges, water supply and procurement of garbage trucks were some of the major projects approved under the 3rd batch of SPD.



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