

Minutes of the HPC Meeting held on 01/04/2024

The 28th meeting of the High Powered Committee of UDRP-AF and 4th Meeting of U-PREPARE was held on 01/04/2024 under the Chair of Smt. Radha Raturi, Chief Secretary and Chairperson High Powered Committee at the Conference hall in Secretariat, Dehradun for the proposals for UDRP-AF & U-PREPARE projects.

The Following were present:

1. Shri Shailesh Bagauli	Secretary, Information Technology
2. Shri Dilip Jawalkar	Secretary, Finance & Home
3. Dr. Ranjit Kumar Sinha	Secretary, Disaster Management& Project Director, U-PREPARE
4. Smt. Ridhim Agarwal	Special Secretary, Home
5. Shri Vineet Kumar	Additional Secretary, PWD & PM- U-PREPARE
6. Smt. Kehkasha Naseem	Additional Secretary, Forest & Environment
7. Shri. Nishant Verma	Chief Conservator of Forest, Forest Fire & Disaster Management
8. Shri Anand Swaroop	Additional Secretary, Disaster Management & PM- U-PREPARE
9. Shri Lalit Mohan Rayal	Additional Secretary, Personnel
10. Shri. Ganga Prasad	Additional Secretary, Finance & Finance Controller, UDRP-AF
11. Smt. Nivedita Kukreti	DIG, Fire & Emergency Services
12. Shri. S K Birla	Additional Project Director, U-PREPARE
13. Shri Om Prakash	Chief Engineer (Planning) PWD
14. Shri. Dayanand	Chief Engineer, UDRP-AF
15. Shri. A K Pant	Chief Engineer, RWD
16. Shri. S K Rana	Deputy Director, Fire & Emergency Services
17. Shri. Dipti Mishra	Deputy Secretary, RWD (Representative Secretary, RWD)
18. Shri. Ajay Verma	DPM, PIU-Irrigation, UDRP-AF
19. Shri. Shivaji Raje	Sr. Consultant Tech., UK-SeMT, NeGD
20. Ms. Neetu Singh	Executive Engineer, TAC Planning
21. Mr. Vikash Chandra Barthwal	Executive Engineer, Pey Jal Nigam
22. Mr. Sanjay Gupta	Senior Resident Engineer, PIU-Public Building, UDRP-AF
23. Shri. Amit Thapa	Manager Office Management, UDRP-AF
24. Shri. Amod Raturi	Assistant Engineer / PM, FPIU-USDMA, UDRP-AF
25. Shri Ashish Kalura	Assistant Engineer, PIU-Public Building, UDRP-AF
26. Shri Rajeev Kumar	Junior Engineer, PIU-Public Building, UDRP-AF

Following were the points of discussions, directions and decisions taken during the meeting:

Uttarakhand Disaster Recovery Project – Additional Financing (UDRP-AF)**Project Overview:**

Status	Financing	Implementation Period
Project Completed	Project cost: US\$ 120 million (IBRD: US\$ 96 million; Counterparts: US\$24 million)	29.04.2019- 30.09.2023
Project Development Objective (PDO)		
To restore housing, rural connectivity & build resilience of communities in Uttarakhand and increase the technical capacity of the State entities to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency		

Note: UDRP-AF was an extension to the parent project UDRP (Uttarakhand Disaster recovery Project) which was effective from 2013 to 2019

1. Re-structuring of UDRP-AF: The following restructuring has been done in the Project

/205807/2024	SI	Current	Component Allocation at AF Approval in February 2019 (in US\$m)		Component Allocation at CERC Restructuring in October 2020 (in US\$m)		Component Allocation at CERC Restructuring in 2021 (in US\$m)		Component Allocation Final restructuring under UDRP-AF (in US\$m)		State Fund ing	IBRD financ ing	Commitment	
Project Cost			Projec t Cost	IBRD AF Loan	Proj ect Cost	IBRD AF Loan	Projec t Cost	IBRD AF Loan	20%	80%			INR (Cr)	US\$ m
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
1	Resilient Infrastructure Reconstruction	-	-	-	-			-	-					
1.1	Resilient Permanent Housing	-	-	-	-			-	-					
1.2	Resilient Public Buildings	-	-	-	-			-	-					
2	Rural Road Connectivity	88.00	70.40	62.90	50.32	60.49	48.39	55.44	44.35	11.09	80%	425.23	55.44	
2.1	Village/Rural Roads	-	-	-	-			-	-					
2.2	Other District Roads (ODR)	-	-	-	-			-	-					
2.3	Bridle Roads and Bridle Bridges	-	-	-	-			-	-					
2.A F1	Bridges	61.00	48.80	47.00	37.60	46.78	37.42	43.25	34.60	8.65	80%	331.72	43.25	
2.A F2	Road protection	16.00	12.80	7.00	5.60	5.22	4.18	4.56	3.65	0.91	80%	35.01	4.56	
2.A F3	River bank protection	11.00	8.80	8.90	7.12	8.49	6.79	7.63	6.10	1.53	80%	58.50	7.63	
3	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building for Disaster Risk Management	20.00	16.00	33.00	26.40	25.92	20.73	28.06	22.45	5.61		215.21	28.06	
3.1	Risk Assessment, Modeling and Capacity Enhancement of Uttarakhand Space Applications Centre (USAC)													
3.2	Establishment of a Decision Support System (DSS)/TA&CBDRM			1.00	0.80	2.20	1.76	3.27	2.62	0.65	80%	25.10	3.27	
3.3	River Morphology Study													
3.5	Strengthening of the Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA) including HQ Building with EOC			9.50	7.60	10.29	8.23	24.79	19.83	4.96	80%	190.11	24.79	
3.6	Strengthening Hydro-meteorological Network and Early Warning													

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			Project Cost	IBRD AF Loan	Projec t Cost	IBRD AF Loan	Proj ect Cost	IBRD AF Loan	Projec t Cost	IBRD AF Loan			20%	80%	INR (Cr)
		Systems (EWS)													
3.7		Strengthening Emergency Response Capacity													
3.A	F1	Training facility for SDRF	20.00	16.00	22.50	18.00	13.43	10.74							
4		Financing Disaster Response Expenses									-				
5		Implementation Support	12.00	9.60	11.60	9.28	13.31	10.65	16.22	12.92	3.30	80%	123.53	16.22	
6		Contingency Emergency Response (CERC)	-	-	10.00	10.00	16.28	16.28	14.78	13.28	1.50	100%	111.23	14.78	
		Total (planned allocation)	120.00	96.00	117.50	96.00	116.00	96.05	114.50	93.00	21.50	4.20	875.20	114.5	
		Total Bank financing (considering the actual disbursements from OC)		96.00		96.00		96.00		94.50					

This is for the information and acknowledgement of the HPC.

HPC after discussions acknowledged the re-allocation done in UDRP-AF and also advised that the process of completion be expedited.

2. **SDRF Arbitration matter:** Project Director, UDRP-AF presented the arbitration matter to the HPC. According to which, the Award of the Arbitration Tribunal (AT) over the disputes between the employer and the contractor was issued on 18th August 2023. In this award, two claims worth Rs. 1,32,89,235/- & Rs. 40,66,022/- (total of Rs. 1,73,55,257/-) made by the contractor were awarded as declaratory and the four counterclaims worth Rs. 14,22,35,977/- made by the department were rejected by decisions taken in majority. However, one of the arbitrators of the Tribunal has made a Dissenting Note and given arguments in favor of three counterclaims worth Rs. 11,87,73,923/- made by the department. The matter was taken to the HPC and It was directed by the HPC on 26.09.2023 to take a legal advice in this regard from legal counsel having experience in Arbitration matters. Subsequently on advise from Law Department, the project filed an objection to the award of the Arbitration Tribunal (AT) under section 34 of the Arbitration Conciliation Act 1996 (Amendment 2015) on 16.11.2023 and the proceeding are currently underway. HPC is requested to direct for further proceedings in this matter

HPC after due deliberations opined the following:

- i. Regarding transferring the arbitration matter to the user department (SDRF), law department to be consulted
- ii. Project may take concurrence from the contractor and present the case to the State Level Conciliation Committee for conciliation.

Uttarakhand Disaster Preparedness and Resilience Project (U-PREPARE)

A. Project Management Unit, U-PREPARE

1. This is to inform the HPC that the loan negotiation meeting involving the State Govt., DEA, and the World Bank took place on 12.02.2024. In the course of the discussions, the DEA instructed to decrease the total loan amount, resulting in the following revised figures:

1 US\$ = INR 83							
Original Allocation		Revised Allocation after Loan Negotiation					
US\$M	INR Cr.	US\$M	INR Cr.				
200.00	1660.00	168.75	1400.63				

According to the above figures, the allocation of the components under U-PREPARE has been revised as below:

Description	Implementing Agencies	Final Allocation after loan negotiation					
		Overall		IBRD		Counterpart	
		US\$M	INR Cr.	US\$M	INR Cr.	US\$M	INR Cr.
Component 1 – Enhancing Infrastructure Resilience		50.00	415.00	40.00	332.00	10.00	83.00
1.a: Enhancing the resilience of transport connectivity	PWD	46.00	381.80	36.80	305.44	9.20	76.36
1.b: Enhancing the resilience of health services	RWD & DMHFW	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.c: Providing disaster shelter	RWD & USDMA	4.00	33.20	3.20	26.56	0.80	6.64
Component 2: Improving Emergency Preparedness and Response		56.00	464.80	44.80	371.84	11.20	92.96
2.a: Strengthening emergency preparedness	USDMA	10.00	83.00	8.00	66.40	2.00	16.60
2.b: Strengthening hydromet and early warning systems	USDMA	40.00	332.00	32.00	265.60	8.00	66.40
2.c: Strengthening SDRF	RWD & SDRF	6.00	49.80	4.80	39.84	1.20	9.96
Component 3: Preventing and Managing Forest and Other Fires		45.00	373.50	36.00	298.80	9.00	74.70
3.a: Improving general fire management capacity	RWD & UFES	35.00	290.50	28.00	232.40	7.00	58.10
3.b: Improving forest fire prevention and management capacity	FD	10.00	83.00	8.00	66.40	2.00	16.60
Component 4: Project Management	USDMA	17.4125	144.52	13.8625	115.06	3.55	29.47
Component 5: Contingency Emergency Response Component (CERC)	USDMA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Front-end fee		0.3375	2.80	0.3375	2.80	0.00	0.00
Total		168.75	1400.63	135	1120.50	33.75	280.13

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HPC acknowledged the above information.

B. Works, U-PREPARE**1. BRIDGES**

/205807/2024(Bridge, Irrigation & Slopes) UDRP-AF had proposed the 23 no. Bridge packages sub project (32 no. bridges) with detailed project reports (DPRs) to be undertaken for readiness under U-PREPARE and were presented before HPC for approval. HPC vide MOM 467/UDRP- AF/2022 Dehradun, dated 26.12.2022, MOM 103/UDRP-AF/2023 Dehradun, dated 03.05.2023 and MOM 275/UDRP-AF/2023 Dehradun, dated 30.06.2023 granted the administrative approval & financial sanction for the same. Bids were invited at PMU level in 23 no. bridge packages (32 no. bridges) which were sanctioned for readiness of the project. The summary is as below:

Agenda Table 1(a)

S. No.	Package No.	No. of Bridge s	Package Name	Technical Sanctioned Cost (In Cr.)	Rate of L-1 Bidder (Amount in Cr.)	Comparison with Estimated Cost			Remarks
						Estimated Cost (In Lacks)	Financial Quote	% above/below from the Estimated Cost	
1	01/BR/RFB/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 50 M Intermediate Lane Steel Truss Motor Bridge in Uttarkashi-Lambgaon-Ghansali-Tilwara Motor Road KM-98 near Hanuman Temple, Block-Bhilangna, District Tehri	₹ 7.93	₹ 7.20	₹ 6,54,68,475.67	₹ 6,10,52,414.15	-6.75%	LOA issued
2	02/BR/RFB/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 30 M Span Single Lane Steel Girder Pedestrian Bridge Near Charbag over LwaniGadera at Silvani Tok, Block-Ghat, District Chamoli	₹ 2.53	₹ 2.65	₹ 2,08,52,191.46	₹ 2,24,80,983.56	7.81%	
3	05/BR/RFB/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 60 M Span Intermediate Lane Steel Truss Bridge over Jimba River at Km-01 of Seraghata-Golpha-Bona Motor Road, Block-Munsyari, District Pithoragarh	₹ 6.87	₹ 6.51	₹ 5,65,30,323.79	₹ 5,52,24,007.76	-2.31%	
4	06/BR/RFB/UGRIDP/2023	4	Construction of 4 No. Intermediate Lane RCC Bridge & Steel Truss Bridge in KM-3, KM-7, KM-11 & KM-14 at Nandprayag Ghat Motor Road, Block-Ghat, District Chamoli	₹ 8.69	₹ 8.18	₹ 7,17,41,185.41	₹ 6,93,96,467.76	-3.27%	
5	11/BR/RFB/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 65M Span single lane Steel Truss Pedestrian Bridge at GandaKhali village to Ucholigoth village in District Champawat.	₹ 3.20	₹ 2.87	₹ 2,63,74,847.30	₹ 2,43,22,368.18	-7.78%	
6	12/BR/RFB/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 75M Span single lane Steel Truss Pedestrian Bridge at gram panchayat Chauramehta to Gurudwara in District Champawat	₹ 6.42	₹ 5.75	₹ 5,29,05,965.29	₹ 4,87,73,851.71	-7.81%	
7	13/BR/RFB/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 120M span double lane R.C.C. Prestress concrete bridge over Sher Nala in Km 82 of Ramnagar - Kaladhungi - Haldwani - Kathgodam - Chorgalia - Sitarganj - Bijli Motor Road in District Nainital.	₹ 9.93	₹ 8.92	₹ 8,17,70,772.36	₹ 7,55,95,081.16	-7.55%	

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8	21/BR/RFB/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 125M Span Single lane Suspension Pedestrian Bridge over Pinder River for Odar village in District Chamoli.	₹ 7.61	₹ 6.77	₹ 6,22,69,581.02	₹ 5,74,10,332.53	-7.80%	
9	07/BR/RFB-EPC/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 84M Span Intermediate Lane motor bridge over Pinder river in Kulsari to Sunau motor road & its approach in District Chamoli.	₹ 15.29	₹ 14.18	₹ 12,56,44,157.40	₹ 12,02,11,111.00	-4.32%	
10	08/BR/RFB-EPC/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 150M Span Double lane Motor Bridge over Ratmau River in Daluwala- Lalwala-Dhanauri Motor Road in District Haridwar.	₹ 16.13	₹ 13.62	₹ 13,28,04,311.00	₹ 11,55,00,000.00	-13.03%	
11	09/BR/RFB-EPC/UGRIDP/2023	3	1- Construction of 24M Span Intermediate lane motor bridge & its approach in Km-2 of Ujjawalpur to GwadDungri Jaspur Motor Road. 2- Construction of 48M Span intermediate lane Motor Bridge & its approach over MeengGadera in Km-1 of Gadhani Motor Road. 3-Construction of 48M Span intermediate lane motor bridge & its approach in Km-2 of Gairsain to village Devalkot Motor Road in District Chamoli.	₹ 13.50	₹ 12.68	₹ 11,09,69,004.81	₹ 10,75,00,000.00	-3.13%	
12	14/BR/RFB-EPC/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 90m Span Pedestrian Bridge & its approach road over Kotigaad near Tikochi Market in District Uttarkashi.	₹ 10.40	₹ 9.41	₹ 8,63,36,187.95	₹ 7,98,20,037.00	-7.55%	
13	15/BR/RFB-EPC/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 150M span Intermediate lane Motor Bridge & its approach road over Nayar River for Badkholu village in District Pauri.	₹ 17.64	₹ 15.91	₹ 14,72,23,720.34	₹ 13,48,49,990.00	-8.40%	
14	18/BR/RFB-EPC/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 152M Span double lane Motor bridge over Bhagirathi River near Tamakhani in District Uttarkashi.	₹ 30.84	₹ 30.68	₹ 25,34,24,666.56	₹ 26,00,00,000.00	2.59%	
15	19/BR/RFB-EPC/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 105M span Intermediate lane Motor Bridge over Saryu River in Bankot- Badgari-Sapteshwar Motor Road in District Pithoragarh.	₹ 15.23	₹ 14.75	₹ 12,52,30,253.00	₹ 12,50,00,000.00	-0.18%	

S No.	Package No.	No. of Bridges	Package Name	Technical Sanctioned Cost (In Cr.)	Rate of L-1 Bidder (Amount in Cr.)	Comparison with Estimated Cost			Remarks
						Estimated Cost (In Lacks)	Financial Quote	% above/below from the Estimated Cost	
16	23/BR/RFB-EPC/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 240M Span Double lane motor bridge over Suswa river in Bullawala to Sattiwala motor road in District Dehradun.	₹ 18.74	₹ 17.58	₹ 15,60,34,054.27	₹ 14,90,00,000.00	-4.51%	
17	24/BR/RFB-EPC/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 84 M Span Motor Bridge over Kotigaad in Km 01 of Tikochi-Duchanu-Kiranu-Sirtoli Motor Road in District Uttarkashi	₹ 17.63	₹ 15.35	₹ 14,77,51,096.69	₹ 13,01,17,865.00	-11.93%	
18	16A/BR/RFB/UPREPA RE/2023	1	Construction of 84M span single lane Steel Truss Pedestrian Bridge over Alaknanda River in District Pauri	₹ 6.13	₹ 5.83	₹ 5,04,77,312.21	₹ 4,94,56,321.75	-2.02%	
19	25/BR/RFB/UGRIDP/2023	4	Construction of 4 No. Bridge in KM-2, KM-4 & KM-8 at Nandprayag Ghat Motor Road, Block-Ghat, District Chamoli	₹ 8.67	₹ 7.30	₹ 7,14,00,000.00	₹ 6,18,71,310.67	-13.35%	
Total No. of Bridges		27	Total Cost	₹ 223.49	₹ 206.21				

The above is for information and acknowledgement of HPC

HPC acknowledged the above information

Agenda Table 1(b)

S. No.	Package No.	No. of Bridges	Package Name	Technical Sanctioned Cost (In Cr.)	Rate of L-1 Bidder (Amount in Cr.)	Comparison with Estimated Cost			Remarks
						Estimated Cost (In Lacks)	Financial Quote	% above/below from the Estimated Cost	
0 1	20/BR/RFB-EPC/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 100M span intermediate lane motor bridge over Dholi river at Sela village in District Pithoragarh.	₹ 14.74	₹ 15.84	₹ 12,15,71,516.71	₹ 13,42,56,789.00	10.43%	Justified as market rates

This is to inform that this is second call of tender and since the reach and approach to the site of the bridge is challenging & remote, hence rebidding of the above package may lead to no participation of the bidders. Also, SoR revision of rates are due on 01.05.2024, therefore, the cost of proposals, in case of rebidding, may also increase. It is hence, requested from HPC to accord approval to issue the LOA for the above package.

The HPC after due deliberations, directed Project Director to send justification to TSC of Planning Department for review and if found justified by TSC, Project Director is authorized to issue LOA accordingly.

Agenda Table 1(c)

S.No.	Package No.	No. of Bridges	Package Name	Technical Sanctioned Cost (In Cr.)	Rate of L-1 Bidder (Amount in Cr.)	Comparison with Estimated Cost			Remarks
						Estimated Cost (In Lacks)	Financial Quote	% above/below from the Estimated Cost	
1	22/BR/RFB-EPC/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 120M Span Pedestrian Bridge over Mainagad in Pipalkoti-Math-Syun-Bemru Bridle Road in District Chamoli.	₹ 10.15	₹ 12.06	₹ 8,39,05,755.70	₹ 10,22,11,111.00	21.82%	Re-bidding is to be done due to excessive higher rates
2	10/BR/RFB-EPC/UGRIDP/2023	2	Construction of 90 m span pedestrian Bridge & its approach over Kel River at Supligad in District Chamoli.	₹ 13.25	-	₹ 13,30,00,000.00	No Bids received after technical opening Re-bidding is to be done through item rate method separately for each bridge		
			Construction of 80m span pedestrian Bridge & its approach on Paithani Garkot Bridle Road in District Chamoli.						
3	17/BR/RFB-EPC/UGRIDP/2023	1	Construction of 120 m span Suspension Bridge over Pilang gad in District Uttarkashi.	₹ 13.75	-	₹ 13,76,00,000.00	No Bids received after technical opening Re-bidding is to be done		

HPC is requested to accord approval for Rebidding for the above packages

The HPC after due deliberations, approved the above proposal for rebidding

- ii. This is to inform HPC that following Road Protection Works were approved by HPC on 26.09.2023 vide MoM No. 575/UDRP-AF/2023 dated 29.09.2023

S.No	Name of District	Name of Road Protection Works	Category of Road	Cost Approved by TSC (in Cr.)	Mode of Procurement
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Chamoli	Road Protection Work at Tharali Ghat Motor Road at Km 03	VR	3.66	EPC
2	Tehri	Tehri-Hindolakhal-Devprayag-Vyasghat-Bilkhet Motor Road at KM 39 (Ch. 38.850)			
		Total		13.41	

Now, since both the works are in different districts, hence clubbing both the works into single package may result in reduced competition. Instead, it is proposed to bid out both the works separately under item rate method. Details of proposal are as below:

S.No	Name of District	Name of Road Protection Works	Category of Road	Cost Approved by TSC (in Cr.)	Mode of Procurement
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Chamoli	Road Protection Work at Tharali Ghat Motor Road at Km 03	VR	3.66	Item Rate
2	Tehri	Tehri-Hindolakhal-Devprayag-Vyasghat-Bilkhet Motor Road at KM 39 (Ch. 38.850)	SH	9.75	Item rate
		Total		13.41	

/20580 HPC is requested to accord approval on the above.

HPC after due discussions approved the above proposals

2.SDRF Outdoor Training Components (Phase-II) at Jollygrant Campus

It is to inform the HPC that as per Project Appraisal Document (PAD) of World Bank the allocation of US\$ 6 million

or INR 49.80 Cr. for the work given details as below:-

Component 2- Improving Emergency Preparedness and Response (Total US\$56 million; IBRD: US\$44.8 million; Government: US\$11.2 million).

(c) Strengthening the State Disaster Response Force (Total: US\$6 million; IBRD: US\$4.8 million; Government: US\$1.2 million), through (i) Constructing SDRF outdoor search and rescue training facilities (ii) Providing search and rescue and communications equipment and (iii) Providing training on equipment storage, maintenance, and repair.

In which, the administrative approval for procurement of SDRF equipment amount to INR 16.34 Cr. has already been accorded. Thus, an amount of INR 33.46 Cr. remains for the outdoor training component of SDRF. It is to further inform the HPC that the Home Departmental Empowered Committee has approved outdoor training component along with various buildings under SDRF department amounting to **Rs 108 Cr** in which the amount of **Rs 53.40 Cr.** has been taken for outdoor training component.

In HPC dated **26.09.2023**, HPC directed to look into the requirements of SDRF as we have already created a huge infrastructure and give a detailed presentation in a separate meeting for finalization of scope. After finalization of scope and vetting by Planning Department, present in the next HPC.

As directed, scope has been reviewed and re- finalize on priority basis and as per available allocation of World Bank which is tabulated below.

S. No.	Component	Estimated Cost (In Cr.)
1	Collapsed structure search and rescue.	2.35
2	Obstacle course for SDRF Personnel	1.16
3	Obstacle course for Rescue Dogs	0.39
4	Surface Water Search and Rescue Pool.	8.59
5	Deep diving pool.	13.24
6	Rock climbing with bouldering wall.	3.26
7	Outdoor demonstration area with Site Development, External services etc.	15.42
8	Ropeway Rescue Training Component with Repelling wall	3.26
9	Procurements of Training Equipment	3.27
	Sub Total	51.51
	Contingency	1.49
	Total	53.00

Therefore, in view of the above, HPC is requested to give administrative approval for the work mentioned above and authorize Program Director – UPREPARE to decide on method of procurement and packaging as per nature of work.

HPC approved the above proposal with the direction to ensure optimal utilization of available land for training component for future usage for other purposes.

3.Construction of Fire Stations and Fire Training Centers for Fire & Emergency Services, Uttarakhand:

This is to apprise that the following buildings for UKFES are proposed to be constructed under U-PREPARE as per

proposal received from Fire department after due discussion with the Project Director:

S.N.	District	Building Type	Location	Land Available	Estimated Cost (INR Cr.)
1	Tehri	fire station	Ghansali	Yes	4
2	Haridwar	fire station	Bhagwanpur	Yes	3.5
3	Udham singh Nagar	fire station	Kichha	Yes	4
4	Dehradun	fire station	Mussoorie	Yes	5
5	Dehradun	fire station	Rishikesh	Yes	5
6	Pauri	fire station	Pauri	Yes	5
7	Chamoli	fire station	Joshimath	Yes	4
8	Champawat	fire station	Lohaghat	Yes	4
9	Pauri	fire station	Thalisain	Yes	4
10	Udham Singh Nagar	fire station	Bazpur	Yes	3.5
11	Dehradun	Fire training institute	selaqui	Yes	40.51
12	Tehri	fire station	Narendra Nagar	Yes	5.5
13	Pauri	fire station	Kotdwara	Yes	5
14	Udham singh Nagar	fire station	Sitarganj	Yes	5
15	Udham Singh Nagar	fire station	Rudrapur	Yes	5
16	Udham Singh Nagar	fire station	Kashipur	Yes	5
17	Uttarkashi	fire station	Barkot	Yes	5.5
18	Haridwar	fire station	SIDCUL haridwar	Yes	4
19	Haridwar	fire station	Roorkee	Yes	5
Total					122.51

HPC is requested to give administrative approval for the works mentioned above

HPC approved the above proposal of as proposed

4.SDRF – Goods: This is to apprise the HPC that various packages of search and rescue equipment were sanctioned by HPC vide Ref. No. 523/UDRP-AF/2022-23 dated 16th January, 2023 for **State Disaster Response Force, Uttarakhand**, in continuation to which, 11 tenders were published and the **status of the packages on which, approvals/directions of HPC are required** is as follows:

Table 4.1

S.No.	Package Name	HPC Sanctioned Cost incl. GST (in INR Lakh)	Rates quoted by L-1 Bidder incl. GST (in INR Lakh)	% below/above	Status
1.	Supply & Installation of Water Flood Rescue & Deep Diving Equipment (RFB)	95.95	90.77	(-) 5.39% below	LOA issued to L-1 bidder, contract to be signed.
2.	Supply & Installation of Inflatable Rescue Motor Boat with OBM (RFQ)	48.00	32.69	(-) 31.88% below	Supply order issued to L-1 bidder. contract to be signed.
3.	Supply and Installation of Floating Pump & Power Auto Raft Pump (RFQ)	18.40	12.29	(-) 33.20% below	Supply order issued to L-1 bidder.
4.	Supply and Installation of Victim Locating Equipment & Air Lifting Bag Equipment (RFB)	361.60	279.48	(-) 22.71% below	LOA issued to L-1 bidder, contract to be signed.
5.	Supply and Installation of Power Ascender Equipment (RFQ)	19.00	15.999	(-) 15.79% below	Supply order issued to L-1 bidder.
6.	Supply and Installation of CSSR	168.50	114.22	(-) 32.21%	LOA to be issued.

S.No	Package Name	HPC Sanctioned Cost incl. GST (in INR Lakh)	Rates quoted by L-1 Bidder incl. GST (in INR Lakh)	% below/ above	Status
	Equipment (RFB)			below	
7.	Supply and Installation of Remote Area Light Single Head & Thermal Imaging Camera (RFB)	169.40	168.47	(-) 0.55% below	LOA issued to L-1 bidder, contract to be signed.
8.	Supply and Installation of Mountain & High-Rise Equipment (RFQ)	57.43	52.73	(-) 6.45% below	Supply order issued to L-1 bidder.

HPC is requested to review the comments provided in the "Status" column of the above table 4.1 and approve the proposed actions.

Table 4.2

S. No.	Package Name	HPC Sanctioned Cost incl. GST (in INR Lakh)	Rates quoted by L-1 Bidder incl. GST (in INR Lakh)	% below/ above	Status
1.	Supply and Installation of Deep Diving Equipment (RFB)	94.56	148.98	57.56% above	Cost of L-1 bidder is 57.56% above from the sanctioned cost.
2.	Supply and Installation of Rope Launcher Equipment (RFB)	120.00	190.98	59.15% above	Cost of L-1 bidder is 59.15% above from the sanctioned cost.

HPC is requested to accord approval to cancel the current bidding process and retender the above packages mentioned in Table 4.2

HPC approved the above proposals of PIU with the direction that procurement must be based on availability of staff to ensure maximum utilization of equipment procured and there shall be training / capacity building plan for the staff in place or in the bid itself to operate the equipment.

5. Fire & Emergency Services – GODDS: This is to apprise the HPC that the various packages of search and rescue equipment were sanctioned by HPC vide Ref. No. 523/UDRP-AF/2022-23 dated 16th January, 2023 for Fire & Emergency Services, Uttarakhand, in continuation of which, 14 tenders have been published and the status of the packages on which, approvals/directions of HPC are required is as follows:

Table 5.1

S.No.	Package Name	HPC Sanctioned Cost incl. GST (in INR Lakh)	Rates quoted by L-1 Bidder incl. GST (in INR Lakh)	% below/ above	Status
1	Supply of Breathing Apparatus for FES, Uttarakhand	1207.50	1091.92	(-) 9.57% below	LOA to be issued.
2	Supply of Fireman Self Rescue Device for FES, Uttarakhand	112.80	111.81	(-) 0.88% below	LOA issued to L-1 bidder. Contract to be signed
3	Supply of Jumping Cushion for FES, Uttarakhand	269.10	203.26	(-) 24.47% below	LOA issued to L-1 bidder, contract to be signed.
4	Supply of Fire Fighting Robot for	460.00	483.80	5.17% above	It was directed by the HPC held on 11.01.2023 to rationalize the type and

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S.No	Package Name	HPC Sanctioned Cost incl. GST (in INR Lakh)	Rates quoted by L-1 Bidder incl. GST (in INR Lakh)	% below/ above	Status
	FES, Uttarakhand				number of expensive equipment based on actual utility and need assessment. In continuation to this, the Fire and Emergency Department, UK vide their letter No. DG-8-51/2019(8) dated 17.03.2023 added the firefighting robot to the list of equipment to be procured along with its specifications. The same was approved by the World Bank on STEP. The HPC is requested to accord administrative approval on procurement of Fire Fighting Robot for F&ES Uttarakhand as mentioned on S. no. 4 above in table 4.1 LOA to be issued

HPC is requested to review the comments provided in the "Status" column of the above table 5.1 and approve the proposed actions.

HPC after discussions approved the above proposal

Table 5.2

S.No.	Package Name	HPC Sanctioned Cost incl. GST (in INR Lakh)	Rates quoted by L-1 Bidder incl. GST (in INR Lakh)	% below/ above	Status
1	Supply of Multipurpose Fire Tender for FES, Uttarakhand	1207.50	--	--	No bids received after technical opening.
2	Supply of Thermal Imaging Camera for FES, Uttarakhand	103.50	--	--	Since the equipment is specific in nature, the current tender process has been cancelled and it is proposed to procure the equipment through direct selection in accordance with WB's procurement regulations.
3	Supply of Safety Net for FES, Uttarakhand	119.60	--	--	No bids received after technical opening.

HPC is requested to accord approval to cancel the current bidding process and retender the packages mentioned on S. No. 1 & 3 in the above table 5.2 and accord approval to procure the equipment mentioned on S. no. 2 through direct selection method in accordance with WB's procurement regulations

HPC after due deliberations directed to revisit the specifications in consultation with Forest Department and other States. Accordingly, advertise Expression of Interest (EoI) before entering into bidding process.

/205807 /**Forest Department – Goods:** This is to apprise the HPC that the various packages of equipment were sanctioned by HPC vide Ref. No. 523/UDRP-AF/2022-23 dated 16th January, 2023 for Forest Fire Component, in continuation of which, 5 tenders have been published and the **status of the packages on which, approvals/directions of HPC are required** is as follows:

Table 6.1

S.No.	Package Name	HPC Sanctioned Cost excl. GST (in INR Lakh)	Rates quoted by L-1 Bidder excl. GST (in INR Lakh)	% below/ above	Remark
1.	Supply of Personal Protective Gears for Forest Fire Crew	1382.56	1379.83	(-) 0.20% below	LOA issued to L-1 bidder, contract to be signed

HPC is requested to approve the signing of contract.

HPC approved the above proposal

Table 6.2

S.No.	Package Name	HPC Sanctioned Cost excl. GST (in INR Lakh)	Rates quoted by L-1 Bidder excl. GST (in INR Lakh)	% below/ above	Remark
1.	Supply of 350 CC motorcycle/bike (5 speed gear mounted with back pack set with mist extinguisher)	100.00	--	--	No bids received after opening of technical opening.
2.	Supply of Bolero pickup (or 4 wheel drive) mounted with mini water tender of minimum 350 liter water capacity.	600.00	978.66	63.11% above	Cost of L-1 bidder is 63.11% above from the sanctioned cost.
3.	Supply of Communication Equipment for Forest Fire Crew	116.00	--	--	No bids received after opening of technical opening.
4.	Supply of Fire Tools/ Equipment for Forest Fire Crew	50.00	--	--	After technical evaluation the bid was found non-responsive.

HPC is requested to accord approval to cancel the current bidding process and retender the above packages mentioned in Table 6.2

HPC after due deliberations directed to revisit the utility of specifications of item at S.No. 1 and also suggested for its replacement with All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) in a pilot mode for forest fire mitigation. It also suggested procurement of Drones (with pay load) as a source for forest fire surveillance and mitigation on a pilot scale. For items at S.No. 2 to 4, HPC approved the cancellation of current bidding process and suggested option of procurement through Government E Marketplace (GeM) and accordingly make changes in Project Procurement Strategy for Development (PPSD) if required.

7.ICT Equipment for SEOC of USDMA Building: This is to inform the HPC that 4 packages ICT Equipment (Servers, Networking, hardware & AV) for USDMA Building were sanctioned by HPC vide Ref. No. 275/UDRP-AF/2023 dated 30th June 2023, for which tenders were published. Prior to the pre-bid meetings, the Program Director, UDRP-AF, directed the inclusion of technical expert from KSDMA to participate in these meetings and assist in resolving queries of the bidders which were held on 22.08.2023 (For ICT Hardware, Networking & AV) and 06.09.2023 (HCl Servers). Post pre-bid meetings, technical expert from KSDMA shared a draft of

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S.No.	Package Name	HPC Sanctioned Cost incl. GST (in INR Lakh)	Rates quoted by L-1 Bidder incl. GST (in INR Lakh)	% below/ above	Remark
1.	SITC of ICT Networking Equipment for USDMA Building	651.00	823.36	26.48% above	Cost of L-1 bidder is 26.48% above from the sanctioned cost.
2.	SITC of ICT Hardware, Software & Workstations for USDMA Building	457.00	603.62	32.08% above	Cost of L-1 bidder is 32.08% above from the sanctioned cost.
3.	SITC of HCI Servers for USDMA Building	1435.00	1720.44	19.89% above	Cost of L-1 bidder is 19.89% above from the sanctioned cost.
4.	SITC of Audio Visual (AV) Equipment for USDMA Building	2717.00	--	--	Technical bids opened and technical evaluation in process.

Various bidders/stakeholders raised concerns regarding various aspects of the bidding process to the World bank and PMU. Taking these issues/concerns into considerations, a meeting chaired by the Program Director – UDRP-AF/U-PREPARE took place on February 13, 2024. This meeting was convened following the issuance of Letter No. 174@व०निंस-स०आ०प्र० @2024 dated February 9, 2024, with the aim of addressing the concerns and issues raised by various bidders/stakeholders regarding bids for 4 packages of ICT for SEOC. These concerns had been previously discussed in meetings held on January 30, 2024, and February 6, 2024, with the participation of technical experts from NIC & SeMT, as well as members from UDRP-AF. Post meeting, the experts raised concerns regarding absence of specific components, such as server/network security features and the server's operating system in the bids. It is also to mention that due to various changes in the specifications after the pre-bid meeting as well as addition of few missing components in the bid, the estimated cost of the packages are to be revised.

Hence, HPC is requested to review the above and direct for further proceedings in this matter.

HPC directed to constitute a Technical Committee comprising of experts from NIC and ITDA apart from U-PREPARE & USDMA to finalize the specifications and revise the estimate accordingly. Subsequently, put up the final proposal before TEC headed by Secretary, Information Technology and re-bid the same as single package instead of four different packages.

8. Consultancy Packages: The following consultancies are to be hired under U-PREPARE:

8.1. Consultancy Firm for Design and Implementation Support for Construction of Bridges (Estimated Cost - INR 6.00 Cr.) - The financial bids for the package were opened and the rates received were INR 4.72 Cr. Which is 21.33% below than the estimated rates i.e. INR 6.00 Cr. The LOA has been issued to the firm. The HPC is requested to accord approval to sign the contract with the L1 Firm

HPC approved the above proposal.

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8.2. Consultancy for Design of Slope Stabilization Works (Estimated Cost -INR 2.00 Cr.): The proposals for the package have been received and the technical evaluation is in process. The HPC is requested to accord the administrative approval of the above package.

HPC approved the above proposal.

8.3. Consultancy Firm for Proof Checking of Bridges & Slope Stabilization Works (Estimated Cost -INR 2.00 Cr.): The EOI for the package have been received. The evaluation of the EOIs is under process. The HPC is requested to accord the administrative approval of the above package

HPC after due deliberations directed the following:

- a) For Slope Stabilization works, ULMMMC may be engaged for proof checking
- b) For Bridge works IIT Roorkee may be engaged as Proof Checking Agency subject to consent of IIT Roorkee and No Objection from the World Bank or as advised by the World Bank

8.4. Consultancy Firm for Review of Retrofitting DPRs, Propose Augmentation of Services & Renovation Requirements of Hospital Buildings in Uttarakhand (Estimated Cost -INR 2.00 Cr.): The financial bids for the package have been opened, however, the health component has been removed post Loan Negotiation meeting. hence, this consultancy is proposed to be de-sanctioned. The HPC is requested to accord the approval to cancel the above package

HPC approved the above proposal.

8.5. Hiring of Third-Party Quality Assurance (TPQA) & Monitoring Consultancy for Building Sites under U-PREPARE (Estimated Cost -INR 9.50 Cr.)– The approval on STEP has been accorded by the World bank on the said package as direct RFP method. The HPC is requested to accord the administrative approval of the above package

HPC approved the above proposal and also directed to explore the possibility to change the method of procurement from time based to lump-sum in consultation with the World Bank if feasible.

8.6. Hiring of Third-Party Quality Assurance (TPQA) & Monitoring Consultancy for Bridge & Road Protection Sites under U-PREPARE (Estimated Cost -INR 9.50 Cr.)– The approval on STEP has been accorded by the World bank on the said package as direct RFP method. The HPC is requested to accord the administrative approval of the above package

HPC approved the above proposal and also directed to explore the possibility to change the method from time based to lump-sum in consultation with the World Bank if feasible.

8.7. Selection of Design & Implementation Support Consultancy for Construction of Fire Training Centre, Fire Units and Fire Stations for Fire & Emergency Services, Uttarakhand (Estimated Cost -INR 2.50 Cr.)– The approval on STEP has been accorded by the World bank on the said package as direct RFP method. The HPC is requested to accord the administrative approval of the above package.

HPC approved the above proposal.

8.8. (a) Selection of consultancy for maintenance of Disaster Risk Database. The tendering of the package is in process and the financial proposals have been opened. It is pertinent to mention that the prices quoted by the L1 bidder (INR 9.92 Cr.) are 120% higher than the estimated cost (INR 4.42 Cr.). Moreover, the deliverables mentioned in ToR are in conflict with previous DRDB project undertaken in UDRP i.e. the deliverables must have already been achieved in the original DRA study as per contract agreement. Hence the following approval is requested from the HPC: To cancel the current bidding process.

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HPC approved the above proposal

(b)non-compliance of deliverables in previous DRA project under TACDBRM component of UDRP – The project Director presented to HPC about the various gaps in terms of deliverables and submissions against deliverables in previous Disaster Risk Assessment (DRA) study, River Morphology Study & development of DSS. Due to these gaps the non-complied deliverables had to be added in the currently proposed DRDB. HPC is requested to direct for further proceedings in this matter

HPC after discussions directed to review the gaps and call the concerned consultants/experts to seek the justification for the non-compliance. Subsequently, issue notices to consultants / experts, concerned officials clarify and rectify the gaps.

9.Revision in Estimated costs: This is to apprise to HPC that bids for various packages of equipment for Forest department were invited. After the pre-bid meeting, specifications of these packages were changed as per queries/representations submitted by prospective bidders. The changes in specifications also resulted in change in estimated costs of the packages which have been submitted by the fire department vide Letter No. 593/26-1(1) dated 06.03.2024. The revisions in the estimated costs are tabulated below:

S.No.	Name of Package	Existing Estimated Cost (In INR Cr.)	Revised Estimated Cost (In INR Cr.)
1.	350 CC motorcycle/ bike (5 speed gear mounted with back pack set with mist extinguisher)	1.00	7.37
2.	Bolero pickup (or 4-wheel drive) mounted with mini water tender of minimum 350liter water capacity	6.00	12.03
3.	Personal Protective Gears for Forest Fire Crew	13.82	17.94
4.	Communication (Strengthening of Wireless network	1.16	1.71
5	Fire Tools/Equipment for Forest Fire Crew	0.50	0.50

HPC is requested to accord approval on the revised estimated cost of the above equipment.

HPC directed to refer to the decision given on agenda point 6.2**10. Recruitment under U-PREPARE:**

- Salaries for all positions under U-PREPARE have been approved by the finance department vide GO No. 154649/XVIII-(B-2)/23/20(UDRP-AF)2023 dated 18.09.2023. *The copy of GO is Annexed*
- The approved salaries are within specified ranges for all the positions
- The recruitment for staff across multiple positions under U-PREPARE is currently in progress and interviews for major positions have been completed.
- Offer letters for certain positions have already been issued, with the offered remuneration falling on the lower limit of the approved range due to which, representations from a few candidates have been received requesting to increase the offered remuneration.

In this regard, the following fixations are proposed in the offered remunerations:

- 1.Candidates' last drawn salary lesser than the lower limit -** Offers to be issued at the lower limit (non-negotiable)
- 2.Candidates' last drawn salary higher than the upper limit -** Offers to be issued at the higher limit (non-negotiable)
- 3.Candidates last drawn salary between the lower and the upper limit –**

Proposal A – To ensure pay protection, the offer shall be equal to the last drawn salary which shall be final and non-negotiable

/205807/20 **Proposal B** - The offer shall be equal to the last drawn salary, however; in case of representation sent by the candidate demanding increased salary, up to max. 6% increment on the offered salary may be accepted based on case-to-case reviews and suitability of the candidate for the offered position. The HPC is requested to review the above and accord the approval accordingly

HPC approved the above proposal A subject to the upper limit, however in respect of proposal B, HPC authorize Program Director to decide for increased salary, subject to upper limit, based on the experience slabs, post minimum experience requirement of selected candidates as approved earlier for ULMMC.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all present.

Signed by Ranjit Kumar Sinha
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5. Inspector General, Fire & Emergency Services
6. Director General, Health & Family Welfare
7. All PMs, PIU- UDRP-AF & U-PREPARE
8. All District Magistrates, Uttarakhand.
9. All FCs, UDRP-AF.
10. All present in the meeting.
11. Guard file

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