

**DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE MEETING OF THE CHAIRMAN,CO-CHAIRMEN AND
DEPUTY CHAIRMEN, STATE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON THE
8TH DECEMBER, 2004 IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE CHAIRMAN, STATE
PLANNING BOARD.**

Members Present:

1. Shri S.C. Marak, Chairman State Planning Board.
2. Dr. R.C. Laloo, Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board.
3. Shri A.H. Scott Lyngdoh, Member, State Planning Board.
4. Shri Polycarp.K.Marak, Member, State Planning Board.
5. Shri Sanggra.A.Sangma, Member, State Planning Board.

At the outset the Chairman expressed his desire to meet the Chief Minister regarding the Recommendations of the State Planning Board on Draft Annual Plan 2005-2006 and was of the view that the Board should be prepared on the justifications regarding major cuts/additional funds recommended in respect of some departments for the proposed outlay of Annual Plan 2005-2006.

Hence the recommendations of the Board in respect of the following departments were reviewed and decisions thereon are as follows:-

1. Agriculture : In view of priority and importance attached to agriculture, the Board agreed to an increase of Rs. 5.00 crores more to the proposal of Rs. 9.20 crores for the procurement of 1000 Power Tillers which would be made available to a farmer at Rs.50,000/- subsidy. The proposed outlay for 2005-2006 at Rs. 14.20 lakhs was thus recommended.

2. Fisheries : The Board supported the scheme of the department to develop 1000 ponds to improve fish production in the State for which funds would also be made available by the North Eastern Council. Hence the proposed outlay of Rs. 629.00 lakhs of the Department was recommended for 2005-2006.

3. Urban Affairs: The proposed outlay of the department of Rs. 2750.00 lakhs was reduced to Rs. 950.00 lakhs as the Board was of the view that availing of loan for land acquisition /land development for the New Shillong Township does not appear to be a viable proposition.

4. Community And Rural Development: In view of the poor performance of SGSY scheme, for the last three years the Board agreed to restrict the proposal for 2005-2006 to 2004-2005 level i.e. Rs. 292.00 lakhs.

5. Water Supply And Sanitation : In view that the Department has a considerable loan component, the Board agreed to Rs. 4100.00 lakhs against the proposal of Rs. 4400.00 lakhs keeping at par with the budgetted outlay of 2004-2005.

6. Industries (Other than Village and Small Industries): The proposal by the Department at Rs.3735 lakhs is found to be very high which is more than 100% to the agreed outlay of 2003-2004. Though the Board suggested to restrict to 18% increase, the Department stated that expenditure would be high during the last two years of the Tenth Plan and therefore such restriction is

not favourable. After detailed discussions and owing to a large number of new schemes amounting to Rs. 1430.00 lakhs, the Board agreed to Rs. 2200.00 lakhs.

7. Home Guards and Civil Defence: The Board noted an exorbitant increase in the proposed outlay of this sector under civil works; and therefore desired that the department should furnish adequate justifications with facts and figures regarding their proposed outlay for 2005-2006.

In conclusion the Board was of the view that if the Draft Plan Proposal (2005-2006) needed to be further reduced, cuts may be effected from the following departments accordingly:-

	<u>Recommended amount as submitted to Government</u>	<u>Proposed cut vide meeting on 8-12-2004.</u>	<u>Balanced amount that may be recommended</u>
1. Home Guards & Civil Defence	Rs. 2264.90 lakhs	Rs.1700.00 lakhs	Rs. 564.90 lakhs
2. Other Transport Services	Rs. 112.00 lakhs	Rs. 50.00 lakhs	Rs. 62.00 lakhs
3. Minor Irrigation	Rs. 1342.45 lakhs	Rs. 300.00 lakhs	Rs.1042.45 lakhs
4. Secretariat Economic Services	Rs. 1550.00 lakhs	Rs. 800.00 lakhs	Rs. 750.00 lakhs

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

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(Shri S.C. Marak)
Chairman,
Meghalaya State Planning Board.