

**DECISIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE MEGHALAYA STATE PLANNING BOARD HELD  
ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2004 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF MAIN SECRETARIAT  
BUILDING.**

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**Members present**

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| 1.  | Shri S.C. Marak,       | Chairman, State Planning Board                                     |
| 2.  | Shri S.D. Khongwir     | Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board.                             |
| 3.  | Dr. R.C. Laloo         | Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board.                             |
| 4.  | Shri S.S. Lyngdoh      | Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board.                             |
| 5.  | Shri M.Pariat          | Chief Executive Member, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council. |
| 6.  | Shri A.H.Scott Lyngdoh | Member, State Planning Board.                                      |
| 7.  | Shri R. Lyngdoh        | Member, State Planning Board.                                      |
| 8.  | Shri P.K. Marak        | Member, State Planning Board.                                      |
| 9.  | Shri C.P.Marak         | Member, State Planning Board.                                      |
| 10. | Shri Sanggra S.Sangma  | Member, State Planning Board.                                      |
| 11. | Dr. B. Lyndem          | Member, State Planning Board.                                      |

While welcoming the Members present the Chairman informed that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Proceedings of the Review Meetings (2002-2003) held by the different Working Groups to enable the full Board to express their views on the points of discussion of the Working Groups before making specific recommendations on main issues.

After a thorough discussion the followings decisions were taken :-

1. **Agriculture** :- On the Department's proposal for setting up of a Seed Farm in every District during the 10<sup>th</sup> Plan period, Department to submit details on (i) The problems faced for procurement seeds from outside the State. (ii) Setting up of Seeds farms would involve a huge expenditure – would it not be more economical to procure seeds from outside agencies Department to substantiate with financial involvement in both cases.

On the question of setting up of an Engineering Wing, a meeting will be convened with PWD(B) to discuss the matter.

2. **Power** :- The Department to submit (i) A brief note on the projects which are likely to be completed during the 10<sup>th</sup> Plan period regarding their respective power supply capacity and alignment including the time-frame for completion of the Leishka-Myntdu Project and its power supply capacity. (ii) The Schemes under Non-Conventional Sources of Energy does not appear to be doing well/utilize in the State.The Department to submit its views on this observation.

3. **Industries/Power** :- The Board desires clarification on whether the power shortage in the Industrial area at Byrnihat is a present Phenomena or was this foreseen right from the time when the entrepreneurs were invited to set up industries in this area. Fearing that the entrepreneurs may wind up their businesses when the subsidy is over the Board desires the Department to submit its views on this observation.

4. **Health** :- The Department to submit information on the number/location of PHCs/CHCs which are non-functional due to absence of basic infrastructures like water and power on the basis of which a meeting would be convened with PHE and Power Departments to sort out the problem.
5. **Arts and Culture**:- The Department to submit a detailed report on the State Cultural Complex at Brookside, Shillong since inception/the extent of completion/the remaining works, with financial implication and the dues to be paid to the contractor.
6. **Animal Husbandry & Veterinary** :- The Department submit a note with concrete justification for the necessity of operating a revolving fund in some Departmental farms for further discussion by the Board.
7. **PHE**:- The Department to submit a status report of the Aus-Aid Project in respect of improvement of Water Supply and Sanitation in Shillong.
8. **Transport**:- The Department to submit (i) A detailed report on the Helipad project at Upper Shillong. (ii) A note with detailed figures of revenue earned by the MTC and expenditure incurred for maintenance of buses etc. from 2001-2002 till date.
9. **Mining & Geology**:- The Board desired a note with necessary data on potentiality of ground water for drinking and irrigation purposes and the availability of ground water in different areas of the state-Whether ground water should be harnessed in anticipation of shortfall of drinking water in the state in general and Shillong in particular- whether such harness may pose a threat to ecology balance.
10. **Education**:- The Board is of the view that full transport cost should be reimbursed according to the locations under the Midday Meal Programme. The Department to examine the possibility of giving Midday Meal 5(five) times a week instead of only 2 times as done by the Department. A note to be submitted to the State Planning Board on above.
11. **Border Areas Department**:- The Department to submit information on the present status regarding free trade allowed within 16 Kilometres according to the Indo-Bangladesh Treaty, 1972,
12. The Board desires information on the amount sanctioned so far under Non-Lapsable Pool with list of Departments and amount utilized till date; the sector-wise approved outlay of the 9<sup>th</sup> Plan/Actual Expenditure/Reasons for shortfall/Excess. It was also decided to have a discussion with Planning and Finance Departments regarding the criteria for allocation of the Loan Component as it appears that some Departments do not utilize the Loan.

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

**Sd/-**  
**(S.C.Marak)**  
**Chairman,**  
**State Planning Board.**