

**POINTS DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING OF THE CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY
CHAIRMAN, STATE PLANNING BOARD ON 24-6-04 AND 25-6-04 IN THE OFFICE
CHAMBER OF THE CHAIRMAN, STATE PLANNING BOARD**

Present :	Shri S.C. Marak	Chairman, State Planning Board.
	Shri S.D. Khongwir	Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board.
	Dr. R.C. Laloo	Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board.
	Shri A.H.Scott Lyngdoh	Member, State Planning Board.

The above meetings were convened to go through the information submitted by the concerned Departments as per the Boards decision in its meeting held on 19-3-04 for finalization of the recommendations of the State Planning Board regarding Review of implementation of Plan Schemes during 2002-2003 taken up by the Working Groups of State Planning Board.

While discussing on the pertinent issues the observations/decision of the Board are as follows :-

1. **Agriculture** :- It was observed that initially the Department's stand was to set up a seed farm in each district during the 10th Plan as it is understood that there are problems faced by the Department in procuring seeds from outside the State. Now it appears that the Department has decided to drop this proposal and to continue to procure seeds from outside the State.

Decision :- (i) The Board would like to have another discussion with the Department on this change of plan before making its recommendation.

(ii) The Board would also discuss the Department's proposal to set up its own Engineering Wing alongwith the officers of PWD(Buildings).

2. **Animal Husbandry & Veterinary** :- The Department impressed that without a revolving fund the implementation of certain schemes is impaired. For instance, a sum of Rs.15.00 lakhs has been earmarked as a revolving fund for the strengthening of poultry farms at Umsning, Rongkhon (Tura) and Jowai. NEC has also provided Rs.10.00 lakhs as revolving fund for the scheme of Integrated Project for Self sufficiency in Animal origin food. The Town Milk Supply scheme Shillong has a provision for a revolving fund.

The Department is advised to submit a note justifying the compelling need for a revolving fund with facts and figures, the modalities on how this is to be operated, and the present status of the proposal if already initiated/processed by the Department.

3. **Industries** :- The Department to submit the following additional information regarding Industrial Area at Byrnihat.

- (i) To what extent has employment been generated to the local people so far.
- (ii) The amount of revenue accruing to the state and the MSEB so far.
- (iii) The ultimate benefits to the State after the industries have function to a maximum.

4. **Education** :- Based on the information submitted by the Department the Board decided to have a further discussion with the Department on the various aspects of the Mid-day Meal Programme and to know the latest position regarding the Budget Provision, Expenditure involved, amount to be borne under State Plan for transport costs etc.

5. **Mining & Geology** :- The Board observed that there appear to be lack of coordination between the Departments of Mining and Geology and PHE regarding exploration of the potentiality and availability of ground water for drinking and irrigation purposes. It was decided to have a meeting with Mining & Geology and PHE Departments alongwith the officers of the Central Ground Water Board to discuss the matter.

6. **Border Trade** :- The Board observed that the matter relating to resumption of Border Trade was initiated for more than 20 years back with no concrete results till date. The Department is advised to take up the matter with the Union Minister In-Charge DONER as a follow-up. The Board would like to discuss this matter with the Department to know the latest position of the Border Trade issue.

7. **Planning Department** :- The Board would like to have a discussion with Planning Department for more information on the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources, e.g. pattern/norm if any, for selection of a particular project, the amount of fund allotted/granted to other North Eastern States, whether the Departments are utilizing these funds to a maximum etc.

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

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