

**RECORD NOTE OF THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP 'D' STATE
PLANNING BOARD HELD ON 15TH JULY, 2005 IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF SHRI
S.D. KHONGWIR, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, STATE PLANNING BOARD.**

Members and Officers present at Annexure – I

Shri S.D. Khongwir, Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board welcomed the Members Working Group 'D' to the meeting. He stated that the purpose of the meeting is to have prior discussion among the Members on the information furnished by the Departments relating to implementation of Plan schemes during 2004-2005.

The Working Group after having gone through the information furnished by the Departments decided to ask for further clarifications/ additional information on the following observations.

1. Agriculture :- (i) From the trend of expenditure as furnished by the Department, for the 1st 3 years it appears doubtful as to whether the entire amount of Rs.82.95 crores being the 10th Plan projected outlay could be utilised. (ii) What are the reason of shortfall during 2004-2005 and the variation of (-) Saving and (+) Excess needs to be explained taking into consideration that Agriculture being a very important Department.(iii) 19 schemes are in varying stages of implementation and two schemes in particular – foodgrains development and fertilizer distribution, showed a marked improvement. What are the factors leading to this upward trend ?. (iv) On Agro custom and hiring service – how many graduate/diploma/certificate holders are unemployed ? Have discussions been held with them, and if so, how many are willing ? Reasons why Govt. of India could not release any funds for such an important scheme during 2004-2005. (v) Schemes of subsidy to help farmers purchase Tractors, Power Tillers and Pump Sets. During 2004-2005, 256 Nos. of farmers were granted subsidy for purchase of Power Tillers and Pump Sets – Department to furnish information on availability of maintenance facilities i.e. servicing, repairing etc. (vi) The loan cum subsidy scheme at 50% for power tillers and power pumps subject to a maximum of Rs.50,000/- and a subsidy of Rs.1.25,000/- for Tractors costing Rs.4,60,000/- is a welcome breakthrough. In fact the scheme of subsidy is a life line to break out of the cycle of poverty, by raising productivity. What is the approximate level of investment required to reach the All India level of 1.2 HP per hectare ?.

2. Horticulture :- (i) In case of plantation crops viz., Tea, the increase is a big step up in term of achievement vis-à-vis target during 2004-2005. (ii) In marketing, the 10th Plan projected outlay is Rs.4.15 crores. In view of importance of strengthening marketing infrastructure, the details in expenditure needs to be furnished. (iii)To specify crops which have good market/crops which do not have much market. (iv)Talking point on “Kiwi” crop which originated from China and then taken to New Zealand where its price is very high.

3. Minor Irrigation :- (i) While the funds allotted during 2004-2005 was fully utilized, there are shortfalls in achieving physical targets due to ‘early monsoon, insurgency problem, and delay in getting revised sanctions due to price escalation of materials’ Is there any way to get the revised sanctions expedited ?. (ii) From the provisions of Rs.6.00 crores a sum of Rs.0.78 crore was spent

during 2004-2005. What is the latest policy in maintaining the completed schemes which should be the responsibility of the beneficiaries ?.

4. **Fisheries** :- The low Plan Outlay is further compounded by relatively low level of developmental expenditure which is unfortunate. Can the Department think of any extraordinary efforts at least to partially fulfill the 10th Plan targets, keeping in view the availability of a high internal market for fish.

5. **Animal Husbandry & Veterinary** :- (i) Considering the trend of expenditure, will the Department be able to utilize the entire amount of 10th Plan. (ii) NABARD Loan (Cattle Development) expended Rs.9.92 lakhs during 2004-2005 Department to furnish details of the scheme. (iii) Cattle and Buffalo Development: There are 4(four) Cattle Farms and 1(one) Buffalo Farm. During 2004-2005 348 stocks were reared and 99 calves produced. Significance of this stock in terms of help to farmers. (iv) Feed and Fodder at reasonable rates are crucial inputs. What is the state's annual requirement of feed. How is the deficit met?.(v) Poultry development : There are 10 Government poultry farms and 1 Duck farm. During 2004-2005 The total number of chicks, layers broilers etc. appears to be comparatively low compared to the large number of farms. Similarly in the case of egg production, sheep, goat and piggery development.

6. **Dairy Development** : There are 3 dairy plants. Are statistics available on the annual milk consumption in the state and the share of distribution between the Government dairy plants and private producers. Are the Government chilling plants running at a loss or profit ? The Department proposed a revolving fund for running the plants on a commercial basis. Has the scheme been approved ?.

7. **Housing** :- (i) There is a shortfall of expenditure during 2004-2005. Please indicate reasons for not getting technical clearance and non receipt of loan. (ii) Under Rural Housing scheme, to provide CGI Sheets to 48.000 families. Can the 10th Plan target be met. The scheme on developing plots on hire purchase is not doing well. Why are LIC/GIC loans not materializing?. (iii) To furnish details on assistance to Meghalaya State Housing Board which is Rs.15 lakhs as Grant-in-aid. (iv) Will the Rs.4.50 crores 10th Plan Outlay be the final settlement in paying up the Housing Board's dues to HUDCO?.

8. **Police Housing** :- Will the Department be able to fully utilize the 10th Plan outlay of Rs.13.20 crores. What is the current level of satisfaction ? Considering the needs of security the outlay under Police Housing needs to be increased to a 75% level of satisfaction. Does the Department agree, if so, what is the additional investment required ?.

9. **Civil Defence and Home Guards** :- Department should submit the expenditure during each year and should be responsible to obtain the figures from the PWD.

10. **P.H.E.** :- (i) Require further details in the following proforma-

	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>Nos. of NC/PC</u>
Rural Water Supply	Proposed	Proposed	Remaining to be covered throughout the State, to be taken up in the 11 th Plan.

(ii) Require update information on the following :-

<u>Town</u>	<u>Original cost</u>	<u>Latest Revised cost</u>	<u>Total expenditure incurred</u>	Accelerate amount required to make the schemes fully <u>Operational</u>
GSWSS				
Shillong				
Tura				
Jowai				

(iii) Give salient features to integrate municipal sources with GSWSS showing schemes taken up during first three years of 10th Plan and proposed during 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.

11. **Soil Conservation** :- (i) Because of the large number of schemes, the amount available for each scheme is negligible. Is there any scope in the future to limit the number of schemes, as would enable the Department to concentrate on major projects? (ii) How far has the Jhum Control scheme helped to reduce the incidence of jhumming?. (iii) Is the Cash Crop Development Board functioning satisfactorily? If not are there any reforms contemplated? (iv) The number of water sheds completed so far. Which Agency maintains them? Is there any productivity?.

12. **District Councils** :- (i) What is the share of the three District Councils from the 10th Plan outlay of Rs.25.00 crores?. (ii) Whether the utilization certificates for expenditure incurred upto 2004-2005 been submitted? If not, give District Council wise details. (iii) Is there monitoring at any level of the quality of development works, and if so give a brief account.

13. **Sports & Youth Affairs** :- (i) Assistance to Voluntary organisation of Youth Welfare affairs – Number of such organizations registered in the state. Amount sanctioned to each organization during the first 3 years of 10th Plan. Give names of each such organization. (ii) Assistance for construction of outdoor and indoor stadium – number of incomplete outdoor and indoor stadium district wise. Amount required to complete such schemes. Present status of swimming pool, Tura. (iii) Criteria for providing sports materials to various sports clubs/organizations. (iv) Why is there no provision for training coaches? (v) Is there no need to make a provision for talent search scholarships? (vi) Content of Adventure Programme. (vii) Are there any special gifted sportspersons who need to be given preferential assistance?.

14. **Jails** :- (i) Upgradation of the standard of Jail administration. If the standards are to be raised, why is there a shortfall of Rs.6,63,795 lakhs during 2004-2005 when the outlay was fixed at Rs.17,87,662 lakhs? The reasons for not getting financial concurrence in the scheme of vocational training for jail inmates. (ii) To what extent creation of new posts has adversely

affected jail administration. (iii) Are convicts and undertrials accommodated separately? Give instances. (iv) Which are the authorities required to inspect the jails regularly. Is this being done?

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

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