

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEGHALAYA STATE PLANNING BOARD
HELD ON 24-10-2005 REGARDING FINALISATION OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON
DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2006-2007.**

Members and Officers present at Annexure - I

The meeting was presided over by Shri S.C. Marak, Chairman, State Planning Board who at the outset recalled that as per normal practice the State Planning Board was asked by the Government to submit its recommendations in respect of the State's Draft Annual Plan 2006-2007 for consideration, while processing for Cabinet approval of the same before submission to the Planning Commission. In this connection the State Planning Board have been holding a series of discussions with all Development Departments on 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th October, 2005 on their Draft Annual Plan as submitted to the State Planning Board.

The Board met again on 24.10.05 to finalise its recommendations on Sectoral Outlays of the Draft Annual Plan 2006-2007. The Consolidated Statement of Departmental figures was placed before the Board. It was observed that the total Annual Plan Proposal for 2006-2007 as submitted by Development Departments comes to Rs.94951.02 lacs involving an increase of 18.69% over the Approved Outlay of Rs.80000.00 lacs during 2006-2007.

The matter was discussed at length. Based on the discussions had with Development Departments/additional information which some Departments were asked to submit, the Board recommended for prioritization of (i) Agriculture and Allied Services to ensure food security with special emphasis on (a) mechanization of agriculture, enhance use of organic manure and HYV seeds. (b) production of meat and eggs and fish where an amount of Rs.48 crores and Rs.36 crores respectively was being spent annually for purchase from outside the state to meet the state's requirement and (2) Social Services with emphasis on Education and Health Care.

The Board noted that in respect of some sectors the percentage of increase in the Proposed Outlay for 2006-2007 is very high vis-à-vis the Approved Outlay of 2005-2006. However based on the justifications submitted the Board recommended the proposed outlays of the following sectors for 2006-2007.

1. **Rural Development (SRWP)** – In view that Government have decided for Rs. 1 crore per MLA the proposed outlay of Rs.5450.00 lacs was recommended.
2. **Information & Public Relations** – In view of requirement for implementation of the Right To Information Act, 2005 the proposal of Rs.297.10 lacs was recommended.
3. **Social Welfare** – In view of requirement of Rs. 1 crore for completion of construction of the office building of the Directorate the proposal of Rs.323.75 lacs was recommended.
4. **M.A.T.I.** – In view of construction of Hostel, Playground etc. at Mawdiangdiang the proposal of Rs.121.00 lacs was recommended.

On further discussions the Board felt the need of effecting a cut in respect of some Departments where their proposals are quite high.

2. **Rural Development** :- The Board learnt that Integrated Wasteland Development Programme had been tagged to Soil Conservation and as such the amount of Rs. 120.00 lakhs proposed for 2006-2007 was not considered. The amount of Rs.1500.00 lakhs proposed for Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVP) was reduced to Rs.700.00 lakhs as the scheme was yet to take up being a new scheme.

3. **Flood Control** :- The Board felt that Rs.691.00 lakhs proposed for 2006-2007 is too high and is 102% over the approved outlay of Rs.342.00 lakhs for 2005-2006 and recommended Rs.420.00 lakhs for 2006-2007.

4. **Information Technology** :- The Board recommended Rs.1610.00 lacs for 2006-2007 and advised the Department to take up in a phased manner works under Establishment of State Wide Area Network and Incentives schemes of the Department.

5. **General Housing** :- The Board recommended Rs.1155.00 lakhs out of Rs.1455.00 lakhs proposed by the Department for 2006-2007.

6. **Police Housing** :- The Board recommended Rs.100.00 lakhs out of Rs.200.00 lakhs proposed by the Department for 2006-2007.

7. **Jails** :- The Board felt that the proposal of the Department amounting to Rs. 316.31 lakhs for 2006-2007 is rather too high taking into consideration the approved outlay of Rs.160.00 lakhs for 2005-2006. The Board recommended Rs.200.00 lakhs for 2006-2007.

8. **Judicial Buildings and Fast Track Courts** :- The Board recommended Rs.220.00 lakhs for 2006-2007.

9. **Home Guard and Civil Defence** :- The Board recommended Rs.300.00 lakhs for 2006-2007.

Taking into consideration the ceiling of 10% increase over the Approved Annual Plan Outlay of 2005-2006 stipulated by the Planning Commission and the Departmental's Proposed Outlay for 2006-2007 totalling to Rs.94951.02 lacs the Board recommended a total outlay of Rs.91424.44 lacs with Sectoral Allocations in respect of Draft Annual Plan 2006-2007.

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

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