

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON 4TH
SEPTEMBER, 2006 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, YOJANA BHAVAN TO FINALISE
ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DISTRICT MEETINGS HELD DURING THE
MONTHS OF APRIL, MAY AND JUNE, 2006.**

Members and Officers present :-

<u>Sl.No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation.</u>
1.	Shri S.C. Marak	Chairman, State Planning Board.
2.	Dr. F.Lyngdoh	Co-Chairman, State Planning Board
3.	Shri A.C. Marak,	Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board
4.	Shri S.D. Khongwir	Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board
5.	Shri A.H.Scott Lyngdoh	Member, State Planning Board
6.	Shri Rowell Lyngdoh	Member, State Planning Board
7.	Shri Polycarp K. Marak	Member, State Planning Board
8.	Dr. Biloris Lyndem	Member, State Planning Board
9.	Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya	Member, State Planning Board
10	Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya	Member, State Planning Board
11.	Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Finance Deptt.	Member, State Planning Board

At the outset the Chairman, State Planning Board thanked all the Members who have participated in the District Meetings which enabled the Board to have a detailed discussion with the District Heads on the implementation/achievements of important schemes in the state and particularly the problems and setbacks faced at the District Level in the course of implementation of schemes. The purpose of today's meeting is to finalise the recommendations of the State Planning Board, pursuant to the meetings with the District Level Officers.

After a detailed discussion the State Planning Board makes the following recommendations with a view to improve efficiency in the implementation of various developmental schemes.

1. Timely budget sanction including LOA/LOC. To ensure every district head is informed at the beginning of the year about the financial resources available.
2. Provision of adequate TA/DA and vehicles, so that the quality of schemes do not suffer for want of frequent on the spot inspection.
3. Provision of proper residential and office accommodation to enhance work culture.
4. Increase the allocation for agricultural inputs such as high yielding varieties seed, organic manure/pesticide and irrigation. Establishment of an indigenous seed certifying Agency.
5. Reduce the cost of animal feed by focusing on local resources such as maize.
6. Provision of more cold storage facilities for horticulture products.
7. Use Kisan card facility, as a major credit input.
8. Raising fish production through the 1000 ponds scheme is on course but care should be taken to strengthen the administrative set up at different levels of the Department.

9. Strengthen vigilance in the PHE Department, in the matter of source disputes and theft cases. Make inventory analysis compulsory for Departments of PHE, PWD, Irrigation for audit by a third party.
10. Frame a master plan for protection of catchment areas.
11. Improve contingency fund for mid-day meal programmes.
12. Provide facilities for repair and servicing in respect of subsidy schemes involving use of power tillers/pump sets and materials supplied under scheme of non conventional sources of energy.
13. All health centres must have adequate staff, water and electric facilities.
14. In view of the power crisis, Ganol, Umtrew and Umngot Hydel Projects be taken up on a war footing.
15. For effective coordination, to merge Irrigation and Flood Control Departments under the new nomenclature of Water Resources Department.

Subject to possibility and feasibility the Board also recommend the following :-

1. Decentralisation of the Planning Process - By constitution of District Planning Boards instead of District Planning Development Councils.
2. Adequate financial powers to the District heads, in particular to invest in the Joint Directors Garo Hills District such powers that they can function independently except in important policy matters.
3. To go ahead with implementation of continuing programmes of a scheme while waiting for approval of Finance/Planning Departments to any new elements in the scheme.

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

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