

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD WITH 'FLOOD CONTROL' ON 8-08-2007 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, YOJANA BHAVAN.

The meeting was chaired by the Co-Chairman, State Planning Board Shri Sayeedullah Nongrum with the presence of Shri R. Lyngdoh, Member State Planning Board. While welcoming the officers of the P.W.D the Co-Chairman asked for a brief report on the schemes of the Department.

The Secretary, P.W.D informed that most of the schemes of the department are small with an estimated amount of around Rs. 30 lacs. The Annual Plan Outlays for Flood Control during the 10th Plan has been very gloomy, hence the Department has a huge bank of sanctions amounting to Rs. 15-16 crores upto 2006-2007. If payment is not made to the contractors it is difficult to complete the schemes. Department is facing difficulty even to pay Consultancy fee for the major schemes.

The Co-Chairman pointed out that in view of the observation of 'Year of the Farmer' flood control measures is an important input for the farmer. He expressed surprise that the Department did not avail the Marginal Fund given by the Centre in view of the flood havoc especially in the plain areas of Garo Hills.

The Department clarified that two schemes viz. "Raising of Kolankini Band" and "Reconstruction of marginal embankment Phase III for protection against the river Jinjiram" (5th -7th Km) could not be sanctioned last year as Planning Department could not provide the 10% State Share required under the scheme. In a recent meeting with the Chief Minister and Commissioner & Secretary, Planning Department it was decided that a written commitment would be given by Planning Department that 10% State Share will be made available to enable the Department to process preparation of the estimates. The Department hoped that work order can be issued in October, 2007. Regarding "Reconstruction of marginal embankment Phase II for protection against the river Jinjiram" (3rd -4th Km) the Department informed that a grant amounting to Rs.196 lacs was released by the Ministry of Finance and the DPR is under process for sanction.

The Department to give a copy of Planning Department's written commitment and copy of Plan and estimates to the Co-Chairman to take up the matter personally with the Centre as it is very important to take up these 2 schemes covering the entire flood line of Jinjiram river.

Further the Co-Chairman advised the department that henceforth flood control schemes should be taken up river-wise to cover the entire belt, and stressed on the need to give the work to reputed firms in the country to complete the schemes within six months time before the monsoon starts.

The Co-Chairman will fix another meeting to discuss other flood control schemes to be arranged with Chairman, State Planning Board.

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

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