

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE MEGHALAYA STATE PLANNING BOARD
HELD ON 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH OCTOBER, 2005 TO DISCUSS THE SECTORAL
DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN PROPOSALS (2006-2007).**

Members and Officers present at Annexure – ‘A’

The meeting was presided over by the Chairman, State Planning Board, Shri S.C.Marak who welcomed the Members and Officers to the meeting to discuss the Sectoral Draft Annual Plan Proposals 2006-2007 to facilitate the recommendations of the State Planning Board in this respect.

The Departments taken up for discussion were :-

3.10.05

1. Agriculture/Horticulture/Minor Irrigation :- At the outset, the Chairman stressed on giving priority to Agriculture as about 80% of the population depends on Agriculture and Allied Activities.

The Department informed that the 10th Plan Outlay (2002-2007) for Crop Husbandry is Rs.7650.00 lakhs and the actual expenditure for the first three years i.e. 2002-2005 is Rs.2077.49 lakhs. The anticipated expenditure for 2005-2006 is Rs.1280.00 lakhs and the balance amount out of the 10th Plan Outlay is Rs.4292.51 lakhs. The proposed outlay for the Annual Plan 2006-2007 is Rs.1408.00 lakh.

During discussion, the Hon'ble Member, Shri A.H.Scott Lyngdoh, pointed out that the actual expenditure incurred on Agriculture during 2004-2005 was Rs.840.07 lakhs only whereas the anticipated expenditure for the current year 2005-2006 has gone up to Rs.1334.00 lakhs. He questioned the Department whether they can utilise the proposed amount. The Department however informed that the jump is due to the proposed mechanization of Agriculture which is earmarked for Rs.350.00 lakhs and to enhance use of organic manure, HYV seeds, chemical fertilizers etc.

The State Planning Board agreed to an amount of Rs.1467.40 lakhs proposed for the Annual Plan 2006-2007.

Horticulture :- The 10th Plan Outlay for Horticulture is Rs.2150.00 lakhs and the actual expenditure for the first three years 2002-2005 is Rs.1436.22 lakhs and the anticipated expenditure for 2005-2006 is 700.00 lakhs. Therefore the balance amount out of the 10th Plan Outlay is Rs.13.78 lakhs. The proposed outlay for 2006-2007 is Rs.770.00 lakhs which is 10% increase over the approved outlay of 2005-2006.

During discussion, the Department stressed more on plantation of commercial crops and also on marketing and fruit processing. It was informed that there is only one tea factory in Ri-Bhoi and 2 new factories are proposed to increase capacity. The Board is however of the view that the marketing aspect should be taken into account for setting up of 2 new factories.

The State Planning agreed to the proposed outlay of Rs.770.00 lakhs for 2006-2007.

Minor Irrigation :- The 10th Plan outlay is Rs.6000.00 lakhs and the actual expenditure incurred for the 1st three years of the 10th Plan is Rs.1998.78 lakhs. The anticipated expenditure for 2005-2006 is Rs.900.00 lakhs. The balance amount out of the 10th Plan is Rs.3201.22 lakhs and the proposed outlay for 2006-2007 is Rs.1062.08 lakhs.

The Department informed that the high projection of an amount of Rs.20.00 lakhs under Survey and Investigation is for improvement/purchase of machinery and Survey equipments as the old ones are outdated. The Department needs more fund to march forward with the advance in technology. The Chairman wanted the Department to make an assessment of the real achievement during the 10th Plan as the success of irrigation schemes is not up to the expectation. The overlapping of schemes between PWD and Soil Conservation is also to be sorted out. The Department informed that it is having a thrust on Command Area Development which is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

The State Planning Board agreed to the proposed outlay of Rs.1062.00 lakhs for the Annual Plan 2006-2007.

2. **Soil Conservation** :- The Board noted that the anticipated expenditure for 2005-2006 comes to Rs.1650.00 lakhs against the approved outlay of Rs.1450.00 lakhs and wanted to know as to why this is so taking into account that during 2004-2005, the expenditure is Rs.872.72 lakhs only. The Department informed that during 2005-2006, Rs.350.00 lakhs comes as Additional Central Assistance, again another Rs.100 lakhs from Additional Central Assistance specifically for Cherrapunjee, Rs.30 lakhs under 12th Finance Commission and Rs.500 lakhs under Special Central Assistance on Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas against the budgeted amount of Rs.300.00 lakhs. Further, the Department stated that Rs.481.65 lakhs under 102-Soil Conservation Scheme during 2005-2006 includes Rs.350.00 lakhs for flood damage which is a huge jump from 2004-2005 of Rs.71.97lakhs only. The Department stated that it proposes Rs.45 lakhs for Meghalaya Commercial Crop Development Board during 2006-2007 against Rs.20.00 lakhs during 2005-2006. The Board advised the Department to take necessary steps to make the MCCDB more effective.

The Board is informed about the new plant called Jaltropha which is an oil yielding plant which can be grown in our state for commercial purposes. The Department informed that it is a hardy plant flowering two times a year. Less work is required for plantation and is cheap, eco friendly and less pollution. The oil produced from this plant is blended with diesel and has been

successfully tested for vehicles in Gurgoan and Haryana. The Govt. of India has earmarked 50,000 hectares per state and the Department stated that it has identified areas along the borders covering 200 hectares. At present the Department is taking up plantation in Garo Hills and in the Conservation Training Institutes in Byrnihat, Nongpoh and Marnagar. Govt. of India is giving 100 % assistance for plantation of Jatropha which will help the people in a big way. Some machineries would have to be installed for processing and for marketing the Department assured that there will be no problem at all since even at this stage a number of firms have placed orders and ready to sign MOUs though the production of the same will take about 2 years or so.

The Board recommended implementation of the scheme and the MCCDB should be entrusted to implement the scheme.

The Chairman raised a point on abandonment of Rubber plantation, the Department stated that it is due to shortage of funds. The Board felt the need of such plantation and therefore asked the Department to project in the 11th Plan for requirement of funds. The Board also advised the Department to project specific schemes in the 11th Plan for exposure of farmers by way of study tour within and outside the state.

Agreed to the proposed outlay of Rs.1091.81 lacs for 2006-2007.

3. Fisheries :- During discussion it transpires that an amount of Rs.36.00 crores is spent annually by the state on import of fish for consumption purposes. The potential area for development of fisheries is 13% on plain areas and 17% on hill areas. On Fish Farmer Development Agency an amount of Rs.15 lakhs is proposed for 2006-2007.

On the present position of 1000 ponds as queried by the Board, the Department stated that Aquaculture Development for one thousand ponds which is a new scheme envisages for creation of 1000 ponds in the 7(seven) Districts with specific objectives for generating employment opportunities to the people in the rural areas. The scheme is based on the norms approved by NABARD. Rs.275 lakhs is proposed for 2006-2007 against Rs.250 lakhs approved for implementation of the scheme during 2005-2006.

The Board felt that fisheries is an important sector for creation of rural employment and due importance should be given to this sector. Understanding that the Department is facing problems due to a very weak set up on the technical side the Board recommended that the Department should be strengthened as a step towards augmenting the economy of the state.

The Board recommended development of Fisheries with land potential and agreed to the proposed outlay of Rs.440 lakhs for 2006-2007.

4. Labour and labour Welfare :- During discussion, the Department informed that there are 4(four) Labour Welfare Centres viz., Mendipathar, Byrnihat, Umiam and Khliehriat. The Centres are meant for augmenting the standard of living and training is given in Knitting and Embroidery.

The Board queried on financial proposal of Rs.5 lakhs for 2006-2007 against Rs.25 lakhs for 10th Plan under the scheme – Construction of Office building/residential quarters and no expenditure for the entire 1st four years. The Department clarified that the above amount is meant for finishing touches to the building at Williamnagar. To this, the Co-Chairman, Shri E.D. Marak pointed out that there is undue delay in the completion of the office building at Williamnagar. The Department stated that water supply etc. is left and has taken up with PWD for completion of the same.

Further, the Board asked the Department as to why only Rs.43.33 lakhs is shown as approved outlay for 2005-2006 when Planning Commission has approved Rs.45 lakhs. The Department stated that it has received only Rs.43.33 lakhs as state Finance Department did not agree. On strengthening of Inspectorate of Boilers, the Department stated that it falls under the same head of account but under the separate Directorate of Chief Inspector of Boilers.

The proposed outlay of Rs.52.66 lacs for 2006-2007 is agreed to.

5. Forest and Environment :- The Department briefed on its schemes and that the anticipated expenditure is Rs.1148 lakhs against the approved outlay of Rs.1148 lakhs for 2005-2006 which includes Rs.200 lakhs as Additional Central Assistance under Social Forestry Programme. For 2006-2007 to include about Rs.100 lakhs as Additional Central Assistance.

The a query on the present position of the proposed State Zoo, the Department stated that Rs.18 crores is from the 12th Finance Commission for the project and the total area is 172 hectares. It briefed the Board on financial implication of the project.

The proposal of the Department for 2006-2007 amounting to Rs.1288 lakhs under Forestry and Wildlife and Rs.80.00 lakhs for Ecology and Environment is agreed to.

6. Information and Publicity:- The Department briefed on its schemes regarding proposal for 2006-2007 amounting to Rs.167.10 lakhs. However during discussions, the Board learnt that the Department needs another 130 lakhs during 2006-2007 for implementation of the Right to Information Act 2005, thus raising the proposal to Rs.297.10 for 2006-2007.

The Board agreed to Rs.297.10 lakhs.

4.10.05

1. Animal Husbandry & Veterinary :- The Board noted that the balance amount out of the 10th Plan outlay is Rs.2802.67 lakhs and the proposed outlay for 2006-2007 is Rs.1279.31 lakhs. The projection of the Annual Plan outlay 2006-2007 is well within the 10th Plan. However, the Board

questioned on the big jump of the anticipated expenditure from Rs.850.00 lakhs during 2005-2006 to Rs.1279.31 lakhs proposed during 2006-2007. The Department clarified that the total requirement of meat and eggs per annum in the state is about 35639 tonnes and 125.60 million Nos. respectively. However the production from all sources in the state is inadequate to meet the demand. It has been estimated that the total amount involved for purchasing meat and eggs from outside the state is Rs.48.03 crores annually. In order to restrict the flow of funds outside the state and also to achieved the objective of the Department of self sufficiency and food security the Department proposes to expand its activities in these areas. Hence the enhanced outlay for 2006-2007.

On the question on employment of passed out students, the Department informed that out of the last badge, only 14 students were employed. The Department is encouraging to take up private farming. It is also informed that NABARD is willing to finance especially for establishment of hatchery which is in great demand from other states also. The Department also informed that milk consumption in our state is very low compared to the All India figure.

The State Planning Board agreed to the proposed outlay of the Department for the Annual Plan 2006-2007 amounting to Rs.1279.31 lakhs.

2. Water Supply and Sanitation :- The anticipated expenditure for 2005-2006 is Rs.4300 lakhs against the approved outlay of Rs.4300 lakhs. The proposed outlay for 2006-2007 is Rs.5150 lakhs.

The Chairman pointed out that since 2006-2007 is the last year of the 10th Plan, the Department should try to complete all the schemes taken up during the 10th Plan. The Department stated that its priorities is to give potable water to every habitation, school and to carry out water harvesting works in a massive level. Govt. of India has fixed the goal of covering all the remaining NL/PC habitations by 2007-2009. Further all the rural schools are also targetted to be provided with safe water supply by 2006-2007.

The Chairman pointed out that as per 1991 survey, there are 8636 habitations and as per 2003 survey, there are 9538 habitations, an increase of 902 habitations and against this how many habitations are left to be covered. The Department stated that provision of water supply to habitations is an ongoing process/scheme and out of 8636 habitations, 247 habitations left to be covered. As for the 9538 habitations, the number is yet to be validated by Govt. of India. The Department stated that it proposes to provide drinking water supply to 500 Nos. of NL/PC habitations and 600 schools during 2006-2007.

The Board noted that out of the proposed outlay of Rs.5150 lakhs for 2006-2007, the main step up is in the Urban Water Supply Scheme which is Rs.500 lakhs for 2006-2007 against Rs.260 lakhs during 2005-2006. The reason as explained by the Department is due to proposal to complete 2 Urban Water Supply Schemes during the 10th Plan.

The Board agreed to Rs.5150 lakhs for 2006-2007.

3. **General Housing** :- The proposal of the Department have not been discussed as the Department was asked to furnish a revised statement with a 10th Plan break-up as per the projected outlay of Rs.6435.00 lakhs as indicated by Planning Department. The proposal of the Department for 2006-2007 is Rs.1455.10 lakhs against the approved outlay of Rs.985.00 lacs during 2005-2006.

4. **Training and Employment** :- The Department briefed on its scheme and proposal for 2006-2007. During discussions on employment services, the Board remarked that the Department requires good statistics and data-based. As informed by the Department the Board advocated the idea of the Plancom to have more Mini ITIs it is in different places than to have a few ITIs with full infrastructure.

The Board felt that justification is needed for a step up to Rs.51.43 lakhs for 2006-2007 for Rs.46.75 lakhs during 2005-2006 under the scheme setting up of new Industrial Training Institutes.

The Board agreed to proposal of Rs. 227.15 lakhs for 2006-2007.

5. **Land Reforms** :- During discussions on the schemes of the Department, the Hon'ble Member, Shri A.H.Scott Lyngdoh recalled that land survey was targetted to be completed by the 8th Plan. The Department stated that the scheme on cadastral survey needs the co-operation of the people in general with the involvement of Sirdars, Dollois, Nokmas etc. To a query on the progress of works, the Department stated that the percentage of completion is only 1%. In Garo Hills the response is good in Jaintia Hills response is less and at present, the trend is encouraging in West Khasi Hills. Survey of Government Land in Shillong is completed and records of lease of land need to be verified. The Hon'ble Member, Shri Rowell Lyngdoh informed the meeting that people in the border areas with Assam realize the need of documentation of their land.

The Board suggested that awareness programme should be intensified as people are apprehensive of survey of their land. The Department as advised to take initiative for creation of a cell for this purpose in the form of publicity and visuals in the 11th Plan.

The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.198 lakhs for 2006-2007.

6. **Education (i) Elementary & Mass Education** :- During discussions, the Department informed that Rs.135 lakhs as conversion cost for the Mid Day Meal Programme for 2005-2006 and an amount of Rs.150 lakhs is proposed on State Share of the conversion cost for 2006-2007. During 2006-2007, it proposes enhancement of Grant-in-aid to Adhoc Upper Primary Schools from Rs.6000/- to Rs.12000/- per school per month and Rs.3000/- to Rs.6000/- for Lower Primary Schools. The Board asked the Department to submit a brief note on the proposed enhancement of Grant-in-aid to Lower Primary and Upper Primary Schools.

(ii) Adult Education :- Under the Adult Education Sector the focus will be to make all adults literate and to ensure that those who have become literate under the Total Literacy Campaign Programme do not relapse into illiteracy through the Post Literacy Programme and Continuing Education.

The total proposed outlay under Elementary Education for 2006-2007 is as follows :-

Elementary Education	Rs. 5639 lakhs
Adult Education	Rs. 24 lakhs

The Board agreed to the above proposal.

(iii) Educational, Research and Training :- Is primarily involved in the task of improving and promoting the structured and quality of School Education and Teacher Education through provision of In-service Trainings, Seminars and Conferences, Workshop etc.

The proposed outlay of Rs.82.00 lakhs for 2006-2007 was agreed to.

(iv) Higher & Technical Education :- Looks after the management and control of Secondary Education, Higher Secondary Education and College and Technical Education directly through Government Institutions and indirectly through extending grant-in-aid to Non-Government Institutions.

While discussing on the schemes of education in general, the Board felt that the Department may think in terms of Education Cess in the state to some extent which may be looked into seriously in the 11th Plan. To a query by the Chairman as to whether Grant-in-aid to secondary schools is proposed to be increased, the Department replied in the negative. It is also observed that quality education is low because primary education is poor.

The proposal by the Department for 2006-2007 is Rs.1910.40 lakhs later, a discussion alongwith PWD (Buildings) was held on 7.10.05 where the ongoing schemes viz., Construction of Government Girls Hostel, Tura, Government Boys Hostel, Tura and Tura Government College will continue during 2006-2007 and an amount of Rs.140 lakhs is proposed for the same.

The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.2050 lakhs for 2006-2007.

Under Technical Education including State Project Implementation Unit Society (SPIUS) the proposal of Rs.300 lakhs for 2006-2007 was agreed to.

Under Sport & Youth Services (NCC/NSS) submitted by Education Department, the amount of Rs.15 lakhs proposed for 2006-2007 was agreed to.

7. **Judiciary Building and Fast Track Courts** :- Construction of High Court Building was taken up for discussions. As per materials furnished by PWD (Buildings), Rs.228.60 lakhs is proposed for Judiciary building during 2006-2007 out of which Rs.200 lakhs is for construction of High Court Building.

The Board Agreed to proposal outlay of Rs. 228.60 lacs for 2006-2007.

8. **PWD (i) (GAD Buildings)** :- The proposal for 2006-2007 under GAD Buildings is Rs.3229 lakhs. Out of this, Rs.385 lakhs is for a number of normal GAD schemes and ongoing works. The remaining amounting of Rs.2844 lakhs is specifically meant for –

Meghalaya House, Mumbai	Rs. 244 lakhs
Meghalaya House, Kolkata	Rs. 1200 lakhs
Meghalaya House, New Delhi	Rs. 900 lakhs
State Convention Centre	<u>Rs. 500 lakhs</u>
	<u>Rs.2844 lakhs</u>

The Board felt that the proposal of the Department is very high and was of the opinion that how can GAD go ahead without Plan provision taking into consideration that Rs.3000 lakhs is the 10th Plan outlay and that a substantial amount was expected to be incurred during the 1st four years of the 10th Plan.

(ii) Buildings :- The proposal for 2006-2007 is Rs.254 lakhs for construction of buildings of newly created Division and Sub-Division and also ongoing works. The Board noted that the proposed of Rs.254 lakhs for 2006-2007 alongwith the anticipated expenditure for the 1st four years amounts to Rs.562.68 lakhs thus exceeding Rs.22 lakhs of the 10th Plan projected outlay of Rs.540 lakhs.

While discussing the schemes of both GAD and Buildings, the Board asked the Department to recast Plan submission and to justify excess and how the same is proposed to be met in both cases.

(iii) PWD (Roads & Bridges) :- The Department briefed on its schemes and the proposal of Rs.11213.00 lakhs for 2006-2007. Its priority is to complete the spill over schemes from 8th and 9th Plans. It also informed that as on 1.4.2005, there are 403 Nos. spill over schemes in the Department. Enquiring on the bridge over the Simsang river which was started during the 7th Plan the Department stated that it is likely to be completed by December, 2006. The Board pointed out that Department should verify the outlay for 2005-2006 projected as Rs.10194 lakhs while the figure approved by Planning Commission is Rs.11094 lakhs.

The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.11213 lakhs for 2006-2007.

(iv) PWD (Major and Medium Irrigation) :- Discussions taken up on the Rongai Valley Medium Irrigation Project. The project was sanctioned in 1992 at Rs.16.30 crores. The barrage has been completed about 90% and the main bottleneck in completion of the project is the land acquisition for construction of the canals. A revised estimate has been proposed amounting to Rs.132 crores and submitted to the Central Water Commission for approval.

The proposal of Rs. 22 lakhs for 2006-2007 was agreed to.

(v) PWD(Flood Control) :- During discussions on its schemes, the Department stated that funds allocated every year is insufficient and as such, completion of Flood Control projects cannot be achieved.

The Department proposed Rs.691 lakhs for 2006-2007 and stated that this is for ongoing schemes only and no new schemes. The Board noted that the proposal for 2006-2007 is a huge step up from Rs.342 lakhs during 2005-2006 and as such, asked the Department to justify the proposal. The Board also asked the Department to furnish information on those bank of sanction of about Rs.10 crores as stated by the Department.

9. Police Housing :- The scheme on construction of administrative buildings/residential buildings for State Police/Police Station etc. and for Police Battalion are discussed.

The Board agreed in principle to the proposal of the Department for 2006-2007.

The proposals are as follows :-

2006-2007

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| 1. | Police Housing | Rs. 200 lakhs – | Department to justify huge step up from Rs.50 lakhs during 2005-2006. |
| 2. | Police Functional and Administrative Buildings | Rs. 127 lakhs - | To clarify why anticipated expenditure during 2005-2006 is only Rs. 50 lakhs. |

10. Fire Protection :- The Board agreed to the proposed of Rs.154 lakhs for 2006-2007.

11. Jails :- The Board noted that the proposal for 2006-2007 amounting to Rs.316.31 lakhs is rather too high taking into consideration the approved outlay by Planning Commission of Rs.160 lakhs of TFC award. The Board asked the Department to consult PWD (B) for its construction works as the amount proposed by the Department and PWD differ and submit the correct information to the Board by 6.10.05.

12. Home Guard & Civil Defence :- The Department clarified that initially it was not included in the 10th Plan. It was projected to Planning Commission in 2002-2003. During 2004-2005,

Rs.11 lakhs was incurred for construction of Central Training Institute, Office Building at Mawdiangdiang. During 2005-2006, the anticipated expenditure is Rs.65 lakhs.

The proposal for 2006-2007 is Rs.352.67 lakhs which includes new works viz., providing boundary fencing and approach road, construction of playground etc. The progress of work is good and the building is likely to be completed by 2006-2007.

The Board pointed out that since the building is to be completed by next year i.e. within 10th Plan, other works like water supply, electrification should be included for 2006-2007 Plan projection.

The Department may take up with PWD for all requirements and submit to the Board before 7.10.05 for finalization of the proposed outlay for 2006-2007.

5.10.05

1. **Cooperation** :- The 10th Plan outlay for Co-operation is Rs.1700.00 lakhs and the actual expenditure for the first three years of the 10th Plan is Rs.1004.41 lakhs. The anticipated expenditure for 2005-2006 is Rs.450.00 lakhs. The balance amount out of the 10th Plan outlay is Rs.245.59 lakhs and the proposed outlay for 2006-2007 is Rs.575.25.

During discussion, the Department was asked to justify the increase in expenditure. It was informed that MECOFED was declared a defaulter for not being able to repay its dues to MCAB amounting to about 7 crores. It is proposed to make a one time settlement so that fresh channel of credit facilities can be given to them. It was also brought to the notice of the Board that one of the major defaulters is Literary Co-operative Society in Laban which is indebted to the tune of Rs.30-40 lakhs.

Under Direction and Administration, the Department informed that an amount of Rs.246.00 lakhs had been allotted during the 10th Plan and the requirement for strengthening of the Directorate is Rs.4.41 crores over five years. About 50 vacancies have been filled up by Junior Co-operative Officers.

The Hon'ble Member, Smti B. Lyndem, felt the need to mobilize the Self Help Groups by which the Department may devote some of their time to organize them. Although training is imparted to them they do not know to proceed further. Hence motivation is required and successful SHGs can give training to other SHGs.

The proposed Annual Plan Outlay 2006-2007 was approved by State Planning Board.

2. **Information Technology** :- The Department stated that no 10th Plan allocation to IT since at that point of time, it was in its infancy. During 2003-2004 out of Rs.75 lakhs – Rs.74.80 lakhs was

incurred and during 2004-2005, out of Rs.83 lakhs original outlay – Rs.171 lakhs was incurred which included Rs.88 lakhs under Additional Central Assistance. The anticipated expenditure for 2005-2006 is Rs.200 lakhs against the amount approved by Planning Commission.

The Department proposed Rs.2610 lakhs for 2006-2007 which will include a substantial amount from special Additional Central Assistance.

The amount required as follows :- (a) Continuing Scheme -	Rs. 110 lakhs
(b) New Scheme of providing incentives to meritorious students (Class X and XII) etc.	Rs. 500 lakhs
(c) Establishment of State Wide Area Network (State Share)	Rs.2000 lakhs
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Special Additional Central Assistant	Rs.2610 lakhs

The Department informed of the existence of IT society with Minister as Chairman.

The Board agreed to Rs.2610 lakhs for 2006-2007 (including Rs.2000 lakhs special Additional Central Assistance) with justification provided by Department to cope with advancement of technology and creation of IT Infrastructure.

3. Social Security and Social Welfare :- The Board noted that the proposal of Rs.323.75 lakhs for 2006-2007 is rather quite high taking into consideration the anticipated expenditure of Rs.184 lakhs during 2005-2006.

The Department stated that it proposes to revise the scholarship to beneficiaries (handicapped sector) from Rs. 50/- per month to Rs.100/- and also to increase the number of beneficiaries. It also proposed to set up 2 more juvenile homes to be run by NGOs.

The increase outlay for 2006-2007 is due to requirement of fund for construction of office building to the tune of Rs.100.00 lacs. The Plan and estimates have been prepared by PWD.

The Board agreed in principle to Rs.323.75 lakhs for 2006-2007 but Department to take up with PWD if Rs. 1 crore can be utilize during 2006-2007 and inform State Planning Board.

4. Nutrition :- On Supplementary Nutrition Programme, the Department informed that about 2,76,240 Nos. covered which is 17% of total population. And out of 5000 plus villages, 1196 villages covered. The Department stated that it targets to cover about 25% of the total population. The Department informed that Nutrition started in 1975 as a pilot project.

Though Anganwadi Centres are to provide Supplementary Nutrition 25 days in a month, the Hon'ble Member, Shri Polycarp Marak brought to the notice of the Board that it is not so in Garo Hills. Department to take necessary action.

The proposal of Rs.4312.90 lakhs for 2006-2007 was agreed to in principle by the Board but the same depends on over position of entire Plan.

5. **Urban Development** :- The Department stated that it has submitted to Planning Department the proposal of Rs.2503 lakhs for 2005-2006 which includes loan of Rs. 700 lakhs and Additional Central Assistance of Rs.900 lakhs. However, what has been approved by Planning Commission is Rs.2195 lakhs under Urban Renewal Mission and Rs.900 lakhs Additional Central Assistance for development of Shillong New Township totalling to Rs.3095 lakhs.

The Department stated that other than Additional Central Assistance, all schemes of the Department for 2005-2006 have been clubbed together under Urban Renewal Mission. Briefing on National Urban Renewal Mission (NURM) it was informed that selected towns and cities with one million population are to be included under this scheme. The national criteria is that all capital towns to be taken up as per the conditions laid down by the Govt. of India. The Department is facing a problem as some of the laid down conditions are not applicable to Meghalaya. As such Department has requested a special meeting with the Ministry so that the problems faced by the state can be discussed.

The Department was asked to submit a write-up explaining all the problems of ongoing schemes being tagged alongwith NURM.

The Board agreed in principle to the proposal of Rs.3008.50 lakhs for 2006-2007.

6. **Weights and Measures** :- The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.47.25 lakhs for 2006-2007.

7. **Medical and Public Health** :- The Department briefed on its schemes and proposal of Rs.4911 lakhs for 2006-2007.

After discussions, the Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.4911 lakhs which includes Rs.25 lakhs for DHS (R) and Rs. 200 lakhs Additional Central Assistance for ongoing work of Health Infrastructure for 2006-2007.

The proposal of Rs.1092.34 lakhs under 2211-Family Welfare-CSS-Plan and Rs.14.94 lakhs under 2210-Medical and Public Health-CSS-Plan for 2006-2007 were discussed.

8. **Sports and Youth Services** :- To a query by the Board on the proposal of Rs.385 lakhs for 2006-2007 under Assistance for Construction of Outdoor and Indoor Stadium, the Department briefed the progress made so far especially with respect to Mairang stadium which is likely to spill over to the 11th Plan. The construction works of the Department is done by the State Sports Council.

The Department was asked to take up proposal for improvement of Crinoline Swimming Pool, during the 11th Plan Shillong by having warm water facilities so that it can be used through out the year. The swimming pool in Tura should also be completed.

The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.1046.10 lakhs for 2006-2007.

9. Industries (i) Village and Small Industries :- The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.337 lakhs for 2006-2007.

The Department was asked to clarify 10th Plan projected outlay which is Rs.16.40 crores against Rs.20 crores shown by Planning Department.

(ii) Industries (Other than Village and Small Industries) :- The Department was asked to clarify 10th Plan projected outlay which is Rs.72 crores against Rs.100 crores shown by Planning Department.

The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.1640 lakhs for 2006-2007.

10. Mining :- The Board appreciated the collection of revenue by the Department which is very encouraging. It is informed that the office building and quarters at Williamnagar are completed, while for the allotted land at Tura for DMR Branch Office, only boundary wall and chowkidar quarter have been completed recently. The weighbridge at Gasuapara checkgate has been installed and the installation of weighbridge at Dambi checkgate is under process. The two weighbridges at Mawsmai Coal Depot are now utilized by the Department.

The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.190 lakhs for 2006-2007.

6.10.05

1. Community & Rural Development :- The Board discussed on the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005. According to this act, each adult person of a rural household has a right for a hundred days of wage employment in a financial year. He should be willing to do unskilled manual work. South Garo Hills District has been selected for implementation of this programme. The Annual Plan of SGRY will be the action Plan for implementation of the Act. The proposed outlay for 2006-2007 under SGRY is Rs.720.00 lakhs. The Department request the State Planning Board to recommend the proposed requirement under this scheme as the Government is liable to pay the wages even if work cannot be given. Regarding statistical records for the unemployed villagers the Department mentioned that a family card will be given to each family in which one member is entitle to offer himself to work.

The Board had a brief discussion on SGSY. The objective of the programme is to bring a number of BPL families above the poverty line through self employment programme. The Board felt

that full time BDOs be placed in the Blocks for proper co-ordination and implementation of schemes.

Regarding SRWP (MLA Schemes) The Department was asked to submit actual requirement and a note for justification for 2006-2007.

2. Sericulture and Weaving :- The Board noted that there is a high jump from 2004-2005 to 2005-2006 that is Rs.340 lakhs from Rs.197.87 lakhs. The Department stated that it is taking steps to fill up vacant posts. The Board noted that again during 2005-2006, a new scheme viz., supply of handloom fabrics to Govt. Institutions was added amounting to Rs.99.13 lakhs thus raising the outlay and anticipated expenditure during the current year to Rs.439.13 lakhs. The Department clarified that the amount is required to establish a revolving fund which is necessary for operation as Government payment takes time. This scheme is aimed to re-energise the weaving industry in Garo Hills.

The Board advised the Department to engage Consultancy firms to uplift this sector into a major Department during the 11th Plan as there are lots of scope for rural employment.

The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.483.04 lakhs for 2006-2007.

3. Secretarial Economic Services :- The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.275 lakhs for 2006-2007.

(i)	Planning Machinery at State and District	Rs.	124	lakhs
(ii)	State Planning Board	Rs.	55	lakhs
(iii)	State Development Reforms Commission	Rs.	37	lakhs
(iv)	Programme Implementation Evaluation Organisation	Rs.	44	lakhs
(v)	Meghalaya Economic Development Council	Rs.	5	lakhs
(vi)	Meghalaya Resources and Employment Generation Council	Rs.	5	lakhs
(vii)	NEC and Other Regional meetings	<u>Rs.</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>lakhs</u>
	Total	Rs.	275	lakhs

5. Border Areas :- The Board observed that development of border areas is constrained by security factor which needed to be looked into seriously. Value-added activities should be taken up in border areas say cement factories etc. On ropeways the Department informed that there are many potential areas for construction of ropeways. On border roads the budget provision of which appear to be decreasing year by year it was informed that Government is thinking to give road construction to local people. The Board advised the Department to complete the old schemes even if no new schemes for road construction is taken up.

The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.757 lakhs for 2006-2007.

6. **Art and Culture** :- The Board suggested that the Department should go in a big way in the 11th Plan as there are still many areas to promote art and culture in the state.

The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.740 lakhs for 2006-2007.

7. **Stationery and Printing (i) Assembly Press** :- The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs. 114 lakhs for 2006-2007 for Stationery and Printing and Rs.22 lakhs for 2006-2007 for State Assembly Press.

8. **Tourism** :- The Board asked the Department to revive watersports at Umiam Lake. The Department also informed that Gymnasium and Swimming Pool is also included in the proposal under watersports.

The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs. 259.60 lakhs for 2006-2007.

9. **Civil Supplies** :- The Department briefed its schemes and the proposal of Rs.269 lakhs for 2006-2007.

The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.269 lakhs for 2006-2007 which includes Rs.147 lakhs for Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) a scheme covering the poorest families in the state in which 35 Kgs. of Rice are supplied per month at the price of Rs.3/- per Kg. to each identified poorest family. It has been implemented with effect from November, 2001, as per guidelines of the Govt. of India.

10. **Aid to District Council** :- The Department informed of the steps taken for submission of Utilisation Certificates by the respective Autonomous District Councils.

The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.605 lakhs for 2006-2007.

11. **Livelihood Improvement Project for the Himalayas** :- the Board agreed to the proposal of Rs. 134 lakhs for 2006-2007 which is the state contribution.

12. **Voluntary Action Fund** :- The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs. 50 lakhs for 2006-2007.

13. **Survey and Statistics** :- The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.147.42 lakhs for 2006-2007.

14. **MATI** :- The Department stated that a plot of land at Mawdiangdiang is identified for construction of Hostel Building, Playground etc. The estimates is about Rs.11.35 crores. The Department will try for funds from DONER. No expenditure was incurred during the 1st 3 years of the 10th Plan, as the land meant for the said construction at Kench's Trace run into a controversy.

The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.121.00 lakhs for 2006-2007.

15. Welfare of SCs, STs and OBC (i) PETC :- The Department briefed on this project and the Board remarked that it is a good scheme. However, the entire establishment is to be taken over by NEHU following a Court Order. Pending the same, the Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.12.00 lakhs for 2006-2007.

16. Science & Technology :- The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.110.00 lakhs for 2006-2007.

7.10.05

1. Power :- The Board took a serious note of siltation of Umiam Lake and of the fact that the longest part of the lake is shortened due to this problem. To this threat, the Department informed that steps were taken to trap the silt at the catchment areas. This scheme of Rs.22 crores has been proposed through NEC.

The Board asked the Department to pursue the project of transmission line from Misa to Byrnihat in addition to other transmission schemes. The Department informed that Byrnihat needs about 220 MW of power but what it gets as of now is 60 to 70 MW. The Department stated that production of each Megawatt costs about Rs.5 to Rs.6 crores. On Power theft, the Department stated that as per Power Act 2003, all SEBS to have special courts but as at present, appropriate action could be taken.

The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.23409 lakhs for 2006-2007.

2. Transport (i) Road Transport :- The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.350 lakhs for 2006-2007

The Department was asked to take note of the observation by the Hon'ble Member, Shri P.K. Marak that in Resulbelpara Sub-Division, a Transport Office (Bus Station) was inaugurated sometime in 1979 but no buses were deployed yet.

(ii) Other Transport Services :- The Board agreed to the proposal of Rs.53 lakhs for 2006-2007.

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

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