MINUTES OF THE OFFICIAL MEETING RELATING TO CONTROL OF THE MENACE OF DRUGS IN SHILLONG ORGANISED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF MEGHALAYA STATE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON THE 19.08.2019 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE HALL MEGHALAYA (CIVIL) SECRETARIAT MAIN BUILDING. ********

A meeting was held with the various stakeholder comprises of Dorbar Shnong of Madanrting, Seng Samla Shnong Madanrting, Seng Longkmie Madanrting, All Churches including Mizo, Gangte, Paite etc Madanrting, New Hope Center KJP Assembly and KRIPA Foundation etc. The Officials present are Chairman State Planning Board, Minister of Urban, Co- Chairman / Expert Members of State Planning Board, Officers of Home Department and Police Department, Deputy Commissioner East Khasi Hills and others (Attendance at Annexure I).

The main **agenda** discussed during the meeting is relating to Control of the Menace of Drugs in Shillong.

At the outset the Chairman welcome all the members' present and apprised about the recent arrest of Narcotic drugs smuggler's which worth crore of Rupees, the frequent narcotic drugs cases and the threat of narcotic drugs to the youth of Shillong has prompted the Chairman to call the meeting to discuss how to take precautionary and preventives measure to tackle the menace of drugs.

The Deputy Commissioner East Khasi Hills while appreciating the work done by Police Department, she emphasized that the main area of concern is to streamline the future of the Youth in the right direction and request for maximum cooperation from all stakeholders to tackle the menace of narcotic drugs.

Expert member from State Planning board also appeal for the involvement of community to curtail the menace of drugs.

Official from Police Department inform that as per Investigating Agency most of the contraband substances and narcotic drugs mainly comes from Manipur – Myanmar border and most of the drug peddlars caught red handed under Narcotic Act **out of 31 cases there are 11 cases from Madanrting** areas. He also informed that most of the accused charge sheet or acquitted are residing as tenants in the areas or **sublet** by the tenants (without permission from the House Owners / Local Dorbar). The officials also inform that as per investigation it has been found that drugs peddlars and supply chain are taking advantage to the improper control of the tenants by Locality / House owner where a house is rent **without proper document and verification.** It is estimated that the narcotic drugs is a threat to nearly 50% of the youth living in the areas. He also informed that the major challenges which are important to handle the cases successfully as per NDPS act is the need of Independent witnessed and appeal to all citizen to extent their help in this matter.

Another Expert members from State planning Board stressed that police and public corporation is very important viz convergence of religious organization, youth organization, women organization will play an active role to tackle the menace like practiced in Mizoram. He also mentioned that the menace of narcotic drugs is growing day by day as Shillong used to be a narcotic drugs **transit point** in the past and now has become a **consumption point**.

The representative of Madanrting Dorbar Shnong narrated that he was surprised that most of the arrested peddlar resurfaced in the area time and again. He suggested that setting up of a special cell at madanriting areas with **more patrolling staff** to **keep vigil** of the areas will definitely help to curtail the problem.

The representative of Seng Samla Madanring suggested that **proper registration of tenants** should be in tandem with **police verification**. He also query on the penalties to the offence committed by the peddlars, availability of syringe from open market by drug user etc.

The official from police department inform that the drug users cannot be put in police custody or rehabilitate at the Police Station. Since they cannot be kept for long time in police custody as withdrawal syndrome is fatal. In order to prevent custodial death the drug user is mandatory to be sent to rehabilitation centers or hospitals. The Police official also suggests the presence of prosecution officers in the meeting is very crucial in order to explain the legal procedures of an anti-narcotic related cases for proper understanding of all stake holders.

The representative of Seng Longkmie of Madanrting also inform that there are house owner and drug addicts turn peddlars in the locality. She also suggested that necessary steps should be taken to **apprehend** such offender / peddlars who still roam freely especially in Madanrting areas and conducted business as usual.

Shri. Hamlet Dohling hon'ble Minister of Urban Affairs while appreciating the initiatives taken by Chairman of Meghalaya State Planning Board to organized such meetings also apprised that the problem persist in the City as well and has even rooted to rural areas. He suggested that steps should be taken by **formulating and adopting the State anti-narcotic drug policy** in which all stake holders including Youth organisation, Women Organisation , Dorbar Shnong, NGOs etc should worked together and share common responsibility to eradicate the menace of drugs. He also mentioned that the draft policy has already been prepared by the Govt. and soon it will be put in public domain for public contribution, views and comments etc.

The Chairman appeals to all community to come up with suggestion and solutions. He suggested that all the Dorbar Shnong should set up a Local Dorbar committee to address the menace of drugs in the locality and organized an awareness to combat the menace. He also advised to blacklist the tenants who committed anti-narcotic related crimes and send back the narcotic drug related case offender to their respective States and Village.

Representative of the Church leaders mentioned that the church is very much involved in providing **free counseling** to the drugs addict etc which is a very challenging task.

The Official of Police Department stressed that legal aspect should be abide and house owner should cooperate to hand over the details of tenant to the police at the respective police station for the rented house including business premises for **both existing and new tenants**.

Finally the Chairman suggested that the need of the hour is to organize an **awareness campaign programme** in the areas by the Madanrting Dorbar Shnong and recommend that proper **State Govt. rehabilitation centers** with full facility needs to be established in the State.

He concluded the meeting by pointing out that menace of drugs has hit badly the economic status of many families and thus Community participation at large is required to eradicate this menace.

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

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(Shri Lambor Malngiang) Chairman, Meghalaya State Planning Board.

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- 18. Superintendent of Police, Crime Branch for kind information and necessary action.
- 19. Officer In-charge Madanrting Police Station, East Khasi Hills for kind information and necessary action.
- 20. Rangbah Shnong / Seng Samla/ Seng Longkmie Dorbar Shnong of Madanrting for kind information and necessary action.
- 21. All Churches including Mizo, Gangte, Paite etc for kind information and necessary action.
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