

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MEGHALAYA STATE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON THE 07.07.2020 AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, MEGHALAYA (CIVIL) SECRETARIAT, MAIN BUILDING.**

Members present as at Annexure – A

The meeting was chaired by Shri Lambor Malniang, Chairman of the Meghalaya State Planning Board. The Chairman welcomed all the members present and informed that the meeting was convened to discuss the important matters relating to the Covid-19 pandemic and the impact on the unemployment/livelihood of the returnees to the State.

The Chairman asked the Chief Secretary to give a short briefing of the prevailing conditions in the State. The Chief Secretary stated that Meghalaya is one of the best performing States with low numbers of Covid 19 cases. The spike in the last few days is of great concern and can be attributed to the situation in Guwahati which then spreads to the bordering areas like Khanapara(Ri Bhoi) due to the intermingling of people from the two States. The State of Meghalaya has taken the initiative of imposing curfews in the concerned areas and entry into Byrnihat will be treated as an inter-state movement. The Chief Secretary, however, informed that based on the results of the rapid testing done the situation is still under control.

The Chief Secretary informed that the rise in positive cases among the personnel in the Border Security Forces camp is a cause of concern and advisories have been issued to the BSF camps to ensure that proper measures should be taken.

The Chief Secretary has informed that many of the returnees are students and about 5000 to 6000 of the returnees are those who are employed outside the State. The data of these returnees must be shared with the Labour Department and the various sectors which could provide possible employment.

The Chairman has raised a great concern regarding the livelihood of the returnees who might not want to go back to their workplace. This will multiply the employment problem in the State. The Chairman has suggested that a Skill training Institute might be set up to support the unemployed youth.

The Chief Secretary has suggested that the focus should be on skills that are relevant to the State or those skills which would generate self-employment. Agriculture and traditional sectors should be promoted. These initiatives can be taken up by the Ministry of Labour, Rural Development, Meghalaya State Skill Development Society and programs under ADB .

The Expert member suggested that the entry exit points of the State should be closed for 10-15 days to enable the Government to take stock of this situation and to regulate the entry of the Paramilitary forces. He also suggested inspections of the BSF, CRPF camps by the medical teams to assess the situations within the camp.

Another Expert Member pointed out that the paramilitary camps should open up and share information with the State and that there should exist a coordination between the paramilitary forces and the State Government. He also suggested that a spot inspection of the entry points of the State would be advisable to get a feel of the ground situation.


The Chairman agreed to this proposal and has suggested inspection of two entry points at Byrnihat and Ratacherra after an official communication has been made.

Shri Nihim D. Shira, Ex-MLA and Co-Chairman has expressed concern on the people of Assam entering and leaving Mendipathar and so he supported a lockdown of the entry points. He also mentioned that Garo Hills is dependent on the skilled labourers from Assam and this has been affected by the lockdown and thus training the youth in such skills is needed.

The Chairman decided that a spot inspection should be done before taking a call on the lockdown of entry points.

The Co-Chairman also suggested extension of the timings for opening up the markets to avoid overcrowding. The Chairman informed that he will take it up with the Deputy Commissioners.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Chairman.



(Shri Lambor Malniang)

Chairman

Meghalaya State Planning Board

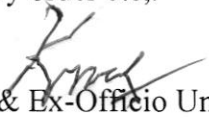
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Dated Shillong, the 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

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2. Shri \_\_\_\_\_, MLA/Ex-MLA, Co-Chairman, State Planning Board for kind information.
3. The Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
4. The Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Planning/Finance Department for kind information.
5. The Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya and member Secretary, Meghalaya State Planning Board for kind information.
6. Shri \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board for kind information.
7. Shri \_\_\_\_\_, Vice Chairman, State Planning Board for kind information.
8. \_\_\_\_\_, Expert Member, State Planning Board for kind information.
9. The Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Planning (A) Department for kind information.
10. The Assistant Superintendent, Meghalaya State Planning Board for kind information.

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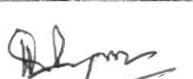
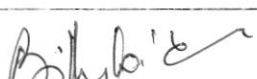


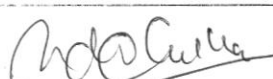
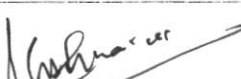
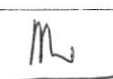
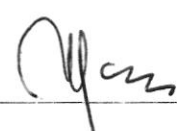


Special Officer & Ex-Officio Under Secretary  
Meghalaya State Planning Board

**ANNEXURE – A**

**LIST OF OFFICERS/ MEMBERS PRESENT IN THE MEETING OF THE STATE  
PLANNING BOARD (ON COVID – 19) HELD ON THE 7<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M. IN  
THE CONFERENCE ROOM, MEGHALAYA (CIVIL) SECRETARIAT, MAIN  
BUILDING.**

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1.	Shri Lambor Malngiang, MLA, Chairman, Meghalaya State Planning Board		
2.	Shri Benedic R. Marak, MLA Co-Chairman, Meghalaya State Planning Board		
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4.	Shri Hopeful Bamon, Ex-MLA Co-Chairman, Meghalaya State Planning Board		9436115269
5.	Shri Billykid A. Sangma, Ex-MLA Co-Chairman, Meghalaya State Planning Board		7005856513
6.	Shri Raynold Kharkamni Vice Chairman, Meghalaya State Planning Board		7005091363
7.	Shri Naba Bhattawcharjee Expert Member, Meghalaya State Planning Board.		9436310037
8.	Shri N.D. Shullai Expert Member, Meghalaya State Planning Board.		7005487375
9.	Shri Wallambor. Rynjah Member, Meghalaya State Planning Board.		
10.	Dr. C. Rangad Expert Member, Meghalaya State Planning Board.		
11.	Dr. Krishna Chauhan Expert Member, Meghalaya State Planning Board.		9862704170
12.	Shri M.S. Roa, IAS Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya.		
13.	Shri M.R. Synrem Commissioner & Secretary, State Planning Board.		
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