

MINUTES OF THE INTRODUCTORY MEETING OF MEGHALAYA STATE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON THE 18TH OCTOBER, 2023 AT 2:30 PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM II, MEGHALAYA SECRETARIAT, SHILLONG.

Members present are as per ANNEXURE-A

The meeting was chaired by Shri. Metbah Lyngdoh, Chairman, Meghalaya State Planning Board who welcomed all the members present. The Chairman introduced Shri. Matthew. B. Kurbah, MLA from Mawphlang Constituency and Shri. Ollan Singh Suin, MLA from Mawsynram Constituency as the Co-Chairmen of Meghalaya State Planning Board and proceeded with an introductory round with the other members.

The Chairman then requested Shri F. R. Kharkongor, Commissioner & Secretary, Meghalaya State Planning Board to initiate the discussion. The Commissioner & Secretary presented a broad overview of the role of the State Planning Board, whereby it was apprised that the Board is a critical pillar of Government functioning which provides planning inputs to the State government on various sectors and domains. Its main task is to provide a holistic perspective of the State, in several critical areas in aspects pertaining to generation of resources. The Commissioner & Secretary then highlighted the functions and objectives of the Board which are listed as follows:

1. To prepare an inventory of the available and potential resources of the State and study the possibilities of augmenting and improving such resources. This assumes importance with the ban on coal mining which necessitates the exploration of alternate resources.
2. To prepare a perspective plan and vision for the State for the next 15 - 20 years for the optimum and balanced utilization of the State's resources and indicate plan priorities. With the intention of the State Government to turn Meghalaya into a 10 billion dollar economy, the Board needs to identify areas where this target can be achieved.
3. To advise the Government on development priorities and suggest policy guidelines.
4. To review the progress in the implementation of development Schemes and to ascertain the factors which impact economic development of the State and to also suggest the conditions required to be fulfilled for effective implementation of development scheme. To achieve this, the Commissioner & Secretary suggested the need to allocate sectors to various members of the Board to facilitate the review various departments with the Chairman as the overall coordinating authority. Experts in certain technical areas may also be co-opted into the Board to provide necessary inputs on their domain of expertise.
5. To take such other activities as may be assigned to the Board from time to time and to make suitable recommendations to the State Government in discharge of the function assigned to it or on its own keeping in view the prevailing economic condition.

The Chairman then invited the other members to share their thoughts and opinions on taking the Board forward.

- Shri. Matthew. B. Kurbah, Co-Chairman MSPB, suggested that different departments may make presentations and offer concrete suggestions regarding their departmental

proposals. On this suggestion, the Chairman was of the view that critical departments may be listed and identified and expert members from various departments may also be requested to make a presentation before the Board.

- Shri. Ollan Singh Suin, Co-Chairman MSPB, suggested that specific meetings with specific departments may be convened to address in particular those schemes that are found to be non-viable and ineffective. This will help to streamline different departments towards achieving the desired growth and progress of the State.

The Co-Chairman also suggested that meetings with allied departments and offices may be taken up from time to time to ensure that there is no duplicity in the implementation of schemes. Further, he suggested that development in the agricultural sector is urgently required with a view to improving the income generation capacity of the rural people.

- Nihim. D. Shira, Co-Chairman MSPB, observed that there are many road projects that have been abandoned and this has led to budget cut from the Government of India. He, therefore, suggested that the Board may reach out to the different districts and closely review the implementation of the projects to ensure that different departments complete their respective projects.

The Co-Chairman also raised concerns on the prevailing traffic congestion in Shillong city which need to be addressed. He informed the meeting that the Board in its previous term had recommended that a multi parking space be constructed at PWD campus Barik Point. This proposal may be taken up again with the State Government.

- Shri. Donkumar War, Co-Chairman MSPB, suggested that sector wise meetings with the concerned departments is required for framing ideas.
- Shri Edward Kharwanlang, Member MSPB, noted that one of the main purposes of the Board is to prepare a perspective plan for the State. Thus, experts may be engaged to prepare the Detailed Project Reports and suggest schemes to be incorporated into the plan by gathering information from the Districts.
- Silman. K. Sangma, Vice-Chairman MSPB, suggested that a visit by the members of the State planning Board to every district is needed to review progress of work of each and every department. He also emphasized on a visit to Garo Hills District particularly the North Garo Hills District to review road development which is a basic and urgent need of the day.
- Shri. Babeth Sangma, Co-Chairman MSPB, inquired whether a document on the economic status of the State is available, as this would enable preparation of a roadmap for the development of the State. It was decided that the Meghalaya Economic Development Council (MEDC) reports would be sourced.
- John. F. Kharshiing, Co-Chairman MSPB, requested the office of the State Planning Board to circulate past recommendations of the Board for discussions at future meetings.

The Co-Chairman also suggested that the review of functions of various important departments with a view to understand their short term and long term plans. This may be undertaken by preparing a list of priority sectors and a review may be taken up accordingly. A discussion may also be taken up with Tourism Department on the issue of employment generation.

Further, the Co-Chairman also suggested the constitution of various working groups, each to be headed by a Co-Chairman and assisted by a Vice-Chairman, who will assist the Board in terms of submitting reports on the various sectors assigned to them.

On the basis of the above suggestions, it was decided that a priority list of departments will be prepared and these departments will then be invited to make presentations before the Board to provide insight on the various activities of the Government. A calendar on the future activities of the Board will also be prepared.

With the Chairman's approval and consensus of the members it was decided that a detailed presentation with solutions to the problem of traffic congestion in Shillong city is required to be furnished by four departments, viz, Home (Police), PWD, Urban Affairs and Transport department for the next meeting, as part of a preliminary exercise by Board. Other departments to be invited are:-

1. Power Department to tackle frequent load shedding and to improve power supply in the State and how to overcome shortfall of power supply.
2. Public Health Engineering Department.
3. Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and other allied Departments
4. Tourism and Commerce & Industries Departments for employment generation.
5. Social Sectors like Health & Family Welfare, Education and Social Welfare Departments.

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



(Shri Metbah Lyngdoh)
Chairman

Meghalaya State Planning Board

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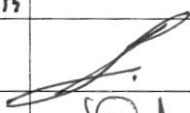
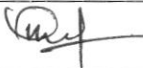


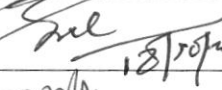
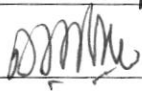

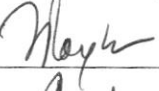
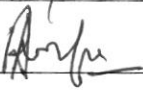
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ANNEXURE -A

OFFICER PRESENT IN THE MEETING ON INTRODUCTORY 1ST MEETING OF THE MEGHALAYA
STATE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON THE 18TH OCTOBER, 2023 AT 2:30 P.M. IN THE COMMITTEE
ROOM II, MEGHALAYA MAIN SECRETARIAT BUILDING, SHILLONG.

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