

MINUTES OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE STATE LEVEL MONITORING COMMITTEE ON MPLADS HELD ON 06-04-2010 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF MAIN SECRETARIAT.

List of officers present is at Annexure-I

The meeting was presided over by Shri Barkos Warjri, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the officers present. He then requested Shri W. Synrem, Officer on Special Duty, Programme Implementation and Evaluation Department who is also the Member Secretary of the Committee to give a brief introduction on the Agenda points.

In his brief introduction of the agenda for the meeting, the Officer on Special Duty informed that that this is the 2nd meeting of the Committee after the 1st meeting held on 13-11-2007. He then informed that as per the Guidelines the meeting should be held at least once a year. He pointed out that the position of the State in terms of utilization of fund and physical progress of schemes had been quite satisfactory and that in 2008 the State was ranked 1st in the country. With reference to long pending works, he informed that there is only one very old scheme which is still lying incomplete till date viz. Construction of Durbar Hall, Laitumkhrah recommended since 1993-94 by (L) Shri P.G. Marbaniang.

Shri B.K. Dev Varma, IAS, Principal Secretary Finance pointed out that there were some discrepancies in the number of incomplete schemes shown in the Agenda Notes (Annexure II) as compared with the detailed District-wise list at Flag "B" of the annexure to the Agenda Notes. Clarifying this point, it was informed that one statement was compiled based on the Monthly Progress Reports furnished by the nodal Deputy Commissioners of Shillong and Tura while the other statement was based on the District-wise reports furnished by the individual Deputy Commissioners of the seven Districts. In this regard, the Officer on Special Duty assured that this discrepancy would be rectified after receipt of complete and up-to-date reports from each Deputy Commissioner.

On the NABCONS report of the monitoring study conducted in East Khasi Hills, the Officer on Special duty informed that the reply on the findings have been sent to the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Govt. of India by the DC, Shillong. The Principal

Secretary, Finance Department and the Principal Secretary, C& RD Department expressed the desire to have copies of the reports so that they know the salient features of the report, the recommendations, etc to enable them to make suggestions to the committee. They also felt that similar monitoring studies should be done for other Districts and this suggestion should be made to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. It was also felt that a suggestion should also be made for permitting expenditure on studies from the amount of interest accrued on MPLADS fund.

On the accumulated amount of interest, the Officer on Special Duty clarified that as per Guidelines the amount goes to the fund of the MP and schemes can be recommended out of it.

During the discussion the following points emerged:-

1. There were discrepancies in the figures of pending/incomplete schemes. In one statement based on MPRs received from the nodal DCs the figure was indicated as 163 (5499-5336) while in another statement based on the lists supplied by individual DCs it was indicated as 254.
2. The NABCONS has conducted a monitoring study in East Khasi Hills only. The salient features and problems pointed in the report need to be highlighted and discussed so as to suggest remedial measures, etc.
3. As per Guidelines, the amount of interest that accrued on the fund released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation to the Deputy Commissioners of the nodal Districts MP-wise gets added to the fund of the MP concerned and he can recommend schemes out of it.
4. Regarding the interest involved/accumulated in respect of long pending schemes which could not be implemented, it was felt that both principal and interest should be refunded at once to the concerned Deputy Commissioner(s).

5. It was noted with concern that the construction of Laitumkhrah Durbar Hall cum Sports Complex, a scheme recommended by the (Late) Shri P.G. Marbaniang during 1993-94 for an amount of Rs.5,00,000 is still incomplete.
6. In respect of the scheme "Construction of footpath at Nongkasen", the Project Director of DRDA, Shillong pointed out that she is facing a problem as the Headman who had drawn the money had expired.
7. The Project Director of DRDA, Shillong informed that there is a problem with the scheme of "Construction of Alpine College" due to non availability of NOC from the Headman of Rynjah. The Deputy Director of Programme Implementation and Evaluation informed that during their inspection they have found that the scheme has not started and that the BDO, Myllem has directed the college authorities to refund the amount of 1st installment of Rs7.50lakhs already released along with interest.
8. Fund released in respect of two schemes in Ri-Bhoi District recommended by Shri R.Kharshiing, Ex-MP of Rajya Sabha during 2003-2004 viz. (a) Solar Power Domestic Lighting System at Laitsyiar and (b) Solar Power Domestic System Lighting system at Umjapung amounting at Rs.50,000/- each has been refunded.
9. During a review meeting held on 2nd February 2010 at Delhi it was decided that all schemes recommended by the Lok Sabha MPs up to the 14th Lok Sabha i.e. 2008-09 should be completed by September 2010.
10. None of the MPs of the State attended the meeting though they had been invited. Neither did they send their duly authorized representatives.

Keeping in view the facts as stated above, the following remedial measures/action points were suggested:-

1. Instructions as per latest guidelines of MPLADS should be strictly complied with by the implementing agencies with a view to obviating adverse objections/ comments from audit, etc .
2. The discrepancy of figures relating to the number of incomplete /pending schemes which arose due to the mismatch in the two statements/reports should be looked into/reconciled.
3. All Agenda papers/materials should be made available to the Members of the State Level Monitoring Committee before the meeting.
4. The D.C. East Khasi Hills should take immediate necessary action by registering an FIR against the Local Committee concerned with the implementation of the scheme "Construction of Laitumkhrah Durbar Hall"recommended by (L) Shri P.G. Marbaniang since 1993-94.
5. The D.C. of East Khasi Hills who is the nodal DC in respect of Rajya Sabha MP should seek a detailed information from the D.C. Nongpoh on the two schemes in Ri Bhoi District recommended by Shri R. Kharshiing, Ex-MP Rajya Sabha during 2003-2004 viz (a) Solar Power Domestic Lighting System at Laitsyiar and (b) Solar Power Domestic System Lighting system at Umjapung sanctioned at an amount of Rs. 50,000/- each with a view to ascertaining that the amount of both the schemes has been refunded.
6. In respects of Alpine College, a scheme recommended by Shri P.R. Kyndiah in 2007 - 2008 for which the 1st installment of Rs 7.50 lakhs has already been released but not utilized till date, the DC, Shillong should immediately follow up the matter and submit his report immediately.
7. In respect of scheme "Construction of footpath at Nongkasen", the DC, Shillong should immediately take up the matter with the present headman to ensure completion of the scheme. As funds given to the Headmen is given to the office they hold and not to them personally, it must also be ensured that all Headmen have an organized system for them

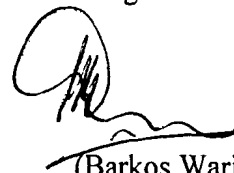
to receive funds on behalf of the Dorbar which should be accountable within the organization as well as to the Government.

8. A suggestion should be made to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation to allow the State Government to utilize a part of the amount of interest accrued on MPLADS funds for commissioning evaluation/monitoring studies of implementation of MPLADS in different Districts of the State on the same line as the NABCONS studies. Alternatively, the State Government should write/suggest to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation to initiate more such evaluation/monitoring studies by agencies like NABCONS for the remaining Districts of the State also.
9. In respect of schemes costing more than Rs.10.00 lakhs, a suggestion should be made to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation to amend/revise the Guidelines to allow releases of only 25-30 % instead of 50% as 1st installment while the balance may be released in another two/ three installments based on progress as assessed by the District authorities.
10. Detailed information of pending/incomplete schemes indicating the date of recommendation, date of sanction, sanctioned amount, date and amount of release of 1st installment, date of commencement of the work, date and amount of release of 2nd installment, reasons for delay, name of the beneficiary organisation, etc should be furnished at the time of review by DCs.
11. Problems and irregularities found/identified during inspection need to be highlighted so that suitable measures can be evolved/ suggested to rectify the problems.
12. Detailed reasons/reports should be furnished separately by the DCs in respect of those pending/incomplete schemes sanctioned **more than three years back.**

13. The Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills should strictly comply with the adverse findings/observations made by NABCONS in their monitoring report and submit the report at the earliest.

15. The next meeting of the State Level Monitoring Committee will be held in August 2010 so as to review the progress of implementation of schemes of all Lok Sabha MPs up to the 14th Lok Sabha scheduled/fixed to be completed by September 2010. Prior to this meeting, the Department of Programme Implementation and Evaluation, the nodal Agency at the State level should review the progress with all DCs.

In conclusion, the Chairman thanked all the members and officers present in the meeting and requested the officers concerned to take necessary action for ensuring effective implementation of MPLADS.



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Dated Shillong, the 5th May 2010.

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1. Private Secretary to the Chief Minister, Meghalaya for kind information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary
3. Private Secretary to the Additional Chief Secretary, Meghalaya for kind information of the Additional Chief Secretary.
4. All Members of Parliament (both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha) from the State.
5. The Director (MPLADS), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, 211, Sardar Patel Bhavan, New Delhi-110001.
6. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Finance Department.

7. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Community and Rural Development Department.
8. The Commissioner of Division of East Khasi Hills, Jaintia Hills, Ri-Bhoi and West Khasi Hills Districts, Shillong, for information and necessary action.
9. The Commissioner of Division of East Garo Hills, South Garo Hills and West Garo Hills Districts, Tura, for information and necessary action.
10. The Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Planning Department.
11. The Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong, for information and necessary action.
12. The Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills District, Tura, for information and necessary action.
13. The Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills/South Garo Hills/Jaintia Hills/West Khasi Hills/ Ri-Bhoi District, for information and necessary action.
14. Director of P. I. & Evaluation, Meghalaya, Shillong.


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ANNEXURE-I

List of Members and officers present in the MPLADS meeting held on 06-04-2010

1. Shri Barkos Warjri, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Meghalaya.
2. Shri B.K.Dev Varma, IAS, Principal Secretary, Finance Department.
3. Shri C.D. Kynjing, IAS, Principal Secretary, C & RD Department.
4. Shri W. Synrem, IES, Officer on Special Duty, Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department.
5. Smti. V.R. Syiem, MCS Additional Deputy Commissioner and Project Director of DRDA, Shillong.
6. Smti.Y. Dkhar, Deputy Secretary, Planning Department.
7. Shri W.L. Buam, System Engineer, Programme Implementation and Evaluation Department.
8. Shri R.S. Tariang, P.S.A, NIC, Shillong.
9. Shri S. Lyngdoh, Joint Director, Programme Implementation and Evaluation.
10. Shri P.L. Nongbri, Deputy Director, Programme Implementation and Evaluation.
11. Shri T. Synrem, LDA, DC's office, Shillong.