

**RECORD NOTE OF THE REVIEW MEETING ON MPLAD SCHEME
HELD ON 18.08.1999 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM
OF MAIN SECRETARIAT, SHILLONG.**

List of officers present at Annexure – I.

Presiding over the meeting, the Additional Chief Secretary welcomed all the officers who attended the meeting. He highlighted the importance of the scheme and the need for proper utilization of fund under the MPLAD Scheme which is in addition to normal State Plan fund for the economic development of the state. He also emphasized the need for paying special attention to timely sanction of schemes and timely submission of progress reports as these reflect on the efficiency of the State level machinery.

The Principal Secretary, Programme Implementation Department then explained the importance that the Government of India attaches to timely and regular submission of progress reports on MP Schemes in which our State was lagging behind other States. Initiating the district-wise review of sanctioned works under the scheme, he said that the total number of schemes sanctioned is 1293, out of which the number of completed schemes stand at 1007 while the number of schemes yet to be completed is 286. He reiterated that, as a rule, all the schemes should have been completed within 18 months from the date of sanction. This timeframe should be strictly adhered to while implementing various projects/works under the MPLAD Scheme.

The Deputy Commissioners were then requested to explain the problems, if any, confronted by them which stood in the way of timely completion of the schemes and to state whether support of any kind is required from PID's end to complete the projects. The need for drawing up action plan for completing projects/works under the schemes and for adhering to definite time-frame within which to submit progress reports on implementation of the schemes was also impressed upon the implementing authorities. The Deputy Commissioners were also requested to sort out all operational problems which have hampered them in timely submission of reports etc. It was unanimously agreed that all on-going projects would be completed by 31st March, 2000 (preferably by 31st December, 1999).

The following were some of the reasons brought out by the Deputy Commissioners which hampered the smooth implementation of the schemes and also resulted in delay in execution and in submission of reports :-

- (1) Ignorance/lack of proper understanding of the scheme on the part of implementing agencies and beneficiaries.
- (2) Land dispute.

- (3) Faulty estimates.
- (4) Mismatch between fund allotment by MP's and the plan and estimates drawn up subsequently for certain projects.

To overcome the above problems, the following remedies were suggested :-

- (1) Workshop/meeting between implementing agencies and beneficiaries should be organised so that they can be better acquainted with the scheme and how to implement it.
- (2) As far as Land dispute is concerned, it was pre-supposed in the guidelines that Deputy Commissioners should first satisfy themselves about the availability of land. If any dispute arises subsequent to sanctioning of the project, that should be sorted out within 3 months. If the stalemate continues, steps may be taken to shift the project elsewhere in consultation with the MP concerned so that fund under the scheme during any particular year is fully utilised and works are completed in time.
- (3) The problem of faulty estimates relate to one project in South Garo Hills whose implementation was entrusted to Coal India Ltd and for which plan and estimates were also prepared by them. It was felt that CIL may be requested by the Deputy Commissioner concerned to make supplementary contribution from their side to facilitate completion of the project at the earliest.
- (4) Regarding mismatch between allotment of fund and actual cost of the project, it was suggested that the Deputy Commissioners should first consult the technical experts before sanctioning any works/project under the scheme. In all cases where the actual cost of implementation is found to be more than what the MP had initially allotted, the Deputy Commissioner should formally get back to the MP and ask him for re-allocation of fund on the basis of ground realities.

Some Deputy Commissioners brought in some issues relating to monitoring of implementation of MLA scheme also, especially the difficulty to actually monitor small schemes of Rs. 5,000/- or Rs. 10,000/-. The Principal Secretary, PID made it very clear to the Deputy Commissioners that, even in such cases, they should fully satisfy themselves that the schemes have been implemented properly on the ground. He said that there can be no release of fund without accountability. The Principal Secretary also advised the Deputy

Commissioners that no scheme under MPLAD Scheme or MLA scheme should be sanctioned, unless the scheme conforms to the guidelines.

The Secretary, Power informed the meeting that 11 schemes have been entrusted to MeSEB in West Garo Hills District, out of which only 3 had been sanctioned. Out of the 3 sanctioned schemes, 2 have been completed and 1 is in progress. 8 schemes are yet to be sanctioned by the Deputy Commissioner, Tura. Power Department and PID were requested to write to Deputy Commissioner, Tura for early sanction of those 8 schemes.

The other important decisions requiring strict observance taken in the meeting are as follows :-

- i) All Deputy Commissioners were instructed to strictly adhere to the guidelines/instructions issued by the Government of India and the Programme Implementation Department of the State while sanctioning and implementing the scheme for ensuring uniformity and effective implementation. There should be no departure from or violation of the guidelines for which the Government of India may take a serious view. They should also refresh themselves about the parameters of the scheme and they should also try to get things done through personal contact with concerned authorities in order to expedite things.
- ii) All Deputy Commissioners are to furnish/submit an up-to-date, correct, detailed and fully complete progress report right from the first year of implementation of the scheme to Programme Implementation Department on or before the 31st August, 1999.
- iii) An action plan may be formulated by the DCs/BDOs etc., so as to ensure timely completion of the sanctioned schemes and a copy thereof should also be immediately sent to PID for information.
- iv) Timely implementation of the scheme is necessary as there is no provision for revision of estimates of schemes under MPLADS due to time over-runs., or otherwise.
- v) Necessary steps need to be taken to ensure that schemes sanctioned during the financial year are completed within the same financial year. If not possible, it should by all means be completed in the following financial year.

- vi) More attention is to be given to streamlining the reporting system to ensure timely submission of Progress Reports to Programme Implementation Department and to Government of India as this reflects on the efficiency of the State Government.
- vii) The Deputy Commissioners should endeavour to personally monitor the implementation of various works/project under the scheme within their jurisdiction.

In conclusion, all Deputy Commissioners/Implementing Agencies were requested to implement the scheme in a time-bound manner.



(J. Tayeng)

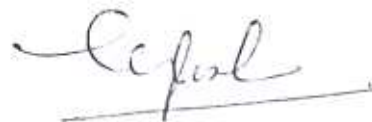
Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghaalaya.

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Dated Shillong, the 25th August, 1999.

Copy for information and necessary action to :-

1. Principal Secretaries/Commissioner & Secretaries/Secretaries (all Departments concerned with the implementation of MPLAD Scheme)
2. All Deputy Commissioners.
3. O.S.D./Director PID for information and necessary action
4. P.S. to Minister, PID for information.
5. Chief Secretary for kind information. .



(P.J. Bazeley)

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Programme Implementation Department.

ANNEXURE – I

List of officers present in the Review Meeting on Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary held on 18-08-99.

<u>Sl.No.</u>	<u>Name & Designation</u>
1.	Shri J. Tayeng, Additional Chief Secretary
2.	Shri P. J. Bazeley, Principal Secretary, Programme Implementation Department.
3.	Shri W. Synrem, Officer On Special Duty, Programme Implementation Department.
4.	Shri P. Kharkongor, Secretary, Power Department.
5.	Shri L. Roy, Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills.
6.	Shri D.P. Wahlang, Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills.
7.	Shri W.S. Mawlong, Deputy Commissioner, Jaintia Hills.
8.	Shri E.N. Marak, Deputy Commissioner, Baghmara.
9.	Shri N.L. Agarwalla, P.C.E. (MeSEB)
10.	Shri F. Kharlyngdoh, Project Director, D.R.D.A., Shillong.
11.	Shri S. Kharlyngdoh, Project Director, D.R.D.A., Nongstoin
12.	Smti. M.N. Nampui, Project Director, D.R.D.A., Nongpoh.
13.	Smti. A. Mawrie, Research Officer, Nongpoh.
14.	Shri P.S. Lyngdoh, Research Officer, Programme Implementation Department.
15.	Smti. C. Tariang, Research Officer, Programme Implementation Department.
16.	Smti. M. Nengnong, Research Officer, Programme Implementation Department.
17.	Shri E.B. Lyngdoh, Research Assistant, Programme Implementation Department.
18.	Shri D.S. Kharpan, Research Assistant, Programme Implementation Department.
19.	Shri W. Kharrngi, Research Assistant, Programme Implementation Department.