

Record Note of the Training/Workshop on MPLADS Guidelines for District officials of the State held on 28-05-2008 at MATI Building, Shillong.

List of Officials/ participants present is at Annexure-I

The inaugural session was presided by Dr. Sreerajan, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary of Programme Implementation and Evaluation Department.

Shri W. Synrem, Officer on Special Duty, Programme Implementation and Evaluation Department welcomed all the officers and participants from all the Districts of the State. He also extended his warm welcome to Shri A.K. Nehra, Deputy Director General (PI) and Dr.S.K. Jain, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, New Delhi who have come to impart training to the District officials of the State and hoped this will clear all doubts and ensure better implementation of the Scheme. He also expressed great gratitude to Shri P.B.Warjri, IAS, Principal Secretary, Programme Implementation and Evaluation Department who spared his valuable time to inaugurate the Workshop. He expressed his happiness over the implementation of the Scheme and strongly supported that the scheme should continue.

In his short speech, Shri A.K. Nehra, Deputy Director General (PI), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation expressed his gratitude to the State Government for organizing the workshop. He told that the main purpose of the Workshop is how to improve the implementation and performance of the Scheme. He also called upon the District officials/participants to be free to come forward with all problems experienced in the field for interaction/clarification during the Workshop. He informed that the performance of the State in terms of utilization of fund is above national average and **ranked first** in the country. He also informed that the Government of India is now in the stage to revise/amend the Guidelines and hence called upon the State and District officials to submit their views/suggestions to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

In his inaugural speech, Shri P.B.Warjri, IAS, Principal Secretary, Programme Implementation and Evaluation Department welcomed all the officers present. He stressed upon all concerned to strictly follow the Guidelines to ensure smooth implementation of the Scheme. He also expressed that this Workshop will

provide a clear guidance on the Guidelines. He also called upon the NIC to provide all necessary help to the Districts for faster uploading of MPLADS data. He finally wished a good Workshop.

The Workshop was carried out in three Sessions as under:-

1. MPLADS Guidelines (Morning Session) - The Session was taken by Shri A.K. Nehra, Deputy Director General (PI), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. During his presentation there was a good interaction between the participants and the resource persons. Shri Ajay Tewari, Director of Programme implementation and Evaluation moderated the discussions among participants.
2. Monitoring software (Afternoon Session)- The Session was taken by Dr. S.K. Jain, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. During his presentation there was a good interaction from the DIOs of Shillong, Tura and the NIC, Shillong. Shri S. Lyngdoh, Deputy Director of Programme Implementation and Evaluation moderated the interaction among the participants.
3. Open Discussion- The discussion was presided over by Dr. Sreeranjana, IAS, Commissioner of Programme Implementation and Evaluation Department, Government of Meghalaya. There was a good interaction from the participants including the Deputy Commissioner, Tura.

The following points/observations have emerged during the discussion in the above Sessions:-

1. Most of the works in the rural areas and under the Nodal DC, Shillong have been entrusted to the Village Durbar etc. through the BDOs and to the CEOs of Municipal Boards in the urban areas.
2. **It was clarified that if the District Authority finds that the local self Government and beneficiary community are competent to execute the works, the same can be entrusted.**
3. Most of the works could not be sanctioned within the stipulated time of 45 days from the date of submission of proposal by the MPs due to delay in submission of necessary documents by the implementing agencies/beneficiary organisation.

4. MPs always submitted the list of implementing agency/beneficiary organization for each work. However, the prerogative of selecting the implementing agency lies entirely with the Deputy Commissioners within their jurisdiction.
5. Duplication/overlapping of MPLADS works with MLAs schemes etc need to be checked. Erection of Signboards as stipulated in the Guidelines is mandatory. Photos of each work should also be maintained.
6. As some sort of transparency and accountability, display of works implemented should be made at the offices of the BDOs for general information of the public.
7. It is clarified that line Departments should be ready to implement any MPLADS work referred by the MPs/Deputy Commissioners.
8. In respect of Monthly Review Meeting at the District Level to be convened by the DCs, it appears that the position is not that much satisfactory as most districts have not reviewed the Scheme on monthly basis.
9. It is felt that the basis for release of 2nd installment should be after completion of 60% of the work out of the 1st installment.
10. Uploading of data in respect of all Districts falling under the nodal DC, Shillong is in good progress while in respect of districts under the nodal DC, Tura the work will start soon.
11. The DIO, Shillong has pointed out that there were some problems in the Monitoring Software that needs immediate upgradation. In this regard a detailed note may be prepared by the DIO, Shillong and send to Dr.S.K. Jain, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
12. The DIO, Tura raised the issue that there are two MPs from Tura Constituency in the 14th Lok Sabha, one was P.A Sangma and the other one is the newly elected MP, Miss Agatha Sangma and therefore requested the Ministry to do necessary changes/upgradation in the website/software.

13. The Department of Programme Implementation and Evaluation, Government of Meghalaya will soon launch its own Website and the latest status of the works will be uploaded.

In view of above observations, the following remedial measures/action points were suggested:-

1. All implementing agencies are requested to strictly adhere to the Guidelines on MPLADS issued by the Govt. of India. There should not be any misunderstanding between the MPLADS and other schemes like MLAs schemes etc as MPLADS has clear cut guidelines.
2. In case the implementing agency is entrusted to a village Durbar etc they should be well educated about the Guidelines on MPLADS. A synopsis of Guidelines should be prepared by the DCs in local language and attached with the sanction order to the implementing agency.
3. The State/District Authorities should furnish their views/suggestions to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for revision/amendment of the Guidelines latest by 15-6-2008
4. All problems and deficiencies encountered during the implementation works are to be identified and a suitable solution needs to be evolved to ensure timely completion of the scheme. The matter may be taken up with the MPs concerned or the implementing agencies/beneficiary organization as the case may be.
5. In respects of implementing agency, the concern MP can give suggestion for selection of the implementing agency but as stipulated in the Guidelines the final decision to entrust the implementation of the work/select the implementing agencies is to be taken by the District Authority
6. As the number of schemes selected and identified by the MPs keep on increasing from time to time the concern MP may be requested to select the schemes on a priority basis.
7. As regards monitoring through physical inspection it is suggested that the work can be entrusted to external agencies.
8. It is suggested that 10% of the physical inspection should be done by the District authority.

9. Uploading and updating of data should be carried out regularly Both the nodal DCs of West Garo Hills and East Khasi Hills are to ensure that uploading and updating of data of all works of all districts under their jurisdiction since inception of the Scheme should be completed by **31st July 2008**.
10. Maintenance of all the assets created should be looked after by the user agency. Once the asset has been created it should be handed over to the user agency for maintenance etc. by the Deputy Commissioners.
11. It is suggested that exclusive meetings between the nodal DCs and the MPs need to be held on a regular basis to discuss matters/problems relating with MPLADS.
12. It is suggested that all completed schemes of MPLADS are to be displayed on a board at the Block Level for information of the general public.
13. All Deputy Commissioners should spare time to convene review meetings every month. They may also review MPLADS during meetings with other Departments at their District Level Meetings and during DCC Meetings.
14. Duplication/Overlapping of MPLADS works with other works such as MLAs scheme etc need to be checked. Erection of signboard/plaque as stipulated in Para 3.22 of the Guidelines should be strictly followed to avoid duplicacy and also for public information.
15. On the problems faced in the monitoring software, a note may be prepared by the DIO, Shillong and send immediately to Dr.S.K.Jain, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

The Workshop ended with a vote of thanks from Shri.Ajay Tewari, IAS, Director of Programme Implementation and Evaluation who expressed great appreciation and gratitude to all the participants from the Districts. He told that we should be proud to be the first in the country in terms of fund utilization but this is only a quantity aspect and what is actually required is to strive for qualitative implementation.



(Ajay Tewari, IAS)

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1. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
2. The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Programme Implementation and Evaluation Department.
3. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Programme Implementation and Evaluation Department.
4. Shri.A.K. Nehra, Deputy Director General (PI), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
5. Dr.S.K. Jain, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
6. The Commissioner of Division of East Khasi Hills, Jaintia Hills, West Khasi Hills and Ri Bhoi District.
7. The Commissioner of Division of East Garo Hills, South Garo Hills, and West Garo Hills.
8. The Director of C & RD.
9. All Deputy Commissioners for information and necessary action.
10. All Project Directors of DRDA for information and necessary action.
11. All District Informatics Officers, NIC for information and necessary action.
12. All Chief Executive Officers of Municipal Boards for information and necessary action.



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ANNEXURE-I**List of officers/participants present in the Workshop on MPLADS held on 28-5-2008**

1. Shri. P.B.Warjri, IAS, Principal Secretary, Programme Implementation and Evaluation Department
2. Dr.Sreerajan,IAS, Commissioner and Secretary, Programme Implementation and Evaluation Department.
3. Shri.Ajay Tewari,IAS, Director of Programme Implementation and Evaluation
4. Shri. W.Synrem,IES,Officer on Special Duty, Programme Implementation and Evaluation Department
5. Shri.A.K. Nehra, Deputy Director General (PI), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
6. Dr.S.K. Jain, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
7. Shri.E.P.Kharbhih, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills District, Tura.
8. Smt.V.R.Syiem, MCS, Project Director, DRDA, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong.
9. Shri.I.W.Ingty,MCS,ADC,Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh.
10. Shri.F.M.Dopth, MCS, ADC, Jaintia Hills District, Jowai.
11. Shri.P.M.Sangma, MCS, EAC, South Garo Hills District, Baghmara.
12. Smt.D.M.Suja, MCS, EAC, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin.
13. Shri.S.Lyngdoh,Deputy Director,Programme Implementation & Evaluation.
14. Shri.P.L.Nongbri,Assistant Director, Programme Implementation & Evaluation.
15. Smti.C.Tariang,Assistant Director, Programme Implementation & Evaluation.
16. Shri.B.Rapsang, EE, DRDA, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong.
17. Kum.M.Nengnong,Research Officer, Programme Implementation & Evaluation.
18. Shri.E.B.Lyngdoh,Research Officer, Programme Implementation & Evaluation.
19. Shri.D.S.Kharpan,Research Officer, Programme Implementation & Evaluation.
20. Shri.W.Kharngi,Research Officer, Programme Implementation & Evaluation.
21. Smti.Rupa Kar, DIO, NIC, West Garo Hills District, Tura.
22. Smti.I.Rymbai, DIO, NIC, Jaintia Hills District, Jowai.
23. Shri.R.S.Tariang, DIO, NIC, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong.
24. H.Synrem,DIO,NIC,West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin.
25. E.A.Marak,DIO,NIC,South Garo Hills District,Baghmara.
26. Shri.A.Wanswett,DIO,NIC,Ri-Bhoi District,Nongpoh
27. Smti.Lailarisa Tariang,Scientific Officer,NIC,Shillong.
28. Shri.B.M.Rani,Asstt Engineer, Shillong Municipal Board.
29. Shri.T.Rani,Junior Engineer, Shillong Municipal Board.
30. Smti.G.Nongpiur, Junior Engineer, Shillong Municipal Board.
31. Shri.E.G.Biwan, Junior Engineer, Shillong Municipal Board.
32. Shri. D.Syiem,Computer Assistant,Nongpoh.
33. Shri.T.Synrem,DEO,Shillong.
34. Shri.John Lamare,CIC operator,Jowai.
35. Shri.A.K.Momin,DEO.
36. Smti.J.M.W.Roy,U.D.A.
37. Shri.N.Kharchandy,Research Assistant, Programme Implementation & Evaluation.
38. Smti.D.L.Trøn,DEO, Programme Implementation & Evaluation.