

RECORD NOTE OF THE OPEN DISCUSSION SESSSION OF THE WORKSHOP/TRAINING OF DISTRICT OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MPLADS HELD ON THE 3rd & 4th OCTOBER 2002.

List of Ministers & officers present is at Annexure-I

The discussion was chaired by Shri.L.A.Sangma, the Hon'ble Minister i/c Programme Implementation Department, Government of Meghalaya. At the outset, the Minister extended his warm welcome to Shri.A.K.Mishra, Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Shri. V.K.Arora, Director (MPLADS) and Shri. R.P.Kapoor, Sr. Technical Director, N.I.C who had come from New Delhi. He also welcomed the Chief Secretary, Deputy Commissioners and all other officers present. In his remark, the Minister expressed hope that this training and the face to face interaction would greatly help to clear the doubts and misunderstanding on the operational aspects of the scheme. He also stressed that reports and utilization certificates should be submitted in time so as to facilitate timely release of fund by the Govt. of India. Emphasis has also been made on the need for thorough scrutiny of schemes/ proposals recommended by the Members of Parliament before sanction so as to avoid any objection/ adverse remark by the Comptroller & Auditor General in future. He also requested for higher allocation of fund for the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme. Lastly, he stressed for effective monitoring by undertaking field visits/ inspections at regular intervals.

Shri. A.K.Mishra, Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation made commendable remarks on the progress of schemes in Meghalaya. He expressed great satisfaction over the ground position of the schemes as verified during his field visit in Ri- Bhoi District. He also pointed out that the unsanctioned amount in respect of Nodal Deputy Commissioner of East Khasi Hills is Rs142.00 lakhs and for the Nodal Deputy Commissioner of West Garo Hills it is Rs 104.00 lakhs and hence he stressed that immediate action should be taken in order to facilitate further release of fund. He also made special mention of Para 3.3 of the Guidelines regarding delegation of power to the District technical and administrative functionaries for speedy implementation of the scheme and hence called upon the State Govt. to take necessary action in this regard.

The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya in his remark appreciated all the officers concerned with the implementation of MPLADS for their efforts which led the State to achieving the 5th position in the country, but at the same time called upon all concerned to strive harder so as to achieve the top position. He also informed that Review Meetings have been taken regularly at the State level and the last one was held during the month of January 2002. He also informed that from now onwards review will be taken up on quarterly basis.

After a thorough discussion, the following remedial measures/ action points were suggested: -

1. In accordance with the instructions at Para 3.3 of the Guidelines which specify delegation of full and final powers to the District Technical and Administrative functionaries, two Project Formulation Teams/Committees should be constituted at the Regional Level under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills and West Garo Hills. Each team will consist of the following: -

1) Deputy Commissioner East Khasi Hills/ West Garo Hills - Chairman.

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| 2) Additional Chief Engineer/Superintending Engineer of concerned Technical Department. | - Member. |
| 3) District Planning Officer/ ADC in-charge Development - | Member. |
| 4) Any other Technical Personnel co-opted by the Committee | -Member. |
| 5) Executive Engineer, P.W.D | -Member Secretary. |

2.Regarding the unsanctioned balance of Rs.142.00Lakhs and Rs.104.00Lakhs for the Deputy Commissioners of East Khasi Hills and West Garo Hills respectively, immediate action should be taken to get the release of funds from the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation expedited.

3.All the Deputy Commissioners and B.D.Os should improve monitoring process by making use of the electronic facilities now available at the CICs.

4.After 50% of the 1st installment release for an M.P has been spent and U.Cs for the amount obtained from implementing agencies, the Nodal Deputy Commissioners are entitled for the 2nd installment release and they should immediately ask for it. The request should, however, be accompanied by supporting documents.

5.An inventory / a directory of works implemented under the scheme since inception should be compiled and widely circulated.

6.Up-to-date information on progress of implementation of various works under the scheme should be put on the District Website which should be directly accessible by the Members of Parliament and the Ministry Statistics & Programme Implementation, Government of India. Whatever software is required will be given by the Ministry.

7.In case there is cost escalation of sanctioned works under the scheme, all the D.C.s should ensure that the limit should be within the amount entitled by the M.P. including interest accruals. The revised estimates should be given within the concerned M.P's tenure.

8.Review Meetings at the State Level will be taken up on Quarterly basis.

Sd/-
(L.A.Sangma)
Minister,

Programme Implementation Department.

Copy to: -

1. The Private Secretary to the Minister i/c Programme Implementation Department for kind information of the Hon'ble Minister.
2. The Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
3. Shri.A.K.Mishra, I.A.S, Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Sardar Patel Bhavan, New Delhi-110 001.
4. Shri.V.K.Arora, Director (MPLADS), Govt. of India, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Sardar Patel Bhavan, New Delhi-110 001.
5. Shri. R.P.Kapoor, Sr. Technical Director, N.I.C., Govt. of India, New Delhi.
6. All Deputy Commissioners for information and necessary action.
7. All Project Directors, DRDAs for information and necessary action.

By order etc.,



(W.Synrem)

Officer on Special Duty,
Programme Implementation Department

List of Ministers and Officers present

ANNEXURE-1

1. Shri. L.A.Sangma, Minister i/c Programme Implementation Department.
2. Shri. J.Tayeng, IAS, Chief Secretary, Meghalaya.
3. Shri.A.K.Mishra, I.A.S, Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.
4. Shri.V.K.Arora, Director (MPLADS), Govt. of India, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.
5. Shri. R.P.Kapoor, Sr. Technical Director, N.I.C., Govt. of India.
6. Shri. Shreerajan, I.A.S, Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Programme Implementation Department.
7. Shri.W.Synrem, Officer on Special Duty, Programme Implementation Department.
8. Shri. D.P.Wahlang, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills, Shillong.
9. Shri.H.L.Pyrtuh, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, South Garo Hills, Baghmara.
10. Smti. R.Lyngdoh, ADC & Project Director, Jowai.
11. Shri. S.Nongsiej, Project Director, Nongstoin.
12. Shri. P.C.Rumba, Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Jowai.
13. Shri. W.B.Marbaniang, Executive Engineer, C&RD, Nongstoin.
14. Shri.T.Lyngwa, BDO, Laitkroh.
15. Shri. E. Kharmalki, BDO, Khliehriat.
16. Shri. P.S.Tynsong, BDO, Laskein.
17. Shri. P.Mawa, BDO, Mawsynram.
18. Shri. I.W.Ingty, BDO, Shella -Bholaganj.
19. Shri. B.S.Sohliya, BDO, Mawryngkneng.
20. Shri. F.Kharmujai, BDO, Mawkyntrew.
21. Shri. G.Shylla, BDO, Umling & Jirang.
22. Dr. M.Lamare, BDO, Amlarem.
23. Smti. R.M.Kurbah, BDO, Pynursla.

24. Smti. P.Kharkongor, BDO, Mawphlang.
25. Smti. V.R.Syiem, BDO, Myllicm.
26. Smti. A.Mawrie, APO, DRDA, Nongpoh.
27. Shri. D.Ranee, Assistant Engineer, Umsning Block.
28. Shri.K.Marbaniang, Junior Engineer, Nongstoin Block.
29. Shri. C. Sohtun, Junior Engineer, C&RD, Nongstoin.
30. Smti. S.L.Dkhar, Accountant, C&RD, Nongstoin.
31. Shri. B.B.Giri, Accountant, Mawthadraishan Block.
32. Smti. T.M.W.Roy Thabah, U.D.A.
33. Shri. Leningrade Marak, U.D.A.