

**RECORD NOTE OF THE MEETING ON PSUS/ PSES  
TAKEN BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY ON 27.2.2003 AT  
3.P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF MAIN  
SECRETARIAT.**

**List of officers present is at Annexure – I**

At the outset Chief Secretary, welcomed all the officers attending the meeting. He mentioned that the purpose of convening the meeting was to make sure that the State PSUs/ PSEs are timely in meeting certain statutory obligations as explicitly laid down in the Companies Law and to give a clear and unambiguous signal/ message that certain PSUs/ PSEs of the State may have to be closed down under prevailing economic circumstances and then to try to find out ways and means for obtaining additional resources that would be required in that eventuality. The Chief Secretary forthrightly said that majority of the PSUs/PSEs have failed to perform in the way expected of commercial undertakings. Moreover, some PSUs have remained non-functional and there is remote or no possibility of revitalizing and revamping these PSUs/ PSEs. The main reason leading to the present position of PSUs is the absence of proper system as far as management, manpower planning and maintenance of accounts are concerned. The Chief Secretary therefore urged upon all concerned Departments to undertake an in-depth analysis of the functioning of PSUs and to present to the Cabinet their proposal for VRS/Golden Handshake scheme or for ultimate closedown along with full necessary details. To ensure efficiency in the management, the Chief Secretary opined that there is a need to have expertise drawn from personnel of the civil services and elsewhere or to depute personnel of PSUs/ PSEs for management training under reputed companies.

Participating in the discussion Principal Secretary, Industries Department strongly emphasized the need of closing down some of the chronically sick PSUs like FDCM, Meghalaya Watches, MEDC, MHHDC, and MSHB that are not sustainable since their continued survival has been dependent on the financial assistance received from MIDC except FDCM & MSHB which are being propped up by budgetary support from the State Government. Regarding finalization of arrear accounts, it is noted that with the exception of a few PSUs/ PSEs, the rest are yet to improve their position in this regard especially MTDC in particular which is in heavy arrears due to problems associated with valuation of the assets of Pine Wood Hotel. To solve this problem, the PSUs/ PSEs are directed to take up the matter with A.G. (Audit) and the Company Law Board for appointment of statutory auditors from among Shillong-based accountancy firms keeping in view also the number of years left for statutory audit.

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After a brief discussion, the following action points emerged.

### Action Points

1. All concerned Departments are to prepare an in-depth analysis/study on the functioning of their respective undertakings/ enterprises and to find out whether these public undertakings/ enterprises are still economically viable or not. In the case of chronically sick PSUs like Meghalaya Watches, MEDC MHHDC, MMDC, FDCM and MSIB which seems to be no longer sustainable, the Departments should come up with a definite proposal to the Cabinet for winding up/closing down of these PSUs/ PSEs.
2. To professionalise management, the Department may work out the possibility of manpower planning either by drawing expertise from the civil service or to depute personnel from PSUs for undergoing management training under reputed companies.
3. A detailed proposal on the Voluntary Retirement Scheme/Golden Hand shake Scheme (GHIS) should be worked out stating clearly the number of employees opting for the scheme and the financial implications, etc., and to submit the same to the Cabinet. Regarding fund requirement for implementation of VRS/GHIS, all out efforts are to be made to find out additional resources from different sources. MTC, MTDC, MECOFED and all others should prepare and submit specific VRS proposals.
4. Regarding expediting finalization of arrear accounts, the concerned Departments should take up the matter with A.G. (Audit) especially in matter relating to comments by A.G./ C.A.G. They are also directed to approach the Company Law Board for appointment of Statutory Auditor for 3 to 4 or 5 years at a stretch.
5. Each Administrative Department and Board to bring changes in bye-laws to make Minister or Senior-most Administrative Department official as Chairman and Vice Chairman to reduce administrative costs.

In his conclusion Chief Secretary directed all principal Secretaries/Commissioners & Secretaries of Departments concerned to take immediate action on the points mentioned above so as to find out a suitable/ pragmatic solution to the problems faced by the PSUs/ PSEs.




(J.Tayeng)

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya.

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- 1.Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
- 2.Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Industries Department for information & necessary action.
3. Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Planning Department for information & necessary action.
- 4.Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Industries Department for information & necessary action.
- 5.Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Co-operation Department for information & necessary action.
- 6.Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Forest Department for information & necessary action.
7. Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Mining & Geology Department for information & necessary action.
8. Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Power Department for information & necessary action.
9. Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Housing Department for information & necessary action.
10. Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Transport Department for information & necessary action.
11. Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Tourism Department for information & necessary action.
12. Secretary, P.W.D. for information & necessary action.
13. Chairman /Managing Director /Housing Commissioner/  
\_\_\_\_\_ for information & necessary action.

By order etc.,

  
/s/ (Shreeeranjana)  
Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Programme Implementation Department.

**MEETING ON PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS/ ENTERPRISES TAKEN  
BY CHIEF SECRETARY ON 27.2.2003 AT 3 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE  
ROOM, MAIN SECRETARIAT**

<u>Sl.No.</u>	<u>Name of officer</u>	<u>Designation</u>
1.	Shri J Taveng IAS	Chief Secretary
2.	Shri S K Tewari IAS	Principal Secretary
3.	Shri W M S Pariat IAS	Principal Secretary
4.	Shri Shreerajan IAS	Commissioner & Secretary
5.	Shri W Symem	Officer on Special Duty, PID
6.	Shri B K Devvarma IAS	Commissioner & Secretary
7.	Shri H Marwein IAS	Commissioner & Secretary
8.	Shri C D Kynging IAS	Commissioner & Secretary
9.	Shri S S Gupta IAS	Commissioner & Secretary
10.	Shri P W Ingty IAS	Commissioner & Secretary
11.	Shri P Kharkongor IAS	Secretary
12.	Smti. R V Suchiang IAS	Secretary
13.	Shri S Ahmed	Secretary
14.	Shri V K Nautiyal	Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
15.	Shri D S Nongbri	Chief Accounts Officer
16.	Shri H B Nongrum	Commissioner of Housing
17.	Shri S K Sen	Managing Director
18.	Shri J R Marboh	Managing Director
19.	Shri A K Kusari	Director-in-charge
20.	Shri D Rudra	Dy Accounts Officer
21.	Shri H Kyndiah	Managing Director
22.	Shri M Pariat	Director-in-charge
23.	Shri O S Thangkhiew	Manager Finance
24.	Shri B K Dutta	Managing Director
25.	Shri V Roy	Assst Manager
26.	Shri A K Sangma	Chief Accounts Officer
27.	Shri B Banerjee	Manager Accounts
28.	Shri M Watjri	Accounts Officer