

**Minutes of the Meeting of the State Development Reforms Commission held on 14-6-2000
in the Conference Room of the Main Secretariat Building.**

- Present :-
1. Shri B.B. Lyngdoh, Chairman, SDRC.
 2. Shri F.B. Lyngdoh, IAS(Retd), Member, SDRC.
 3. Shri W.M.S. Pariat, IAS, Member Secretary, SDRC.
 4. Shri J. Tayeng, Addl. Chief Secretary.
 5. Shri W. Synrem, IES, Officer on Special Duty, P.I. Department.
 6. Shri A. Langstieh, Deputy Secretary, P.I. Department.

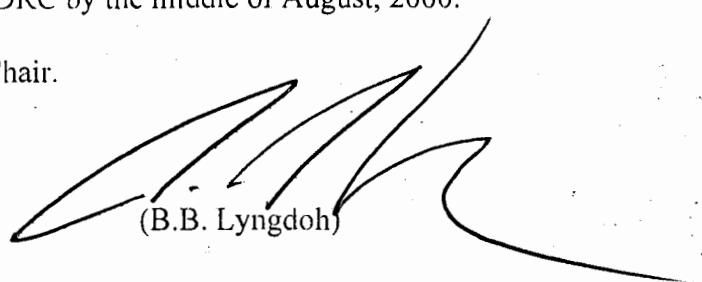
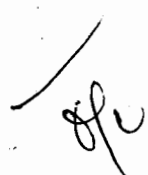
The meeting was presided over by Shri B.B. Lyngdoh, Chairman of the State Development Reforms Commission, who at the outset welcomed all those present in the first meeting of the Commission.

The Chairman highlighted on the need for health, wealth and education in our quest for economic development and indicated that these would be the priority for the Commission. He further added that Meghalaya has done quite well in this regard, when compared to other States in the North East, but we should move forward still more, so that the State could be in a position to contribute even to other sister States of the region.

After a detailed discussion, the following points emerged :-

1. Specific programmes/schemes may be considered for economic development, education and health.
2. A Sub-Committee may be constituted to go into the quality and standard of health care in the State and to suggest ways and means to make health coverage more effective.
3. The possibility of some form of privatisation of health care in the State may be examined. Simultaneously, the desirability or otherwise of private practice by government doctors would also need to be gone into.
4. A programme may be chalked out for the Commission to meet with the concerned Departments, one at a time, to go into their functioning. Health Department may be called first.
5. Health Department may prepare a brief note highlighting the performance, problems and needs of the department, which may be used as a background paper for discussion by the SDRC.
6. There is a need for review of the procedure for sanction of schemes, both Plan and Non Plan specially since a lot of time is spent in the process. The Planning and Finance Departments may be requested to examine the matter and to examine whether further delegation in accordance with principles etc. to be laid down, is possible. Target dates may be fixed both for implementing departments and also for the referral departments for clearance of schemes.
7. Possibility of rescheduling sanctions could be examined so that the quality of implementation can be improved. (31st December rather than 31st March).
8. Some streamlining of the accountability system of the departments need to be done. Suggestions may be called from the concerned departments.
9. The concept of "Project Clearance" needs to be scrutinised, so that when a project is cleared, all its components like infrastructure, staff and essential machinery/equipment are also considered simultaneously. This is required to ensure that sanction is not delayed or regretted after the building phase is completed.
10. Action Plans are required to be formulated department-wise. Concerned departments may be requested to submit the same to the SDRC by the middle of August, 2000.

The meeting ended with thanks from the Chair.



(B.B. Lyngdoh)

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By Order etc.,

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