

MINUTES OF THE REVIEW MEETING OF THE STATE DEVELOPMENT REFORMS COMMISSION (SDRC) HELD ON 20-02-2017 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, MAIN SECRETARIAT BUILDING.

List of Members and Officers present at Annexure 1.

The meeting was chaired by Shri Sengman R. Marak, Ex-MLA, Co-Chairman, SDRC who presided the meeting in the absence of the Smt. Bluebell Sangma, MLA Chairman, SDRC. At the outset, he welcomed all the members and officers present in the meeting. He highlighted that the purpose of the meeting is to monitor and evaluate the schemes/programmes being implemented by different Departments and to identify the problems and difficulties faced by different implementing Departments. The review meeting was taken up only in respect of 4 (four) departments i.e. Social Welfare Deptt, Labour Deptt., Health & Family Welfare Department and Home Police Department.

1. SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT:-The Deputy Director, Social Welfare started the Power Point Presentation in respect of the Department explaining the different schemes and programmes which are implemented and achieved by the Department. She also stated that the problems faced by the Department is with the coming up of new schemes, delay in release of funds by the State Government of Central Funds, shortage of manpower and delay in promotion of the officers of the Department. Regarding, the Woman Welfare Scheme on Wedding Assistance to orphan girls, Shri S.P Thapa, Co-Chairman asked the Deputy Director of Social Welfare how many beneficiaries have been benefited from the said scheme. The Deputy Director replied that about 219 beneficiaries were benefited from the scheme. Shri S.P Thapa, Co-Chairman informed that most of the beneficiaries were not aware of such scheme and what strategy have been taken by the Department to educate the orphan girls. The Deputy Director replied that several awareness campaign in all the Districts were being conducted through Project Officers and also spot identification of orphan girls were identified. Shri Sengman R. Marak, Co-Chairman enquired about Children Malnutrition and also suggested that Department should consult with the District Officers to conduct awareness programmes in the villages. The Deputy Director, replied that malnutrition of Children are being covered in all households whether rich or poor and this matter has been taken up with the Officers of the respective Districts and further informed that awareness campaign were being conducted once a month.

Shri S.P Thapa, Co-Chairman cited that in villages where there is no power and no road connectivity whether ICDS centres are available or not. The Deputy Director replied that if the population in the villages is 150 above, Mini Anganwadi has been set up. Regarding ASHA workers, Shri Sengman R. Marak, Co-Chairman informed that there are irregularities in receiving of honorarium. The Deputy Director replied that the irregularities in receiving of honorarium among the ASHA workers is due to late receipt of funds from the State Government. Shri Sengman R Marak, Co-Chairman wanted to know the ratio of funds released from the Central and the State government. The Deputy Director replied that the ratio is 90:10. Regarding Mid Day Meal, Shri Sengman R. Marak, Co-Chairman enquired whether there any quality check on supplying of rice and any shortage of funds. The Deputy Director replied that there is no quality check and there is shortage of funds and also there is a problem with the distribution of rice.

Dr. Fenella Lyngdoh, Non-Official Member mentioned that there is a presumption of centralized scheme implemented in the state to be registered as a society, and asked whether there is any direction from the State Government to register as a Society, if so, she requested Deputy Director of Social Welfare to give in details to the Commission of those registered Societies falling under the Social Welfare department. Regarding Child Marriage Restrain Prohibition Act notification Dr. Fenella Lyngdoh informed that the same has been notified and further asked whether it is still implemented. The Deputy Director replied that it is still in position and it is with the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer. Dr. Fenella Lyngdoh, Non-Official Member also asked whether any complaint has been received by the Department regarding child marriage from any District. The Deputy Director replied that there are complaints but not officially. Dr. Fenella Lyngdoh, Non-Official Member informed that if any child marriage is happening at any place or district, it is the duty of the DSWO and the child marriage prohibition officer to complain the same direct to the nearest Police Station. She further informed that Child Marriage Prohibition Act has imposed a fine not to the victim or to the parents but to the abettor who perform the marriage ceremony and who committed the offence by themselves and suggested that this has to be monitored by the DSWO and Child Marriage Prohibition Officer. She then asked whether any grant for the compensation of rape victim was available under Social Welfare department. The Deputy Director replied that 27 victims have been received post conviction and compensation has been paid @ Rs. 3,00,000/- per victim according the information from the DSWO who is aware of the scheme.

Dr. Fenella Lyngdoh, Non-Official Member asked the officer concerned about the number of NGOs which have been registered under Social Welfare. The Deputy Director replied that at present 69 care institutions for children have been registered all over the state. She then asked what is the modality of identification of medical treatment for the aged, the Officer replied that the applicants were identified through screening by the Medical Health Officers. Shri V. Raj, Vice-Chairman, SDRC asked how much financial assistance was given to the aged so far, the Deputy Director replied that regarding this case no information has been received so far. Dr. Fenella Lyngdoh, Non-Official Member, SDRC said that apart from success story she also wanted to know about the failure story from the Department. The Deputy Director replied that challenges are always there but the main problem is internet connection, hence, the Department cannot send the information in time. Regarding vocational training to persons with disabilities for self employment, Shri V. Raj, Vice Chairman said that the Commission would like to inspect a few of the training centres in the near future and directed the Social Welfare Department to submit a detailed report of all the centres to SDRC as soon as possible. In respect to juvenile case, Dr. Fenella Lyngdoh, Non-Official Member enquired how many Juvenile Homes are in the State. The Deputy Director replied that there are 2 in Shillong and 1 in Tura and also there are 3 observation homes and 9 shelter homes in the state. Dr. Lyngdoh further wanted to know about the officer that the Department has entrusted to handle the juvenile case. The Deputy Director, Social Welfare replied that the same was entrusted to DCPO (District Child Protection Officer).

Shri Sengman R. Marak, Co-Chairman instructed that the Social Welfare Department to submit to the Commission (SDRC) their problems, suggestions as well as delay in promotion of the staff of the Department so that the matter can be taken up by the Commission with the Government.

Action : Social Welfare Department

2. LABOUR:-Shri Sengman R. Marak, Co-Chairman requested the representative of Labour Department to highlight the programmes implemented by the Department within the State. The Joint Labour Commissioner thanked the Co-Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Members of the Commission and the Officers presented in the meeting. He then highlighted the schemes and programme implemented by the Department through the slide presentation. Shri V. Raj, Vice-Chairman noted that only Child and Adolescent Labour Prohibition Regulation Act 2016 has been shown in the slide and asked the concerned officer about the rest. The Joint Labour Commissioner replied that the rest

of the figures of 2011 will be furnished later on. Shri V. Raj, Vice-Chairman then asked about the fines of Rs.3,65,000/- collected. The Joint Labour Commissioner replied that fines are realized by the Court after conviction. Regarding child labour in the State, Dr. Fenella Lyngdoh, Non-Official Member, SDRC asked the officer concerned whether the Department have identified the works and places which are considered to be hazardous to child labour, the Joint Labour Commissioner replied that so far no such cases have been identified by the Labour Department and the information of such case will be submitted at a later stage. Dr. Fenella Lyngdoh, Non-Official Member, SDRC then asked how many child labourers have been rescued in the State, the Joint Labour Commissioner replied that only 70 Nos of child labourers have been rescued from 2011 till date. Dr. Fenella Lyngdoh, Non-Official Member suggested that unregistered case need to be identified. In respect to budget allocation, Shri. S.P. Thapa, Co-Chairman asked whether the budget allocation is sufficient or not in respect to Non Plan which is Rs.2.61 crores and Plan Rs.2.40 crores. The Joint Labour Commissioner replied that the main problem faced by the Department is the budget allocation which is too low to run the Department and whatever funds that are received are only for salary component. Shri. S.P. Thapa, Co-Chairman suggested that the Department should make a proposal to the Government for a higher budget. He also requested the Member Secretary, SDRC to look into the matter and send a strong note of proposal to the government.

Shri V. Raj, Vice Chairman enquired whether the Department had co-ordinated with Social Welfare when a child labour is found in the State. The Joint Labour Commissioner informed that the Deputy Commissioner has conducted a regular meeting with the District Task Force comprising of police from Home Department, District Child Conviction Officer, Labour Inspector and Magistrate from the DC's office.

Shri Sengman R. Marak, Co-Chairman stated that since only one Labour Inspector is being deputed in each C&RD Block for field inspection, he informed that in risky/sensitive areas, it is not safe for the Labour Inspector alone to go for field inspection. In addition to this Dr. Fenella Lyngdoh suggested that it is better to collaborate with the police for security reason to accompany the Labour Inspector for conducting inspection. Shri Sengman R. Marak, Co-Chairman suggested that there should be district-wise breakup relating to pending cases of child labour. Regarding Child Rehabilitation Centre, Shri Sengman R. Marak, Co-Chairman directed the Social Welfare Department to collaborate with the Labour Department in

submitting the half yearly report and also to link departments like the Home Police and also Health & F.W. Department. The Joint Labour Commissioner further informed that during inspection, Doctors from Health Department were also used for determining the age of the child. Shri Sengman R. Marak, Co-Chairman, SDRC asked the officer concerned, how the Labour Department detects genuine and non-genuine labourers since most of the labourers are coming from outside the state like Assam, Bangladesh and West Bengal and some contractors are being cheated by labourers. The officer concerned, replied that there is an Interstate Migrants Workers Act under which any contractor employing labourers outside the state will have to apply for Licence and the Deputy Commissioners, SDOs Civil and Labour Commissioner are the Licensing officer. Shri Sengman R. Marak, Co-Chairman asked whether the registered labourers are receiving any financial assistance and labour welfare scheme as some of the works are risky and accident may likely occur. The officer concerned replied that after the year 1996 there is a Building and Construction Workers Welfare Act which constituted the construction workers welfare board in which all the labourers from outside the State are getting registered under this board. He then informed that the schemes are educational benefits for the child, health benefits etc. which is given by cash, providing loan, death benefits and pension of labourers based on their contribution of Rs 60 per month and further informed that awareness programme is being conducted in various areas related to such schemes.

Shri Sengman R Marak, Co-Chairman enquired about the number of workers who have been registered in the state, the Joint Labour Commissioner replied that there are around 6000 plus registered workers in Meghalaya. Shri S.P Thapa, Co-Chairman asked whether the cess collected under Meghalaya Building and Construction Workers Board was transferred to the Labour Department. The Joint Labour Commissioner replied that 1% cess collected under Meghalaya Building and Construction Workers Board was transferred to the Labour Department. In respect to child rag pickers, Shri S.P Thapa, Co-Chairman instructed the Joint Labour Commissioner to send a notice to the NGOs like Shillong Reach Ministry etc since they (NGOs) are getting funds from the Government for the purpose of helping the rag pickers.

Action : Labour Department

3. HEALTH:-Shri S.P Thapa, Co-Chairman requested the Officer representing Health department to submit a report regarding the number of Doctors and staff working in the hospitals since the same is not mentioned in the report. Shri V.Raj noticed that there is a decline in immunization coverage for MCV1 which is 71713 in 2014-15 whereas 70359 in 2015-16 as compared to the previous year. Dr. D. Lyngdoh, Director of Health Services (MCH & FW)replied that MCV1 antigen was given only when the child has completed 9 months old and the department is trying to cover some more in immunization. Shri V. Raj, Vice Chairman noted that regarding national programme for prevention and control of cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and stroke (NPCDCS) and asked the concerned officer whether any step has been taken by the department to enhance the amount of Rs.5.31 crores for the said scheme since the budget appeared very less because all these diseases are very common in the entire state. He also asked whether the health department has conducted any study/survey to identify the common disease within the state and further asked whether a list mentioning the number of patients which is widely affected from any disease has been prepared by the department, if there is a budget proposal for submission to the state/central government. He further pointed out that Generic medicine is not available in Meghalaya which is highly needed and important to the patients and in this regard, he also enquired whether the Health Department has taken up this project for setting up of Generic medicine centre. Dr. D. Lyngdoh, Director of Health Services (MCH & FW)replied that the department is awaiting for MOU from the central government regarding Amrit Pharmacy which will be situated in Civil Hospital, Shillong and the medicine for cancer patients will be at a subsidized rate from the said pharmacy. Shri V. Raj, Vice Chairman requested the officer concerned, to furnish a detail report to the commission for recommendation of the same to the government. Regarding blood bank, Shri V. Raj, Vice Chairman requested the officer concerned to submit a proposal for setting up the Blood Bank facilities in all the districts since at present only in three districts the blood bank facilities are available viz. East Garo Hills, West Khasi Hills and Ri-Bhoi District. Shri V. Raj, Vice Chairman requested the health department to find out the exact number of birth that took place outside the hospital as some poor people suffers a lot when they look out for a birth certificate.

Shri Sengman R. Marak, Co-Chairman asked why most of the Doctors are not willing to work in the remote areas. Dr. P.D. Chyne, Joint Director of Health Services replied that as usual there is a shortfall of specialist Doctors in every branch especially like gynecologists in which

MMR(Maternal Mortality Rate) is very high due to unavailability of such facility. Shri Sengman R. Marak, Co-Chairman requested the health department to list out all the requirements and difficulties faced by the department and bring it to the notice of the Commission so that it can recommend to the state government.

Shri S.P Thapa and Dr. Fenella Lyngdoh suggested that the health department should reframe the Service Rule of Doctors in order to retain those who went for MBBS studies under government quota as many doctors did not report to the Health Department after completion of their studies.

Action : Health &FW Department/DHS (MCH&FW/ DHS (MI)

4.HOME (POLICE) DEPTT. : -Shri V. Raj, Vice Chairman, SDRC wanted to know how many cases are still pending till 2017.Shri S.Kharlyngdoh, IAS, Secretary, of Home (Police)Department replied that the total number of cases is 605 during 2015 whereas in 2016 is nil. He then informed that the cases are still pending due to delayed in investigation. Dr.Fenella Lyngdoh, Non Official Member also asked about the total number of Juvenile cases that are pending within the state. Shri F. Kharlyngdoh, Secretary, Home (Police) Deptt. replied that the registered Juvenile cases in the year 2014 are 7 numbers and all these 7 cases has been discharged whereas in the year 2015 and 2016 there are 257 and 218 cases respectively. Shri V. Raj, Vice Chairman stated that the number of FIRs increased but the Home (Police) department has not done sincerely enough on their part to solve the cases. Dr. Fenella Lyngdoh, Non Official Member instructed the Secretary, Home (Police) Department to furnish a detailed report including the Juvenile cases, the number of women cell in handling women and children cases, the problems faced by the department and suggestions to SDRC so that the Commission can take up the matter with Social Welfare Department.

Action: Home (Police) Department

The Commission has decided to tour Garo Hills to review/inspect the schemes from 17th to 22nd April 2017 in the 2 districts of West Garo Hills and South Garo Hills.

The vote of thanks was offered by Shri S.P.Thapa, Co-Chairman of Meghalaya SDRC.

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Shri Sengman R. Marak,
Ex-MLA & Co-Chairman, SDRC

ANNEXURE-I

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE REVIEW MEETING OF STATE DEVELOPMENT REFORMS COMMISSION (SDRC) HELD ON THE 20th FEBRUARY, 2017 AT 12.00 NOON IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, MAIN SECRETARIAT BUILDING, MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Sl. No.	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>
1.	Shri S.R. Marak -	Co-Chairman, S.D.R.C.
2.	Shri S.P. Thapa -	Co-Chairman, S.D.R.C.
3.	Shri Vijay Raj -	Vice-Chairman, S.D.R.C.
4.	Dr. Fenella Lyngdoh-	Non-Official Member, S.D.R.C
5.	Shri S.Kharlyngdoh IAS	Secretary, (Home Police) Department
6	Shri F.M. Doph -	Member Secretary, S.D.R.C.
7.	Shri R. R. Marak -	Health & FW Department
8	Smt. S. Rynga -	Deputy Director, Social Welfare
9.	Smt. V. Malngiang -	Programme Manager, State Adoption Resource Agency
10.	Smt.R.R. Marak -	Programme Officer SCPS, ICPS,
11.	Ms. Ivyreen Warjri -	Mission Director, State Resource Centre for women
12.	Dr. R.O.Budnah -	DHS (MI)
13.	Dr. D. Lyngdoh -	DHS (MCH &FW)
14.	Dr. P.D. Chyne -	Joint Director of Health Services
15.	Dr. E. Lyngdoh -	Joint Director of Health Services
16.	Shri. R. W. Wahlang -	Joint Labour Commissioner
17.	Shri P.L. Nongbri -	Joint Director of Programme Implementation