

MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE “STATE LEVEL PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING COMMITTEE” HELD ON THE 20TH JULY, 2007 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, YOJANA BHAVAN AT 2:00 P.M.

The Meeting was chaired by Dr. Mukul Sangma, Deputy Chief Minister, In-charge Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department who is also the Chairman of the Committee.

The list of Members and Officers who attended the Meeting is at Annexure – I.

At the very outset, the Chairman welcomed the Co-Chairmen, all the members of the Committee and also the Officials who attended this first Meeting of the Committee. He informed the Meeting that the Committee was primarily constituted to monitor the field implementation of Programmes and Schemes being implemented by various Government departments and this Committee is to be its eyes and ears also. The Committee has to play a more proactive role and furnish necessary feedback to the Government to ensure better outcomes from the implementation of various schemes.

Points of discussions taken up in the Meeting:

1. The terms and reference of the Committee were read out in the Meeting by the Chairman who also invited suggestions/views from the Members, if they want to include any additional terms of reference for the Committee. Suggestions in this regard can be given in subsequent meetings also.

2. As this is the first Meeting, the Chairman requested Commissioner & Secretary Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department to brief the Meeting on the functions of the Programme Implementation and Evaluation Department.

3. Dr. Shreeranjana, Commissioner & Secretary, Planning and Programme Implementation and Evaluation Department narrated in brief the functions and responsibilities of the Department which include:

- Conduct of Evaluation and Research Studies.
- Monitoring and Reporting on 20 Points Programmes and MPLADS.
- Follow up action on Governor’s Address.
- Monitoring and Review on Selected Programmes and Projects.

He also provided the overview of monitoring and mechanism of review in the State and indicated the various list of flagship Programmes, State Plans etc.

4. Shri A. H. Scott Lyngdoh, Co-Chairman, suggested that the Committee may target evaluation of a few important Schemes to start with like Mid-day Meal Scheme (MDMS), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Public Distribution System (PDS) as these Schemes concern with the poorer section of the people of the State. He further stated that the Committee should interact with the beneficiaries so as to know the ground realities and the benefits derived by the people from the Scheme(s). Problems have to be highlighted and sorted out.

5. Dr. Friday Lyngdoh, Co-Chairman, in his speech agreed with the suggestion but suggested that the Committee should first identify the important Schemes to be monitored by the Committee and then form groups for monitoring and field inspection immediately thereafter. He mentioned Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission Scheme as important for review.

6. Shri Skylance G. Momin, Member, informed the Committee that so far he had visited all the 8 (eight) Blocks in West Garo Hills and discovered many lacunae in the implementation of Mid-day Meal Programme, National Rural Health Mission, Public Distribution System and Prime Minister Gramin Sadak Yojana, in these areas in which the common people did not derive the full benefits from these Programmes. He also stated that he has informed the Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills about the findings of his visits and is working closely with the Deputy Commissioner.

7. Other members also participated in the discussions. It was decided also that the Department would examine the issue of membership in respect of Smti. Viola Sonachi B.Sangma.

8. Shri B. K. Dev Barma, Principal Secretary, Finance Deptt. participating in the discussions, suggested that the Committee may engage consultants to evaluate important Schemes being implemented by Government so that its findings will help the Committee get the true picture of the implementation and success of the Schemes. To this, Commissioner & Secretary Programme Implementation and Evaluation clarified that the Department has a plan to outsource some important Evaluation Studies to Organisations like NIRD, SIRD and NEHU and this process is being initiated by the Department.

9. The Chairman agreed with the suggestion of outsourcing and stated that this will help the Government to get the feedbacks on the implementation and drawbacks of the Schemes and also in formulating development plans in future.

10. After threadbare discussion on the matter the Committee decided as below:-

- i. There should be more proactive action by all administrative departments for dissemination of information about Schemes. Directives to be issued by the Department that all Programmes/Schemes being implemented in all Districts be publicised at all C & RD Blocks to ensure that the general public get all the information about the Schemes in their respective area. District-wise and Block-wise break-up of fund allocation, physical targets, achievements, beneficiaries have to be clearly indicated.
- ii. Deputy Commissioners should hold regular meetings with all District Officers to monitor implementation of Schemes/ Projects in the Districts and to collate this information. They will also hold meetings to get Block-wise information and take steps for making such information available at Block level. This can be placed department-wise on CIC Website, information panel of Block office/IPR department's Chronicle etc.
- iii. The Committee should hold review meetings with concerned Department/Districts starting with Mid-day Meal Scheme, Public Distribution System and SNP (Nutrition) from Social Welfare Department.
- iv. For the above programmes, field visits should be undertaken by the Committee. For this purpose, the Committee decided to constitute two groups, viz.
 - (a) First Group to be headed by Chairman and will include Shri Skylance G. Momin for Garo Hills and
 - (b) Second Group to be headed by the two Co-Chairmen for Khasi, Jaintia and Ri Bhoi and will include Shri Barnabas Nongbah.
- v. Directives be given to all Departments that the Budget Allocations for the above schemes for all Districts be intimated to the Officer on Special Duty, Programme Implementation and Evaluation Department within 10 days for onward transmission to the Committee. On receipt of information Committee would undertake field inspections. It was decided that the members would use their vehicle. However, for any field requirement of four wheel vehicles/Jeeps etc. the Departments/Deputy Commissioners would arrange.
- vi. The next Meeting will review Forest Department including Joint Forest Management Scheme. They should be requested to make a PowerPoint presentation on their important schemes and furnish information in advance.

- vii. The terms of reference be modified to provide provision for co-opting members or inviting members.

Summing up, the Chairman expressed his desire that the people who are stakeholders have to be made more alert and vigilant so that they are not denied and deprived of the fruits of development. He also hoped that the efforts of the Committee would go a long way in helping towards the fulfillment of peoples' expectations.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

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(Dr. Mukul Sangma)
Deputy Chief Minister, In-charge Programme
Implementation & Evaluation Department
& Chairman, State Level Programme
Implementation and Monitoring Committee.

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Copy for kind information and necessary action to:-

1. P. S. to Deputy Chief Minister, Incharge Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department & Chairman, State Level Programme Implementation and Monitoring Committee.
2. P. S. to Shri A. H. Scott Lyngdoh, Co-Chairman, State Level Programme Implementation and Monitoring Committee.
3. P. S. to Dr. Friday Lyngdoh, Co-Chairman, State Level Programme Implementation and Monitoring Committee.
4. Shri Skylance G. Momin, Member, State Level Programme Implementation and Monitoring Committee.
5. Smti. Viola Sonachi B. Sangma, Member, State Level Programme Implementation and Monitoring Committee.
6. Shri Barnabas Nongbah, Member, State Level Programme Implementation and Monitoring Committee.
7. Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Finance Department.
8. Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department.
9. Director, Programme Implementation & Evaluation, Meghalaya, Shillong.

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