

MINUTES OF THE STATE LEVEL REVIEW MEETING HELD ON 05/06/2008 TO REVIEW PRIME MINISTER'S PACKAGE

In order to monitor, review and guide the implementation of PM's package, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh has constituted a State Level Review Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary.

The first meeting of this **State Level Review Committee** was held on 5th June 2008 under the Chairmanship of **Shri Tabom Bam**, the **Chief Secretary**. The list of officers who attended the meeting is at Annexure A.

Shri P S Lokhande, Secretary (Planning) & Member Secretary of the State Level Review Committee welcomed the Chairman, Shri Hari Krishna Paliwal, Principal Secretary (Coordination) and all other members. He gave a detailed account of the Projects under PM Package and briefly informed about the various actions initiated till date. The minutes of the review meeting taken by the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister on 7th April has been circulated to all the departments to provide up-dated feedback. He expressed the hope that with today's meeting the pace of the implementation of the package will multiply exponentially. He also informed that the projects are being monitored by the His Excellency the Governor and the Hon'ble Chief Minister on regular basis.

Shri Hari Krishna Paliwal, Principal Secretary (Power & Co-ordination) expressed his happiness about presence of all the concerned Commissioners and Secretaries. He informed that the Government of India is following-up each and every project very meticulously. The very fact that the co-ordination meetings are held under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary to Prime Minister and involving the Secretaries to the

Government of India depicts the very seriousness with which Government of India is handling this matter. He informed that on 7th April he attended the meeting on the behalf of the State Government and next review meeting is expected to be held in the first week of July. He expressed that before this meeting, our records should be ready and the progress on each of the project should be satisfactory. Any lapses on the side of the State Government will lead to embarrassment at such high level meeting. However, he expressed the confidence that with today's meeting the implementation machinery will get good momentum.

Shri Tabom Bam, the Chief Secretary and the Chairman of the State Level Review Committee explicitly underlined the importance of the PM's package in the developmental history of Arunachal Pradesh. He told that it was after the gap of 12 years; Prime Minister has visited the State and announced a revolutionary package. Though the Central Government is now generous as far as funds availability is concerned, the absorption capacity of the State implementing agencies is a matter of serious concern. He expressed that all the Commissioners/Secretaries should conduct fortnightly review of the concerned department and provide necessary guidance. He then asked the concerned departments to brief about the status of various projects.

A) THE PROJECTS FOR WHICH FOUNDATION STONES WERE LAID BY THE HPM ON 31ST JANUARY 2008

- i) **New Secretariat Building at Itanagar:** During the meeting of the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister it was targeted that the State Government should submit the DPR along with detailed design and estimates by 15th June 2008. However Shri Otem Dai, Commissioner (PWD) briefed that due to some procedural problem the design and drawings prepared earlier have not been accepted by the competent authority. The department is again initiating the process de-novo and hence the DPR will be

made available only at the end of August. Principal Secretary (Power & Co-ordination) expressed that this delay will cause embarrassment to the state government in the next meeting to be chaired by the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister. Shri Tomi Ete, Chief Engineer (D&P) PWD informed that it would take at least two months to complete the design and DPR etc. However, the Chief Secretary intervened and instructed that the department is required to initiate necessary corrective action and under any circumstances the DPR preparation should be complete by the end of July.

- ii) **Pare Hydroelectric Project:** No action required from the State Government.
- iii) **Dibang Multipurpose Project:** Shri T Norbu, Secretary (Power) briefed about the present status. He informed that though the public hearing was carried out successfully in Lower Dibang Valley District, it could not be carried out in Dibang Valley District because of opposition from some local groups on March 12, 2008. Shri D V Negi, PCCF informed that minimum 21 days notice is required to conduct the public hearing. The Secretary, Pollution Control Board in collaboration with the Deputy Commissioner and the project developers, coordinates it. . The Chief Secretary told that he would pass necessary instructions to all concerned including the Deputy Commissioner to conduct the public hearing within this month.
- iv) **Itanagar Water Supply Scheme:** The scheme has been sanctioned by the Ministry of Urban Development and in Arunachal it is implemented by the Department of Public Health Engineering. Shri T Bagra, Secretary (PHED) informed that last year Rs. 17 Cr were made available to the department out of which department has spent Rs. 13 Cr. There was very poor response for the tender for the construction of treatment plant

etc. and hence the department was in the process of issuing re-tender. Principal Secretary told that the progress was not very satisfactory and the department has to speed up all works.

- v) **New Railway line from Harmutty to Itanagar:** The Principal Secretary (Power & Coordination) informed that Railways expressed readiness to start work in October 2008, provided that the land is made available. Shri T Taloh, Commissioner (Land Management) informed that preliminary notification under section 4 had been issued with last date for claims and objections on 4th of July. Total 12.91 kms falls under Arunachal Pradesh for which 109.85 Ha of land is required to be acquired. The Principal Secretary suggested that the maps and other details should be shared with the Forest department to ascertain involvement of any forest land. Hon'ble Chief Minister has constituted a high level committee under the chairmanship of Shri Nabam Tuki, Hon'ble Minister, PWD for ascertaining cooperation of local people. Principal Secretary suggested that if the land is handed over in July-August, the work could commence immediately.

B) THE PROJECTS FOR WHICH ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE BY THE HPM ON 31ST JANUARY 2008

- i) **ELECTRIFICATION OF ALL HOUSES IN THE STATE:** As per the announcements Rs. 550 Cr was to be spent on the electrification of all the households in the state. The Planning Commission has already released Rs. 169.11 Cr for the completion of some 42 incomplete projects to add total capacity of 47.28 MW. The work on these projects is going on. As far as planning for the balance funds is concerned, the State Government in consultation with the MNRE is in the process of preparing DPR which is expected to be ready at any time. Since

most of the projects are small in nature, they can be implemented in two years time frame. However, the Principal Secretary has pointed out that the MNRE is yet to finalize the source for the balance Rs. 380 Cr. The Secretary Planning told that since it is the part of the PM's package, it should come as 100% grant without asking for any state share as has been done in other sectors.

ii) Construction of Greenfield airport in Itanagar: Shri Hage Khoda, Commissioner (Civil Aviation) briefed about the progress. The State Government has received the copy of the DPR for a total estimated cost of Rs. 574.17 Cr from the Air-port Authority of India. The Department of Civil Aviation, Arunachal Pradesh after observing all the formalities had submitted the proposal for diversion of 928 Ha forestland to the Department of Forest and Environment. The department of Forest and Environment has in-turn forwarded the proposal to MoEF on 5th May 2008. However, both Principal Secretary and Planning Secretary informed that Ministry is yet to receive the proposal. The PCCF informed that the entire copy of the proposal would be sent to MoEF through a special messenger immediately. His Excellency the Governor had already met and briefed Hon'ble MoS, MoEF on this subject.

iii) Operationalisation of airports at Pasighat, Along, Daporijo, Ziro and Tezu:

1) The draft MoU received from MoD for the transfer of **Pasighat** airstrip to MoD for development, operation and maintenance has been returned to MoD after certain modifications for their acceptance. As suggested in the last meeting in PMO, the provision for the use of the airport concurrently for civilian purpose has been incorporated in the MoU.

2) The pre-feasibility study for **Tezu** airport has been conducted by AAI and has been made clear for the 50 seater ATR operation by acquiring some additional land. The State Government has communicated the availability of additional land to AAI and NEC. In the SFC meeting held at New Delhi in NEC Guest house, AAI was to prepare the DPR and submit it before the end of June 2008. NEC has sent a reminder to AAI on 5th May 2008.

3) The pre-feasibility study for **Ziro** airport has been conducted by AAI. The existing airport can be made operational for 50 seater ATR by acquiring additional 89 acres of land for which department of civil aviation has initiated the process.

4) The pre-feasibility study for **Daporijo** airport has been conducted by AAI and found that the existing site is unsuitable for the extension for operation of 50 seater ATR due to hillock on both sides of the runway and river Subansiri at a distance of only 450 ft. The AAI recommended that the State Government might undertake the obstacle survey through Survey of India. The State Government has written to the Surveyor General of India to carry out the study. The State Government recommends that if airstrip is not suitable for 50 seater aircraft, then it may be made suitable for the 20 seater air-crafts. There has been some opinion of differences between AAI/NEC and the State government on this issue.

5) The pre-feasibility study for **Along (Aalo)** airport has been conducted by AAI and found that the existing site is unsuitable for the extension for operation of 50 seater ATR due to hills on approach funnel and other constraints. The AAI recommended that the State Government might undertake the obstacle survey through Survey of India. The State Government has written to the Surveyor General of India to carry out the study. The State Government recommends that if airstrip is not suitable for 50

seater aircraft, then it may be made suitable for the 20 seater aircraft. There are differences of opinion between AAI/NEC and the State government on this issue. As suggested by AAI, the District Administration has proposed an alternate site at Tarmoba to develop a green-field airport.

- iv) Improvement of advanced landing grounds (ALGs) at Tuting, Mechuka, Pasighat, Vijaynagar and Walong:** Draft MoU received from MoD for transfer of Tuting, Mechuka, Vijaynagar, Pasighat to MoD for development, operation and maintenance has been returned to them after due approval from the State Government with certain modifications. Walong ALG is already with Indian Army. Provision for use of these ALGs concurrently for civilian purpose has been included in the Draft MoU.
- v) Helicopter Connectivity between Guwahati and Tawang:** The bids have been opened and are being processed for the Government approval. Commissioner (Finance) agreed to process the file on priority. Helicopter service is likely to be started by first week of July.
- vi) Two Lane trans-Arunachal Highway from Tawang to Mahadevpur :** Shri Otem Dai, Commissioner (PWD) briefed about the progress. The State Government has already submitted the pre-feasibility report of the four sectors viz Seppa to Khodaso (110.84 kms), Khodaso to Hoj (102 Kms), Pasighat to Pangin (83.81kms), Changlang to Khonsa (66.9 kms) to MoSRTTH on 15th May 2008. The pre-feasibility of remaining sectors will be submitted by 30th June 2008. Meanwhile the MoSRTTH vide no S.O. 1163 (E) Dated 16th May 2008 has notified three sectors of Trans-Arunachal Highway as National Highway No 229, NH 52 B and extension of NH 37. Overall progress on this front is satisfactory.

vii) Four Lane Highways for Itanagar: The State PWD will be submitting DPR for three sections namely 1) Kankarnallah to Pappunalah 2) Pappunalah to Mithun Gate and 3) Mithun Gate to Chimpu.

viii) 500 small settlements to be connected by roads under Bharat Nirman: During the last meeting in PMO it was suggested that the State Government should bring forward the time limits substantially. This was discussed in detailed. The Rural Works Department, which is the nodal department for the PMGSY argued that the substantive reduction of time frame might not be possible. All these settlements are located in remote inaccessible border areas requiring more time for the survey and investigation activity. Further the formation cutting etc need time to get stable in these areas because of soft soil and young mountains. However, the department has tried to compress the time limit. The DPR for the first batch of 70 settlements with 380 kms of road length will be ready by August 2008 and the road will completed by June 2010. The entire 513 settlements with 2880 kms of road length will be completed by Nov 2011. Shri Ganesh Koyu, Commissioner RWD explained that the department tried to hire the private agencies to conduct the survey etc but no-body was coming forward for the same. He requested that with the intervention of PMO, we might approach MoD to place the services of Army Engineers or GREF or others for carrying out survey work.

ix) Drinking Water Facilities in remote locations: The department of PHED advocated that until and unless the requirement of the State share is not brought down to 10% from the existing 90%, the department would not be able to complete the project. The Secretary Planning also confirmed the non-availability of the State share to the tune of 50%. The Ministry of Rural Development (GoI) should take immediate decision in this regard.

- x) Central Assistance of Rs 400 Cr for floods:** On 4th June 2008, the Union Cabinet approved Rs 399.20 Cr for the long-term reconstruction of the damaged assets in the floods of 2005. The Ministry of Home Affairs, NDMA and Planning Commission of India should release the first installment to the State Government at the earliest.
- xi) Central Assistance of the unfinished projects:** The total allocation of PWD is Rs. 217.75 Cr to complete 1063 nos of the schemes. The Commissioner PWD confirmed that the last year's funds will be used before September 2008 and this year's before March 2009 and 1063 schemes will be physically completed. The Department of Hydropower got the allocation of Rs. 169.11 Cr to complete 42 projects. Secretary Power confirmed that with this amount the department will physically complete the 42 project and will add a capacity of 47.28 MW by March 2009. The RWD and Power (T&D) also confirmed the capacity to spend and complete the projects physically. At this juncture, Secretary Planning informed that Ms Jayati Chandra, Sr Advisor, Planning Commission has time and again emphasized on the judicious use of the funds and also to ensure that with this money the schemes are physically completed without fail. The Planning Department will very shortly host the data on the website.
- xii) Release of Corpus Fund to RKM:** The RKM Hospital has already received Rs. 10 Cr from the PMO in their account. The Planning Commission and the MoDONER has released Rs 20 Cr each. Shri Anshu Prakash, Commissioner (Health) informed that this Rs. 40 Cr will be released to the RKM Itanagar once the MoU is signed. The Chief Secretary directed that the release of funds should not be tied up with MoU and the department of health should take immediate steps to release the funds at the earliest.

After this thorough review the Principal Secretary (Power and Coordination) appealed to all the senior officers to work hard to achieve the targeted goals within stipulated time. For majority of the projects the implementation will completely depend on the response of the State Government and hence all the departments should do their best.

Secretary Planning suggested that the concerned departments should make it a standard operating practice that every month on the last day they will submit the progress reports to the Planning Department. He also requested that the departments might like to send the copies of various communications to the Planning department since as it has been identified as the nodal department for monitoring of PM's package.

The meeting concluded with the Chief Secretary's instructions on the implementing and monitoring of the PM's package by the concerned Secretaries/ Commissioners through **fortnightly review, field visits, digital photography, creative use of IT, websites, transparency** etc. Further all the departments to ensure submission of monthly report. The action taken report as on 30th June 2008 should be submitted to the Planning Department on or before 3rd July 2008 through the Chief Secretary.



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Secretary (Planning)**

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**Member Secretary
State Level Review Committee**

Memo No. PD(P)4/2008

Dated Itanagar, the 26th June, 2008.

Copy to:

1. Secretary to His Excellency Governor, Arunachal Pradesh
2. PPS to HCM, Arunachal Pradesh for information.
3. PS to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh for information.
4. All concerned Commissioners/Secretaries/Chief Engineers/Directors for information and necessary follow up action.
5. Office copy.

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ANNEXURE "A"**OFFICERS PRESENT FOR THE REVIEW MEETING ON PM's
PACKAGE HELD ON JUNE 5, 2008**

Sl. No.	Name of the Officer	Designation
1.	Shri Tabom Bam	Chief Secretary & Chairman
2.	Shri Hari Krishna Paliwal	Principal Secretary (Power & Coordination)
3.	Shri D.V. Negi	PCCF & Principal Secy (E&F)
4.	Shri T. Norbu	Secretary (Power)
5.	Shri Anshu Prakash	Commissioner (Health)
6.	Shri T.H. Tayung	CE(PWD)
7.	Shri A. Perme	CE(Power) EZ
8.	Shri B.P. Singh	CE (Power) WZ
9.	Shri Lipe Ete	CE (hydropower)
10.	Shri Geyum Padu	CE (PHED)
11.	Shri Tajom Taloh	Commissioner (LM)
12.	Shri E. Nangkar	Director (LM)
13.	Shri Tomi Ete	CE (D&P) PWD
14.	Ms. Bandana Deori	Secretary (UD)
15.	Shri G. Koyu	Commissioner (RWD)
16.	Shri K.C. Dhimole	CEO, RWD
17.	Shri Tumke Bagra	Secretary (PHED)
18.	Shri Yeshe Tsering	Commissioner & Secy (Finance)
19.	Shri Otem Dai	Commissioner (PWD)
20.	Shri Millo Bida	Director (Planning)
21.	Shri C.L. Thungkang	Director (State Plan)
22.	Shri Prashant Lokhande	Secretary (Planning) & Secretary to Governor & Member Secretary

**IMPLEMENTATION OF PACKAGE ANNOUNCED BY HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER
OF INDIA ON 31st JANUARY 2008**

Sl. No.	Announcement	Action By	Action taken as on 05.06.2008
1.	<p>“Our Government is taking a program of electrification of all houses in the State. An amount of Rs.550 Crore will be spent to provide electricity through solar power as well as small hydropower projects to all the villages along the State border. Our efforts will be to provide electricity to these villages within a span of two years.” (Ministry of New and Renewable Energy).</p>	Secretary (Power)	<p>1) Out of Rs. 550.00 Cr, the Planning Commission has already released Rs. 169.11 Cr for the completion of 42 incomplete projects to add total capacity of 47.28 MW.</p> <p>2) The Ministry of MNRE is required to find out the source of funding for the balance amount. The DPR is under preparation and will be submitted shortly.</p> <p>3) The MNRE component should also come as 100% grant similar to Planning Commission's component without asking for any state share.</p> <p>4) It is expected that the project will be implemented in two years time.</p>
2.	<p>“A new Greenfield Airport will be constructed in Itanagar. We will also operationalize Pasighat, Along, Daporijo, Ziro and Tezu Airports”. (Ministry of Civil Aviation).</p>	Commissioner (Civil Aviation)	<p>1) AAI has submitted the DPR with estimated cost of Rs. 574.17 Cr.</p> <p>2) The Draft MoU, which was sent by AAI, has been returned by the State Government suggesting some amendments as regard to post construction operation. The AAI has not replied yet.</p> <p>3) The process for the forest clearance has already been initiated by the State Government. The proposal for diversion of 928 Ha of forestland has been sent to MoEF on 5th May 2008 by the office of PCCF, Itanagar.</p> <p>4) The pre-feasibility study for the Tezu airport has been completed and found suitable for 50-seater</p>

			<p>ATR operations. AAI to submit the DPR by the end of June 2007.</p> <p>5) As suggested by PMO, the clause regarding civilian use of airport has been included for the MoU for Pasighat airport.</p> <p>6) AAI has found some problems in the operationalising of Aalo, Ziro and Daporijo airports for which the State Government is taking remedial measures.</p> <p>7) The State Government suggests that if these airports are not suitable for 50-seater operation, then they may operationalize for the 20-seater operation.</p>
3.	“Defence Ministry would improve infrastructure of the Advanced Landing Grounds at Tuting, Mechuka, Pasighat, Vijaynagar and Walong”. (Ministry of Defence).	Commissioner (Civil Aviation)	The State Government has returned the MoU to MoD after some modifications and due approval.
4.	“Daily helicopter facility between Guwahati and Tawang”. (Ministry of Home Affairs).	Commissioner (Civil Aviation)	All the procedural formalities are done and the service is expected to start in the first week of July.
5.	“We are going to construct a two-lane Trans-Arunachal Pradesh Highway from Tawang to Mahadevpur. This 1840 kms long highway will pass through Bomdila, Nechipu, Seppa, Sagalee, Ziro, Daporijo, Along, Pasighat, Roing, Tezu, Mahadevpur, Namchik, Changlang, Khonsa and Kanubari”. (Department of Road Transport & Highways).	Commissioner (PWD)	<p>1) The MoSRTTH has directed the State Government to conduct the pre-feasibility and submit the report within three months. The exercise has been started and the PWD has submitted the pre-feasibility report of four sectors namely 1) Seppa to Khodaso 2) Khodaso to Hoj 3) Pasighat to Pangin and 4) Changlang to Khonsa on 15th May 2008. The remaining stretches would be submitted by June 2008.</p> <p>2) Meanwhile the MoSRTTH vide no S.O. 1163 (E) Dated 16th May 2008 has notified three sectors of Trans-Arunachal Highway as National Highway No 229, NH 52 B and ext of NH 37</p>

6.	<p>“Itanagar will be connected by four-lane highway within four-five years and all District Headquarters will be connected with two-lane roads”. (Department of Road Transport & Highways).</p>	Commissioner (PWD)	<p>1) The PWD and MoSRTTH officials are working to finalize the alignment and other details.</p> <p>2) The State PWD will be submitting DPR for three sections namely 1) Kankarnallah to Pappunalah 2) Pappunalah to Mithun Gate and 3) Mithun Gate to Chimpu.</p>
7.	<p>“Under Bharat Nirman, 500 small settlements will be connected by roads”. (Ministry of Rural Development).</p>	Commissioner (RWD)	<p>1) The department has tried to compress the time limit. The DPR for the first batch of 70 settlements (not 17) with 380 kms of road length will be ready by August 2008 and the road will completed by June 2010. The entire 513 settlements with 2880 kms of road length will be completed by Nov 2011.</p> <p>2) Shri Ganesh Koyu, Commissioner RWD explained that the department tried to hire the private agencies to conduct the survey etc but nobody is coming forward for the same. He requested that with intervention of PMO, we might approach MoD to place the services of Army Engineers or GREF or others for carrying out survey work.</p>
8.	<p>“We will surely provide the required funds for providing drinking water facilities in remote villages and settlements of Arunachal Pradesh”. (Department of Drinking Water Supply).</p>	Secretary (PHED)	<p>1) The issue regarding reducing the State Matching Share from 50% to 10% has been taken up with the Ministry of R.D. The State government is hopeful for the same. Without this, the Bharat Nirman Project will not be successful in the State.</p> <p>2) The department is advised to increase its absorption capacity and submit the Utilization Certificates regularly.</p>

			3) The Chief Secretary has written a letter to Secretary, Department of Drinking Water on this issue.
9.	“In order to stop losses due to floods and bring about improvements in flood affected areas, we will provide an assistance of 400 Crore rupees from the Central Government”. (Ministry of Home Affairs).	Director (RR&DM)	1) On 4 th June 2008, the union cabinet approved Rs 399.20 Cr for the long-term reconstruction of the damaged assets in the floods of 2005. The Ministry of Home Affairs and NDMA should release the first installment to the State Government at the earliest.
10.	“Many projects in the State are lying unfinished. We will provide an amount of Rs. 265 Crore for completion of these projects”. (Planning Commission of India)	Commissioner (PWD/RWD), Secretary (Power)	1) The total allocation of PWD is Rs. 217.75 Cr to complete 1063 schemes. The Commissioner PWD confirmed that the last year’s funds would be used before September 2008 and this year before March 2009 and 1063 schemes would be physically completed. The Department of Hydropower got the allocation of Rs. 169.11 Cr to complete 42 projects. Secretary Power confirmed that with this amount the department would physically complete the 42 projects and would add a capacity of 47.28 MW by March 2009. The RWD and Power (T&D) also confirmed the capacity to spend and complete the projects physically. At this juncture, Secretary Planning informed that Ms Jayati Chandra, Sr. Advisor, Planning Commission has time and again emphasized on the judicious use of the funds and also to ensure that with this money the schemes are physically completed without fail. The Planning Department will very shortly host the data on the website.
11.	Strengthening the RK Mission Hospital by providing a corpus of Rs. 50 Crore.		1) The PMO has released Rs. 10 Cr.

			<p>2) The Planning Commission has released Rs. 20 Cr.</p> <p>3) Recently MoDONER has released Rs. 20 Cr shortly.</p> <p>4) MoU is under preparation and the funds will be released to RKM after signing the MOU and before June 2008.</p>
12	Construction of Railway Line from Harmuti to Itanagar. (Ministry of Railways)	Commissioner (Transport)	<p>1) Railways proposed to start work in October 2008, provided that the land is made available by September 2008. Preliminary notification under section 4 has been issued with last date for claims and objections on 4th of July. Total 12.91 kms falls under Arunachal Pradesh for which 109.85 Ha of land is required to be acquired. The maps and other details will be shared with the Forest department to ascertain involvement of any forest land. Hon'ble Chief Minister has constituted a high level committee under the chairmanship of Shri Nabam Tuki, Hon'ble Minister, PWD with regard to the participation of local people. It was assured that the land would be made available by September.</p>
13	Construction of new Secretariat Building at Itanagar. (Ministry of DoNER)	Commissioner (PWD)	<p>1) During the meeting of the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister it was targeted that the State Government should submit the DPR along with detailed design and estimates by 15th June 2008. However, due to some procedural problem the design and drawings prepared earlier have not been accepted by the competent authority. The department is again initiating the process de-novo and informed that the DPR will be made available only at the end of August. However, the Chief</p>

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14	Dibang Multipurpose Project	Secretary (Power)
		1) The public hearing was carried out successfully in Lower Dibang Valley District, but it could not be carried out in Dibang Valley District because of opposition from some local groups on March 12, 2008. Minimum 21 days notice is required to conduct the public hearing. The Secretary, Pollution Control Board in collaboration with the Deputy Commissioner and the project developers, coordinates it. The Chief Secretary told that he would pass necessary instructions to all concerned including the Deputy Commissioner to conduct the public hearing within this month.



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