

**GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
ITANAGAR**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING TAKEN BY SHRI P.P.SRIVASTAVA, HON'BLE
MEMBER, NEC ON 08.08.08 AT 1530 HRS. IN THE CONFERENCE HALL
OF CHIEF SECRETARY.**

Following members have attended the meeting:-

1. Shri P.P.Srivastava, Hon'ble Member, NEC.	10. Shri G.N.Sinha, M.D., APFCL, Itanagar
2. Shri Tabom Bam, Chief Secretary.	11. Shri J.Angu, Director (RD)
3. Shri Yashi Tsering, Development Commissioner	12. Shri P.Mazumdar, Director (SYA)
4. Shri Otem Dai, Commissioner (PWD)	13. Shri J.L.Singh, CCF (P&D)
5. Shri T.Taloh, Commissioner (Agri/AHV)	14. Shri K.Kumar, Dir. (HQ) APFCL.
6. Shri Hage Khoda, Commissioner (Education)	15. Shri P.Dey, Joint Director (Planning)
7. Shri P.S.Lokhande, Secretary (Planning)	16. Shri G.K.Dev, Research Officer (Planning)
8. Shri G.Koyu, Secretary (Horticulture)	17. Shri T.Chuku, Research Asstt. (Planning)
9. Shri B.Pertin, Secretary (SYA)	

. At the very outset, Secretary (Planning) welcomed Hon'ble Member, NEC and other participants of the meeting.

The Chief Secretary requested the Hon'ble Member, NEC to share his views on various issues and enlighten the participants to enable them to take necessary appropriate action accordingly. The Hon'ble Member, NEC informed that he intended to discuss 5 (five) main issues viz. (1) Large scale Rubber plantation (2) Bamboo Mission (3) Mountaineering Institute at Dirang (4) Training of untrained Teachers and (5) Vocational education.

The main points as emphasized by the Hon'ble Member, NEC were as follows:-

1. Rubber Plantation -

The State should go for large scale rubber plantation in collaboration with the Rubber Board. This cash crop has a gestation period of 7 (seven) years and in Tripura where rubber plantation is highly successful, farmers earn about Rs.1.00 lakh per ha. The scheme is intended to help the marginal farmers below poverty level to raise their income. Plantation is to be taken up in clusters of areas and farmers having at least 2 ha. of land can avail the benefit of the scheme. The State Govt. should select the beneficiaries very carefully to ensure that only the BPL farmers avail the benefit or else in case the rich farmers having huge areas of land will become richer and poor people become poorer and thereby creating various social problems like unemployment, poverty, insurgency etc. Since, no poor farmer can wait for 6 - 7 years for availing the benefits of the scheme, inter cropping of other cash crops has to be ensured in the project areas. This scheme can be dog-tailed with other Centrally sponsored rural development programme like Hariyali. In case the State Govt. is unable to provide the State share, the same can be filled up by DoNER or NEC. However, it should not be expected that full fund for the proposed project will come as grant and it is only after the State Govt. takes concrete steps for successful implementation of the project that the DoNER or NEC will step in. The Rural Development Department, APFCL and the District Administration should all works in a coordinated manner for successful implementation of the scheme.

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2. Bamboo Mission -

Bamboo - which is known as the green grass can be converted into green gold and it is only bamboo which can replace wood in an environment friendly manner. There is no dearth of funding under the Bamboo Mission and since there is plenty of bamboo available in the State, efforts should be made to diversify the use of bamboo for better production and marketing including exports which will greatly help the poor section of the people. In this regard, the CBTC will provide necessary technical support. It will also encourage demand for bamboo products and reduce the demand for timber thereby reducing illegal felling of trees/deforestation. The State Govt. may sanction few buildings - residential, institutional and offices to be made of bamboo in the State Capital for demonstration and awareness purpose.

3. Mountaineering Institute at Dirang -

All formalities for establishment of Mountaineering Institute at Dirang which will be first of its kind in the North Eastern Region have been completed and the only issue that needs to be sorted out is that of formal land allotment order. The District Administration is to issue the same in favour of Sports & Youth Affairs Department after which necessary works for establishment of the institution will commence. In this regard, Secretary (SYA) has to take up the matter with the District Administration and endorse a copy of all communications made so far to Hon'ble Member, NEC and Secretary (NEC) for proper coordination. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the project will be prepared by the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) which is the Govt. recognized expert body for such works. The main objective of the institution will be to give the youth of the North East an opportunity of training in eco and mountaineering tourism on a large scale. The institution will also have facilities of training in mountaineering, skiing, tracking, para-gliding etc. The youth of the region could be trained in the various skills of the mountain sports. Training will be conducted by experts in their respective fields and thus, youth of the region will be able to avail preliminary training in the region itself.

4. Training of un-trained Teachers -

Most of the teachers in the State in the primary to High School level are un-trained and need formal teachers' training in order to acquaint themselves with the latest techniques of teaching. Training of Science and Mathematics Teachers are of greater significance and the State Govt. should look into the matter very seriously and approach the Human Resource Development Ministry. This is important to enhance the quality of education in general and Science education in particular in the State. The student should be encouraged to take up technical and vocational education.

5. Vocational Education -

There is a need to impart vocational education/training to three categories, viz. School drop-outs, educated unemployed and partially employed to enable them to undertake various activities for livelihood. Skill upgradation of technical persons should also be taken up. Training of unemployed youths should cover physical activities by attaching them with army units, skill upgradation for value addition in the existing products and hands-on training by attaching them with industrial units. The cost involved in such activities are socially profitable in the long run. Therefore, the Commissioner (Education) informed the Hon'ble Member NEC that the State Govt. is getting an amount of Rs.189 crore from Govt. of India under SSA and requested that the 15% State share required for the purpose may be provided by the NEC as was done last year. The Hon'ble Member assured to look into the matter on receipt of formal intimation from the State Govt.

The Commissioner (Education) also informed that the Expert Committee Report on Infrastructure Development of educational institutes has recommended an amount of Rs.36.00 crore for the purpose. He also informed that Arunachal Pradesh is the only State which is not having SCERT. In reply, the Hon'ble Member, NEC informed that the Ministry of Human Resource Development can help in this regard and that the issue will be reviewed in September' 2008.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks from Secretary (Planning).

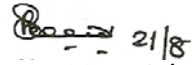
Sd/- T.Bam,
Chief Secretary

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6. The PCCF, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
7. The M.D., APFCL, Itanagar.
8. The Director (School Education) / (Rural Development) / (Sports & Youth Affairs), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.


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Secretary (Planning)