MINUTES OF THE C.D.C. MONTHLY REVIEW MEETING HELD WITH THE DEPARTMENTS UNDER NCHAC, HAFLONG, DIMA HASAO

DATE; 4th March' 2022;

TIME: 1:00 PM

VENUE: Conference Hall of Shiksha Bhawan;

The meeting was presided over by Sri T.T. Daulagupu, ACS, Principal Secretary, NCHAC. After welcoming the members he informed the House that this review meeting would be held on a monthly basis and that it would be known as the *Council Development Committee* hereafter. The present meeting was convened only with a few of the major departments as an initiative. Highlighting the importance of such regular meetings with the departments, he stated that it would serve as a forum for the departments to share new ideas and maintain close coordination among themselves. Departments like Agriculture, Forests, Soil Conservation and DRDA could set an example by converging their schemes and thereby avoid duplicity of schemes. This would certainly help in unnecessary wastage of public fund,

Thereafter, the Principal Secretary pointed out that although most of the Departments earmark sufficient amount in their Annual Action Plan for payment of various Govt. Taxes / Bills etc. against their respective Department, it has been reported that some Departments have accumulated arrears on electricity dues / municipality taxes etc. He requested the Departments not to default on timely payment of Taxes / Bills etc. and show sincerity on such matters.

Action to be taken: All Departments to ensure clearance of such Bills / Taxes etc. This would be reviewed in the next DPB meeting.

The Principal Secretary then initiated a department-wise brief discussion on their activities etc.

1. Agriculture: The Addl. Director, Agriculture informed that under PM-KISHAN there are a total of 21828 Beneficiaries in Dima Hasao district and that some could not be uploaded due to land issues. On Awareness programme on Paddy Procurement, a total of 16 Gram Sabha was held with a total of 780 participants. Under BGREI scheme out of a total of 46 Nos. sanctioned by DLCC, 19 Nos. have been delivered till date.

The Principal Secretary also informed the House about the decision of the Council authorities to allocate certain fund to each ADO for initiating activities / schemes for the benefit of the poor farmers. This would be provided from SOPD 2022-23. He urged the department to come up with a proper Action Plan for the same and requested the Addl. Director to extend all support to the ADOs.

Action to be taken: (i) The Addl. Director, Agriculture to pursue its land related matter with the Revenue Deptt, NCHAC. (ii) He is also to ensure that all SOPD works for 2021-22 are completed on time. (iii) To submit Action Plan of the ADOs at an early date, (iv) To adopt a mechanism to ensure that Beneficiaries of Govt, schemes become financially strong.

2. Education: The Addl. Director, Education informed that there was undue delay in the preparation of Plan & Estimates for civil works by the PWD (Building) Department for which they could not submit to Council for its approval. This was a concern as it would affect the timely completion of works. At this Sri H.N. Sharma, representing the PWD (Building) Department offered his apologies and clarified that he was faced with serious inadequate staff strength at his disposal. The Principal Secretary then directed him to approach him on the matter to chalk out a solution / alternative arrangement. While discussing about the general academic issues of the district, it was revealed that there was a loss of a 1000 students in Matrie during 2021 as compared to the previous years. The House unanimously felt that this was alarming. The Addl. Director, Education then informed that up to Class-VIII there was not much an issue but the drop out rate increases from Class-IX. The Principal Secretary then instructed her to find out the reason for such a loss; whether it was the lack of basic amenities in the schools like separate toilets, running water etc.

Action to be taken: The Addl. Director, Education to prepare an overall statistics of academic issues in the district; find out at which level the drop out increases and suggest remedial measures.

3. Soil Conservation: The D.O. Maibang informed the House that a new project was initiated by the Gol namely, New Generation Watershed Development Project (WDC-PMKSY 2.0). In Dima Hasao district this project would be located at Upper Jatinga covering 10 villages with a Treatable Area of 4500 Ha and the project is named and numbered as "Dima Hasao-WDC-1/2021-22/Upper Jatinga". The project was sanctioned during 2021-22 and the duration of the project is 5 years. He also informed that the project is at a preparatory phase.

Action to be taken: The Addl. Director, Soil Conservation and the D.O. Soil Conservation. Maibang to brief the Principal Secretary at his office chamber with all the details etc. regarding the project.

- 4. Industries: The Principal Secretary informed that with the adoption of One-District-One-Product Scheme (ODOP) by the Govt, the authorities of NCHAC have identified ginger as the product for Dima Hasao district. The Industries department being the Nodal Department for ODOP, he instructed the department to prepare a proper and detailed Action Plan for ODOP.
 - Action to be taken: The Addl, Director, Industries & Commerce to carry out feasibility study for establishing ginger related processing units, storage godowns, Packaging and Branding of Ginger of Dima Hasao and submit report accordingly.
 - To establish contact with State Nodal Department for ODOP for market linkage of ginger products and present a detailed report thereof.
 - iii. To present proposal for ginger related activities to be included in the Action Plan for the year 2022-23 for discussion in the District Planning Board' 2022-23 with clear Physical Targets and possible outcome.

5. Irrigation: The Addl. Chef Engineer, Irrigation (Zone-VI). Haflong informed that out of 49 schemes under SOPD' 2021-22 18 schemes have been completed and under AIBP, out of 38 projects 25 projects have been completed so far.

Action to be taken; The Addl. Chef Engineer, Irrigation (Zone-VI), Haflong to ensure that New Zoar Flow Irrigation Scheme under NLCPR is completed in all aspects by 31/03/2022,

6. <u>P.W.D.</u>: The Principal Secretary conveyed his serious displeasure over the substandard construction works and poor quality of materials used in the project – "Nayapur to Diyungbra Road" (Package No. AS-18-07 under PMGSY 32020 150621 Batch No. 1). This matter was widely circulated in the electronic media as well as in the various social media forum. This was a matter of great concern and embarrassment to the Council authorities as it tarnishes the image of the NCHAC as well as the district.

Action to be taken: The Executive Engineer, PWD(R&B), Haflong to initiate strong action against the site in-charge and take IMMEDIATE remedial measures on the project.

In conclusion the Principal Secretary exhorted all the departments to discharge their duties with utmost sincerity and dedication so that NCHAC can aspire to be the best Council in the entire state. With this aim in view, he informed that there would be regular interaction with the line departments and that from the next review meeting there would be power point presentation from 2(two) departments to be decided and intimated at a later date. He also urged the departments to maintain a proper documentation of their activities so that this could be compiled and presented as success story of each department's whenever required

Thereafter the meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.

(Shri T.T. Daulagupu, ACS.), Principal Secretary, N.C. Hills Autonomous Council, Haflong Memo No. AC/PC/27/2021-22/9,

Dated Haflong, the 9th March' 2022

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