

**Minute of the meeting of the High Level Monitoring Committee held on 04.11.2013 to review the utilization of grants and approval of Schemes recommended by the Thirteenth Finance Commission.**

List of members present is at Annexure:

Shri W.M.S. Pariat, Chief Secretary chaired the meeting. At the outset, Chief Secretary welcomed the members present and indicated that the meeting had been convened to review utilization of grants awarded by the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission and also matters relating to the visit of the Chairman & Members of the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission to the State w.e.f 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2013. He then requested Commissioner & Secretary Finance to take up agenda points for discussion.

The action taken report on decisions of the last HLMC meeting held on 19.08.2013 were reviewed as follows:

**1. Local Bodies:**

**A. PRIs/ADCs :**

Commissioner & Secretary i/c Finance informed the committee that DCA Department is yet submit Utilization Certificate as follows:-

<u>Name of Councils</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>
KHADC	-	₹ Nil
GHADC	₹ 19,64,208/-	₹ 4,53,32,224/-
JHADC		₹ 3,24,26,250/-
TOTAL	₹ 19,64,208/-	₹ 7,77,58,474/-

Non receipt of U/C from DCA in respect of 2 (two) ADCs for 2010-11 and 2011-12 was discussed at length. Deptt. was then advised to submit all the pending U/Cs of ₹19,64,208/- of 2010-11 and ₹4,53,32,224/- of 2011-12 in respect of GHADC, ₹ 3,24,26,250/- in respect of JHADC to facilitate release of fund due for an amount of ₹73.95 crore of 2012-13, since subsequent release of fund is subject to submission of U/C for the previous grants released and compliance of the conditions stipulated by the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission.

## **B. Urban Local Bodies**

The Govt. of India have released ₹15.24 crore during 2012-13. The entire amount of ₹15.24 crore released by Govt. of India was sanctioned and released to Urban Affairs Department.

Since proposals/schemes for 2012-13 amounting to ₹ 1524.14 lakh has been approved by the Chief Secretary, Chairman of HLMC the Deptt. was advised to expedite furnishing the U/C for the above amount.

The Deptt. informed that U/C will be submitted by the month of December, 2013.

UA Department was advised to submit schemes for ₹22.07 crore for 2013-14 as allocated by the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission.

### **II .(1) Disaster Relief Fund:**

Revenue & Disaster Management Department is yet to furnish the required Certificate indicating that the amount sanctioned earlier have been credited to SDRF under 8121 for onward transmission to the Ministry of Finance and Ministry concerned and also with respect to the latest rates of interest on which the bank that gives the highest rate of interest on deposit may be accepted for investment of the SDRF Fund as decided in the last HLMC meeting held on 19.08.2013.

Commissioner & Secretary, i/c Finance also informed that 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of 2012-13 amounting to ₹7.27 crore and State Share amount of ₹1.61 crore have been released to the Deptt. Fund of ₹15.26 crore due for the year 2013-14 is yet to be released by Govt. of India.

In this regard, Deptt. informed that fund under SDRF had already been invested. Deptt. was advised to send a copy of the document to Finance Deptt.

In this regard, the Deptt. had clarified that the reason for the delay in taking action was due to the delay in receiving the information from the District Court and they informed that they have just received from the District Court and they have just submitted the U/C to the Ministry of Law & Justice with a copy to Finance Deptt.

**VI. Incentive for issuing Unique I/D: (GAD Department)**

Commissioner & Secretary, Finance informed the committee that GAD Deptt. have not submitted the U/C for the grant amount of ₹ 0.90 crore for implementation of the scheme. The Department informed that they have not yet utilized the amount and implementation is still under process.

Grant due during 2010-11 (2<sup>nd</sup> installment) to 2013-14 is ₹3.15 crore.

**VII. Improving Statistics System: (Directorate of Economic & Statistic)**

Commissioner & Secretary, i/c Finance informed the Committee that the Directorate has not furnished Utilisation Certificate for the 1<sup>st</sup> installment of ₹1.40 crore released during 2011-12 and also with respect to the progress in connection with the position of the Status Report submitted in the last HLMC meeting held on 19.8.2013 for the utilization of the 1<sup>st</sup> instalment grant with regard to net working connectivity and Training-cum-Workshop programme. She also informed that grant due during 2012-13 and 2013-14 is ₹1.40 crore each.

The Deptt. informed that the work is on progress and U/C to be submitted soon.

**VIII. Employee & Data Base : DAT:**

Regarding creation of Employee and Pension Data Base (2010-15) Commissioner & Secretary i/c Finance informed the Committee that with respect to the release of the balance grant of ₹2.50 crore due to the State will be examined for release on receipt of information called therein vide Govt. of India's letter F.No.35(19)FCD/2010 dt. 3.10.2013.

## **(2) Capacity Building:**

With regard to Capacity Building Revenue Department have not furnished Utilization Certificate of ₹1.00 crore released by Govt. of India during 2011-12 and the Department informed that only an amount of ₹0.75 crore have been utilized. Hence, the Deptt. was advised to submit U/C for the same to Finance Deptt.

## **III. Elementary Education:**

Commissioner & Secretary, i/c Finance informed the committee that Education Deptt. has furnished Utilization Certificate for the grant amount of ₹10.00 crore each for 2011-12 and 2012-13 and the same have been forwarded to Govt. of India. Govt. of India have released grant of ₹11.00 crore due during 2013-14 and the same has been released to the Deptt. with an advice to submit U/C for the above amount.

## **IV. Forest:**

Commissioner & Secretary, i/c Finance informed the Committee that Govt. of India has released grant of only ₹2962.41 lakh for the year 2012-13 against State entitlement of ₹42.02 crore. In this regard, Ministry of Finance indicated vide their letter F.No.9(1)/FCD/2010 dt. 4.9.2013 that State are required to book the Forest grant on the Non-Plan side which is as per guidelines. Ministry of Finance pointed out that booking of Forest grant under Plan is for resource estimation only and not for authorizing booking the expenditure on Plan side. A separate meeting will be held in this regard to discuss the issue.

## **V. Improving of Justice Delivery:**

Commissioner & Secretary, Finance apprised the Committee that Law Department has not submitted the revised U/C for the year 2011-12 and 2012-13 as advised in the last meeting and also has not furnished any clarification/action taken on Govt. of India's observation with respect to excess utilization under the two heads as pointed out by the Ministry of Law & Justice.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of grant of ₹.3.50 crore will be released after the State provides a report to the Ministry of Finance on the end use of the 1<sup>st</sup> installment detailing the benefits created as per format prescribed by the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission.

Chief Secretary mentioned that no proposal have been received from the six (6) Districts

## **XII. Maintenance of Roads & Bridges**

PWD Deptt. have submitted U/C for the grant of ₹24.00 crore released during 2012-13 and the same has been forwarded to the Govt. of India. Govt. of India has released grant of ₹26.00 crore for 2013-14. Proposal submitted by PWD have been approved by Chief Secretary, Chairman HLMC on file. PWD has been informed accordingly and fund released to PWD. Submission of U/C to be expedited.

## **XIII. State Specific Grants:**

### **1. Construction of Bridges**

Commissioner & Secretary i/c Finance informed the Committee that till date Govt. of India has not release grant of ₹40.00 crore for 2012-13 and 2013-14 on account of the non-availability of clearance from Ministry of DoNER for implementation of schemes.

Ministry of DoNER has fixed the meeting of the Review Committee to examine/review the working plans of the North East States including Meghalaya on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2013. However, due to the Autumn Session of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly the Ministry was requested to fix another date after the Autumn Session.

### **2. Setting up of Meghalaya Police Academy**

Police Deptt. was advised to furnish/ submit DPR for setting up of Meghalaya Police Academy and submit U/C for the amount of ₹12.50 crore released during 2011-12. Govt. of India has not released for the grant of ₹25.00 crore for 2012-13 and 2013-14 due to pending submission of U/C.

### **3. Augmentation of Tura Water Supply Scheme:**

Govt. of India has not released grant of ₹25.00 crore for 2012-13 and 2013-14 pending recommendation of the Ministry of Urban Development. Ministry of Finance has also requested the Ministry of Urban Development to forward the recommendation for further release of funds.

Finance (EA) Deptt. has also taken up with the Ministry of Urban Development to issue the necessary recommendation.

### **4. Preservation of Heritage Sites :**

Arts & Culture Department have not submitted U/C for the grant of ₹6.25 crore released by the Govt. of India.

Department submitted Action Plans for 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 and the same have been approved by the HLMC.

### **5. Development of Cave Tourism :**

Tourism Deptt. submitted U/C for the amount of ₹ 85.00 lakhs as per format and the same is under process for forwarding to Govt. of India.

### **6. Upgradation of Infrastructure for Horticulture:**

Govt. of India has not released grant of ₹19.00 crore for 2012-13 and 2013-14 due to pending recommendation of the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. Finance (EA) Deptt. has taken up with the concerned Ministry, latest being on the 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 to convey necessary recommendation.

The Deptt. have submitted detailed action plan of ₹19.00 crore for 2012-13 and 2013-14 and the same have been approved by the HLMC.

In view of that, DAT have submitted the template only and the rest of information is being awaited.

#### **IX. Water Sector Management:**

Commissioner & Secretary i/c Finance informed that on account of the non-eligibility of the State Government for the grant as per Govt. of India's observation the Principal Secretary, Water Resources Deptt. has requested the Resident Commissioner New Delhi to take up with the Govt. of India for release of funds under this scheme stating that even though water rates for irrigation have not been imposed in the State, yet the State Govt. have agreed to comply with this condition and is proposing to empower the Water Users Association for the collection of the water rates which will be credited to the accounts of the Association and be utilized by them for the operation and maintenance of the projects. Water Resource Department to take up again with R.C. New Delhi for pursuing the matter

#### **X. Incentive for reducing Infant Mortality Rate:**

Commissioner & Secretary i/c Finance informed the Committee that Health & Family welfare Deptt. have not responded for confirmation on the correctness of the grant released even after reminder was being issued by Finance (E.A) Deptt. in this regard.

Govt. of India released grant for ₹663.97 lakh for the year 2013-14. The grant has been calculated on the basis of data available in SRS Bulletin, 2009 and SRS Bulletin September, 2013. Department was informed of the release with an advice to adhere to the Guidelines on utilization of the grant.

Deptt. to communicate the correctness of the grant released.

#### **XI. District Innovation Fund: (Planning Department)**

Commissioner & Secretary informed the Committee that Utilization Certificate of ₹.3.50 crore being 1<sup>st</sup> installment during 2011-12 as well as benefit created has not been submitted by the Planning Deptt.

## 7. Construction of Warehousing Facilities :

Govt. of India has not released grant of ₹1.00 crore for 2012-13 and 2013-14 pending recommendation of the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. Finance (EA) Deptt. has taken up with the concerned Ministry, latest being on the 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 to convey necessary recommendation.

Commissioner & Secretary i/c Finance informed the Committee that Departments need not wait for submission of U/C till 100 per cent utilization of grants takes place for eligibility for release of subsequent installment. They can however submit part U/C i.e. for 2/3 of the grant released.

Concluding the meeting, Chief Secretary emphasized the need for accessing funds under the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission awards and stressed upon the implementing Departments for speedy implementation and utilization of the grants released by the Government of India. The Departments were also asked to ensure submission of Utilization Certificates at the earliest to facilitate subsequent release of funds by the Government of India.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the chair.

  
(W.M.S. Pariat)  
Chief Secretary



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17	Smt. D.T. Kharshiing,	Secretary Finance (EA) Deptt.
18	M.M. Sun	Secretary, PWD (R&B) Deptt.
19	Shri L.M. Sangma	Secretary, Law Deptt.
20	T. Lyngwa	Jt. Secretary, Urban Affairs Deptt.
21	Shri. H.M. Shangpliang	Director IPR & Social Welfare, Meghalaya, Shillong
22	M. War Nongbri, MCS	Director, Arts & Culture, Meghalaya, Shillong
23	Shri K.S. Momin	Director of Accounts & Treasury
24	Shri. W. Langstang	Director of Commerce & Industries, Meghalaya, Shillong.
25	Dr. A. Dkhar	Director, Health Services, (MI) Meghalaya, Shillong.
26	R.C. Sohkhlet	Director Tourism.
27	R.M. Kurbah	Director Border Area Department.
28	B. Hajong	Director Employment & Craftsmen Training
29	Shri. A. CH. Marak	Director of School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya, Shillong.
30	K.M. Burma	Director of Agriculture
31	D.J.W. Ingty	Director of Horticulture
32	Shri. B. Ch. Hajong	Director of Sericulture & Weaving
33	R.P. Marak	Director DMR
34	N. Kharmalki	DIG (R)
35	Shri. B. Lyngkor	Technical Director NIC, Shillong
36	P. Lyngwa	Chief Engineer, Water Resources
37	Shri. C.W. Momin	Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads)
38	R.D. Shira	Chief Engineer PWD (Buildings)
39	W. Challam	Asst. Chief Engineer PWD
40	T. Bhattacharjee	SE, PHE

**List of Participants attended the High Level Monitoring Committee  
meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 t 11.00 a.m. in the Conference Hall  
Main Secretariat.**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Officer</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Shri. W.M.S. Pariat, IAS	Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong.
2.	Shri. B.K. Dev Varma, IAS	Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, i/c Finance Deptt.
3.	Shri. K.S. Kropha, IAS	Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Home (Police), Political.
4.	Shri. Yeshi Tsering, IAS	Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Mining & Geology, Transport Deptt. etc.
5.	Shri P.W. Ingty, IAS	Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, GAD, PHE Deptt. etc.
6	Shri. K.N. Kumar, IAS	Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, C & RD, Fisheries Deptt.
7	Shri. M.S. Rao, IAS	Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Forest & Environment, Labour Deptt.
8	Shri. P. Kharkongor, IAS	Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Agriculture, Sericulture & Weaving Deptt.
9	Smt. R.V. Suchiang, IAS	Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Finance, Tourism Deptt. etc.
10	Shri D.P. Wahlang, IAS	Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, IT, Urban Affairs Deptt. etc.
11	Shri J. Lyngdoh, IAS	Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, ERTS, District Council Affairs Deptt. etc.
12	Smt. L. Kharkongor, IAS	Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Revenue & DM Deptt.
13	Shri. T. Dkhar, IAS	Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Labour, Social Welfare Deptt. etc.
14	Shri. Frederick Roy Kharkongor, IAS	Secretary Education, State Project Director (SSA) Deptt. etc.
15	Shri. T. Dkhar	ADGP (Hqr)

41	L.D. Suchiang	SE PWD (Building)
42	B. Chyne	Senior Inspector of Boilers & Factories
43	P.K. Shullet	Senior Electrical Inspector
44	P. Hoojan	Deputy Director of Accounts & Treasuries
45	Shri. E.D.R. Tariang	Deputy Director, Printing & Stationery
46	Shri. J. Gashnga	Deputy Director (P) Commerce & Industries
47	I. Kharbangar	Deputy Commissioner of Taxes, Meghalaya, Shillong
48	Shri. K.G. Blah	Executive Engineer Tourism
49	Shri. V.E. lawphniaw	Deputy Director, Economic & Statistics
50	Smti. Deidor Syngkon	Deputy Director, Horticulture
51	Shri. Victor Khonglah	HDO, Directorate of Horticulture
52	Smt. T.L. Pale	Deputy Director, Higher Technical Education
53	J.R. Marak	Deputy Director Sports
54	K.M. Syiem	Addl. Director Soil & Water Conservation
55	Shri. B.J. Dhar	Jt. Director Urban Affairs
56	Shri. S. Nongsiej	Commandant CTF
57	Shri. R.R. Thangkhiew	Jt. Director Civil Defence & Home Guards, Shillong
58	S.K. Borchung	Jt. Director Sericulture & Weaving
59	Shri. M.K. Sangma	AIG Prisons
60	I.W. Ingty	Controller Legal Metrology
61	Smt. D. Rynjah	Deputy Registrar High Court of Meghalaya
62	Shri. H. Lyngkhai	Jt. Registrar of Co-operative Societies
63	Smt. J. Pde	Asst. Chief Engineer, JHADC
64	Smt. M. Lyngdoh	Secretary E.C. JHADC
65	Mrs. B. Basaiawmoit	Jt. Secretary KHADC

66	Shri. J.M. Kyndiah	F.C. SSA
67	Miss. Kanchami P. Koch	Directorate of Arts & Culture, Meghalaya, Shillong.
68	Shri. T.R.M. Sangma	Directorate of Housing
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70	Smt. T.J. Tariang	Officer on Special Duty & Ex-Officio, Deputy Secretary, Finance (EA) Deptt.
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