

INTRODUCTION

1. The Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012) was launched on the 1st April, 2007. While taking into account the priorities as set forth in the National 11th Plan document of the Government of India, the State Government has accorded the following priorities during the 11th Plan period :-

- Power generation, transmission, grid connectivity and rural electrification.
- Agriculture and allied sectors with strong emphasis on horticulture including post harvesting management and processing.
- Roads and Bridges for ensuring better connectivity.
- Sericulture & Weaving for generation of income and employment to the women folk.
- Tourism infrastructure and tourism services.
- Trade with Bangladesh and creation of infrastructure for the same.
- Decentralization of planning and involvement of the people in the development process.
- Social Services like education, health, water supply and nutrition.
- Poverty alleviation and employment generation in rural areas through Rural Development Programmes.

1.1. For the 11th Plan, against the proposed outlay of Rs. 8695.00 crore, the Planning Commission of India has projected a Plan size of Rs. 9185.00 crore. With this Plan size, the projected overall growth rate for the State during the 11th Plan period is 7.3 percent as against the national target of 9 percent. The 11th Plan sectoral growth targets for Meghalaya are 4.7 percent in agriculture, 8.0 percent in industry and 7.9 percent in the services sector.

2. **Annual Plan 2007-08** :- For the Annual Plan 2007-08 which is also the first year of the 11th Plan, a Plan size of Rs. 1120.00 crore was agreed. However, due to resource constraint, the State Government has proposed to the Planning Commission to revise downwards the Annual Plan size to Rs. 1016.82 crore.

3. **Annual Plan 2008-09** :- The State Government has submitted a proposal to the Planning Commission for a Plan size of **Rs. 1425.00 crore for Annual Plan 2008-09**. However, due to the General Elections to the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly on the 3rd March, 2008, the Planning Commission has not been able to convene the meeting between the Chief Minister, Meghalaya and the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission for finalization of the Plan size. In view, thereof, the State Government has decided to prepare a Tentative Plan Budget of Rs. 1425.00 crore for the financial year 2008-09 and necessary adjustments will be made during the course of the year after the Plan size has been approved by the Planning Commission. The details of the Tentative Budget provision within the Plan size of Rs 1425.00 crores during the Annual Plan 2008-09 is at **Table-I**. The tentative break up of the Loan Component, Externally Aided Component (EAP) and Upgradation of Standards of Administration under the Twelfth Finance Commission Award during 2008-09 are at **Table-II, Table-III & Table-IV** respectively.

5. The sectoral break up of the projected Plan size of Rs. 9185.00 crore during the Eleventh Plan period (2007-12), the approved and anticipated expenditure during Annual

Plan 2007-08 and the tentative budgetary provision for 2008-09 in respect of the State Plan are shown in **Annexure – I**. Selected physical targets and achievements are shown in **Annexure – II**.

6. In addition to the State Plan, tentative budgetary provisions have also been made in the 2008-09 Budget for schemes/ projects under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), Centrally Sponsored Schemes and the Central Sector Schemes and regional schemes of the North Eastern Council. The list of schemes likely to be implemented during 2008-09 along with the proposed outlays under the Centrally Sponsored/ Central Sector Schemes/ N.L.C.P.R. category are as at **Annexures – III, IV & V** respectively. The tentative list of schemes and outlays under N.E.C. during 2008-09 is as at **Annexure – VI**.