

Planning Organisation and Machinery in Meghalaya

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1. **The Planning Organization** of the State is the major component of Secretariat Economic Services. This is the machinery which is responsible for the formulation of the Five Year Plans, Annual Plans and all allied matters in the State. The Organisation, represented by the **Planning Department** in the State, also functions as a liaison body between the Planning Commission and the State Government on all matters relating to Planning and development for the State of Meghalaya. As per Rules of Executive Business of the Govt. of Meghalaya, the **role and function of the state Planning Department** is as reproduced below :

i. The Planning Department shall be responsible for over all planning, working out a strategy of development which maximize the national product through time; laying down the guidelines for the department regarding the drawing up of the departmental programme and schemes and working an economic, administrative and organisational appraisal of the plans and programme of various departments.

ii. The Planning Department shall be consulted for advice by other Departments in matters relating to Plan formulation and the general principles relating to planning. Provided that it shall be open to the Planning Department to prescribe, by general or special order; cases in which such consultation with it may not be necessary.

The **State Planning Board** which is an apex planning advisory body in **the State**, form a part of the Planning Organization. This organization is also involved in Plan formulation and reviewing of the implementation of Plan Schemes. At the **district level** the **District Planning and Development Councils (DPDC)**, formulate the District Plans and also does the monitoring and reviewing of the developmental activities in the district. There are other organizations such as MEDC, Meghalaya resource and employment generation council, other deliberations and decisions in the government which are taken on board on requirement basis while planning the process of development. These, however are not part of planning machinery.

2. **The Planning Department** is headed by the Minister (usually the portfolio is allocated to senior minister, Deputy C.M or is kept under the charge of C.M.; presently, the C.M. is the Minister for Planning). The Minister is assisted by senior Secretaries such as Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary,/& Commissioner & Secretary, followed by

Deputy Secretary &/Under Secretary, Superintendent and Ministerial staffs in the Secretariat. The officers & staffs of Planning Department are drawn from various Services such as IAS, MCS, MSS, MPIS, Meghalaya subordinate services etc. With regard to decision making process, the Planning Department follows the procedures laid down in the Rules of Executive Business and Secretariat Manual of office procedures. After the matter is examined and processed by the Assistant (UDAs/LDAs) the Superintendent suggests action and normally submits the matters in the concerned file to the Under Secretary/Deputy Secretary who in turn submits to the higher authority i.e. Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary/Principal Secretary being the Head of Administrative Department. The senior secretaries generally passes orders for normal cases and for important matters the file is submitted to the Minister I/c Planning for decision and approvals. All policy and important matter requires the approval of the Minister.

3 A. The **Planning Department** has the following **branches/offices** under its control:-

- i. The Planning Administration (in the Secretariat);
- ii. The Research Wing (in the Secretariat)
- iii. The District Planning Organisation (in the District headquarter, under the Deputy Commissioner's office)
- iv. Directorate of Economics & Statistics.
- v. The Science & Technology Cell.

The role and function of these branches are briefly stated below:-

(i) **The Planning Administration:** (1) This branch deals with all matters relating to establishment matters relating to Planning Machinery at Head quarter and also District Planning offices under its control.

(2) All matters relating to setting up of State Planning Board, District Planning and Development Council, Regional Planning and Development Council, Meghalaya Economic Development Council and Meghalaya Resource and Employment Generation Council.

(3) Administrative Department of the Directorate of Economics, Statistics and Science and Technology Cell

The Officers and staffs of this Branch are borne on the Meghalaya Secretariat Service. Information required by the Pay Commission in this respect would have been furnished by the Secretariat Administration Department and Personnel & A.R. (A) Department.

(ii) **The Planning Research Wing**:- This is the Machinery which is responsible for the co-ordination of all development activities in the state and which acts as the coordinating and liaising body with the Government of India and other agencies in the matter of planning and development.

The Planning Department is the nodal Department of all development activities in the state. It acts fully as the State's Liaison Department with the Planning Commission, the Ministry of DONER and the North Eastern Council. It is also acts partially as the Liaison Department with Central Government Ministries like the Ministry of Water Resources, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the Ministry of Panchayat Raj Institution and the Ministry of Finance (Department of Plan Expenditure). At the State level, the Planning Department coordinates all development activities of different Development Departments comprising of the State Plan, the Centrally Sponsored & Central Sector Schemes, the NEC Schemes, the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources, Externally Aided Projects (EAP), Central Government Flagship Programmes etc.

The Planning Research Wing has a service of its own known as – **‘Meghalaya Planning Service**. The Service includes all the gazetted posts from the level of Assistant Research Officers above. The posts at different levels above the entry level are filled up by way of promotion only through the Departmental Promotion **Committee except in the case of Research Officers where the entry is made as per procedure given below :-**

(a) 50 (fifty) percent of the total posts of Research Officer are filled up by direct recruitment through the M.P.S.C. The minimum qualification required is 2nd Class Master in Economics / Mathematics / Statistics **OR** Honours Degree in Economics / Mathematics / Statistics with 5 (five) years experience in Planning/ Statistical works.

(b) The remaining 50 percent of the posts of Research Officers are filled up by way of promotion from among the Assistant Research Officers who have completed a minimum of 3 (three) years service.

(c)The posts of **Research Assistants are the feeder posts to the ‘Meghalaya Planning Service’** and all posts of Assistant Research Officers are filled up by way of promotion only from this level. Entry to the posts of Research Assistants is by direct recruitment through the M.P.S.C. The minimum qualification required is graduate with Economics or Mathematics or Statistics.

The Planning Machinery at the Headquarter has also one post of **Computer Programmer and Data Entry Operator**. There are also Ministerial staffs at the headquarters like UDA, Typist, Drivers & Peons which are filled up by staff from the Secretariat Administration Department.

(iii) **The District Planning Offices** : With a view to strengthen and improve the performance of the Planning Machinery at District level. The District Planning Office has been created in all District under the Deputy Commissioner's office and is headed by (1) The District Planning Officer (DPO) as the Head of Office, appointed by Personnel Department from amongst IAS/ Sr. MCS and endorsed by the Planning Department. There are also Research Officer, Assistant Research Officer, Research Assistant and Ministerial staffs appointed by the Planning Department/ Deputy Commissioner. This office also services the District Planning and Development Council (DPDC).

The Duties, Function & Role Of District Planning Offices : The main duties and function of District Planning Office are as follows:-

- (i) to convene meetings of the District Planning Boards at least once in two months and to pursue the recommendations of such meetings with the concerned Departments of the State Government and other agencies;
- (ii) to prepare District Annual Plans for the districts and to place the same before the District Planning Boards for consideration before submission to Government;
- (iii) to monitor the implementation of various plan schemes in the districts in general, to identify the limiting factors in the implementation of plan schemes and to place the matter before the District Planning Boards and State Government with specific suggestions for ensuring speedy and efficient implementation of plan schemes;
- (iv) to compile and consolidate quarterly progress reports of district-level plan schemes hitherto done by the District Statistical Officers, to place such consolidated reports before the District Planning Boards for review and then to finalise the consolidated quarterly progress reports of such district-level plan schemes for submission to Government in the month following each quarter. Quarterly progress reports may be obtained from the District Heads of Development Departments, who may also furnish such other information and materials as may be necessary for compilation of the reports;
- (v) to take up such other activities as may be assigned to them from time to time by the District Planning Boards or by the Government;
- (vi) to perform all other functions as assigned to them by Government; and
- (vii) to ensure co-ordination among all the District heads of Development Departments in the formulation and implementation of plan schemes.

- (iv) **Directorate of Economics & Statistics** :- This is a full fledged Directorate falling under the administrative control of the Planning Department. This Directorate is responsible for all economic and statistical information in the state. It brings out statistical handbooks, economic surveys and estimates etc. The Directorate is headed by a full time Director. The officers are the members of 'Meghalaya **Economics and Statistics Service**'.

Functions & Objectives:

The Directorate of Economics and Statistics is primarily engaged in the field of collection, tabulation, compilation, analysis, processing and interpretation of Statistical information pertaining to various sectors of the economy and disseminating of the same to the user agencies. The Objective is to coordinate of Statistical activities of all Departments of the state, monitoring and liaisoning with various agencies of Government and supplying statistical data to Planners, Administrators in the form of reports to cater the needs of effective Planning Processes and administration of the state. Besides following up the Central Statistical Organisation's guidelines in the matter of broad national Statistical system in the country and the state as well, the Directorate also collects and compiles data generated by various other departments as part of the functions and Statistical activities.

Structure : The Directorate of Economics and Statistics is established under the administrative control of the planning Department of the Government and it comprises of 3 (three) level organizational set up as noted below: -

(i) **Headquarter :** At the Headquarter the Directorate functions under the guidance and supervision of the Director as the head of the Department. He is however assisted by other Officers of the viz. Joint Director, Deputy Directors, Research Officers, Statistical Officers, Registrar, Finance and Account Officer. At the headquarter of the Office is supported by a member of ministerial and technical staff while in the field the actual collections of primary statistical data are carried out by the District Statistical Officer and other field staff.

The Establishment Section is under the supervision of Deputy Director (Admin) with the assistance of Registrar, Superintendent and other Ministerial Staff. The section is engaged in the administration, planning, financial and budgetary and establishment and account matters.

For the smooth functioning of the Directorate at the Headquarter in each field the administration of the Directorate has been divided into 7 (seven) sections:- 1. Agriculture Section; 2. National Sample Survey Section; 3. National Income Section; 4. Census of

Government Employee Section; 5. Publication Section; 6. Price Section; and 7. Administrative and Accounts Section. 8. Data Processing Section.

The technical works of the Directorate falling under the jurisdiction of the Section/ Divisions mentioned above is carried out under the technical guidance/ supervision of the Joint Director/ Deputy Director and Research Officers and is assisted by Statistical Officers and other supporting technical Staff.

(ii) **District Headquarters** : At the District level there is a District Statistical Officer in each of the 7 (seven) Districts of the state who is assisted by the technical and establishment staff comprising the Inspector of Statistics, Sub-Inspector of Statistics, Primary Investigator and Field Assistants. The primary function of the District Officers in the District is to supervise and to ensure that the field works by the field staff under them are carried out as per time schedule and compilation and submission of the same is completed in time. For ensuring effective supervision, each District Statistical Officer has been provided with one vehicle.

(iii) **Block Offices** : At the community and Rural Development Block there is one post of Sub-Inspector of Statistics in each of the 39 Community & Rural Development Block who is responsible for collection and maintenance of various type of Statistics at Block level. The District Statistical Officer of the Districts exercise administrative control over the Sub-Inspector in the Block and under the operative control of the Block Development Officer.

(v) **Science & Technology Cell** :- A Science & Technology Cell is also functioning under the control of the Planning department to guide and support the science and technology matters in the state.. This coordinates actions of entities such as The State Council of Science, Technology and Environment, Science Centre, and Bio-Resources Development Centre (BRDC).

3. B. Other Planning Entities : Beside the above, there are also the **following entities controlled/ served/ serviced by the Planning Department** :-

(i) **State Planning Board** :- It is an advisory Board which gives advice to Government regarding formulation of Annual and five Year Plans. The Head of the board is the Chairman. The Board may also consist of Co-Chairmen, Deputy Chairmen and other Members as may be decided by the Government from time to time. On some occasion, while deciding on the members, experts have also been included in the board. Meetings are held by the Board from time to time with the Government Departments to advise in plan formulation and implementation of Plan Schemes including review thereof. For smooth functioning of the Administrative matters of the Boards, there is also a Commissioner and Secretary, the Special Officer & Ex-Officio Under Secretary, 2 posts of Research Officer, 1 post of Research Assistant. There are also Ministerial Staffs i.e. 1 Assistant Superintendent,

2 (two) U.D.As one L.D.A., Peons & Drivers. The posts and services of Planning Officer, Research Officer and Research Assistant are part of and governed by Planning Service Rules while the Ministerial Staffs of Superintendent, UDA, LDA and Typist are requisition from S.A.D. (Establishment).

The function of the Board is as follows :-

1. To prepare an inventory of available and potential resources of the State Capital and human investigation their possibilities of augmenting and improving such resources.
2. To prepare a perspective plan for the State for the next twenty years for the optimum and balanced utilization of the State's resources and indicate the plan priorities.
3. To advise the Government regarding the formulation of Annual Plan and the Five Year Plans.
4. To review the progress in the implementation of the schemes, to ascertain the factors which have been tending to retard economic development of the State and to determine the conditions to be created for successful execution of the plans.
5. To take up such other studies and functions as may be assigned to it from time to time and to make suitable recommendations of the State Government as may appeared to be appropriate either for facilitating discharge of the duties assigned to it or on consideration of the prevailing economic conditions.

The Board may also make recommendations with a view to ensuring coordination in the matter of Planning in the State. The Headquarter of the Board is at Shillong.

- (ii) **Regional Planning & Development Council (RPDC)** : Two Regional Planning and Development Councils had been constituted by the Government (since 2004) one for the 3 (three) Districts of Garo Hills with Headquarter at Tura and another for the 4 (four) Districts of Khasi and Jaintia Hills. The function of the Councils is to take stock of the natural and human resources of the Districts as well as the pattern of development and exploitation of their resources and also to coordinate, monitor and review the implementation of the District Plans and Programmes within the given Region. Each Council consists of a Chairman and Members appointed from amongst the Ministers, Chief Executive Members of Autonomous District Councils, Deputy Commissioner of the District and others. The Commissioner of Division having jurisdiction over the Districts within the region concerned is the Member Secretary. This is by and large non- functional and Staffs and Officer are presently assisting the Planning (R) wing.

The function of the Regional Planning & Development Council as envisaged is follows:-

1. To review the natural and human resource potential of the region with reference to the pattern of development and exploitation of such regional resources, and to suggest ways and means for optimum development and exploitation of these resources.
2. To formulate and project realistic regional needs and aspirations, keeping in view availability of resources for the region. To achieve such end, the Council will prioritize schemes and programmes within the objectives of the National and State Plans and fiscal resources likely to be available for such purposes.
3. Formulation of realistic Annual, Five Year and Perspective Regional Development Plans.
4. Intra-regional co-ordination of implementation of plan programme and schemes.
5. To monitor, evaluate, review and suggest course – corrections for implementation of development plans and programmes at the regional level.
6. To discharge such other functions as may be specifically assigned to the Council from time to time by State Government, and to make suitable recommendation(s) for such purposes.
7. To formulate, consider and recommend Annual Regional Development Plan and to submit such plans within September each year, for the following year.

(iii) **District Planning and Development Councils (DPDC)** : The District Planning & Development Councils are constituted one each in all the seven Districts with the District Headquarters as its main office. The Chairman is the head of the Council, the Deputy Commissioners of the concerned District is the Vice Chairman, all the MLAs of the concerned District, the CEM's are Members and the Additional Deputy Commissioner/DPO is the Member Secretary. The function of the council is to co-ordinate, monitor and review the implementation of District Plans & Programmes. It makes recommendations, Projection of local needs and fixing priority within the objectives of State/National Plan.

Terms of reference: The function of the Council will be as follow:-

1. To take stock of the natural and human resources of the District as well as the level and pattern of development and exploitation of these resources and to assess gaps in development sectors.
2. Projection of local needs and aspirations and translating them into schemes and programmes and fixing priorities within the objectives of the State/National plan.

3. Formulation of District development plans, integrating all programmes and forging convergence.
4. Co-ordination and convergence in the implementation of Plans and programmes in the district.
5. Monitoring and review of the implementation of District Plan and programmes.
6. Take up such other studies and functions as may be assigned to it from time to time and to make suitable recommendation to the State Government.
7. to make recommendation with a view to ensuring co-ordination in the matter of Planning in the State.

(iv) Meghalaya Resource and Employment Generation Council

The Meghalaya Resource and Employment Generation Council was constituted by an executive order and notified vide this Department Notification No.PLA.145/92/74 dated 1st October, 2003. The terms of reference of the Council are as under :-

1. To identify skill in demand resulting from Growth of Economic activities in the State both in technical and non-technical spheres and to assess investments/ requirements for developing such skills among the people.
2. To assess prospects for generation of employment in the State in all sectors and identify activities which may have high employment potential.
3. To review performance in physical and employment generation terms of various measures and schemes taken up by the Government for creation of gainful self-employment and to suggest measures for sustained growth of employment opportunities.
4. To assess the current level of use of natural resources including Mineral Resources and to suggest in consultation with the research organization, measures for adoption of viable technology capable of generating additional employment through spread of necessary skills and improved technology in such areas.
5. To critically review the constraints on disbursement of Bank Credit for schemes and to suggest steps for larger flow of credit to local youths including an effective system for helping the youths to prepare bankable schemes.
6. To examine the existing infrastructure for imparting vocational training and training in various trades and to identify skills which need to be added in view of demands of such skills in the employment market and to recommend measures for providing additional facilities for such training by optimizing/ integrating efforts of the Government and other bodies in this regard.
7. To recommend measures to motivate the youths to take the vocational and technical education instead of going exclusively for white collar job.

8. To suggest effective measures to reduce the gap between demand for technical manpower and availability of local personnel with the requisite qualifications.
9. To go into any other issue which relevant to the above terms of reference.

(v) **Meghalaya Economic Development Council (MEDC):**

The MEDC was constituted by a resolution passed by the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly in its sitting on the 18th September, 1995, and the same has been notified by Parliamentary Affairs Department by an extraordinary gazette vide No.PA.21/95/16 dt.20th September, 1995 and amended vide Notification No.PA.11/2005/Pt.I/5 dt.25th April, 2006, No.PA.11/2005/Pt.I/13 dt.12th July, 2006 and No.PA.11/2005/Pt.I/38 dt.25-6-2007.

Constitution: The body may consist of the following whose terms will be generally for two years or till they continue in the designated Office, excepting in respect of members covered by (d) and (e) the initial terms of with one year:-

- (a) Four persons to be nominated by the Chief Minister, one of whom may be nominated as Chairman in the rank and status of Chief Minister/Deputy Minister/Minister and the other as Co-Chairman in the rank and status of a minister of Vice/Deputy Chairman in the rank and status of a minister of State as considered necessary from time to time.
- (b) Not more than one Member of the Legislative Assembly drawn from each political party represented in the State Assembly to be nominated by the respective parties;
- (c) The Chief Executive Member of the Autonomous District Councils;
- (d) Five local entrepreneurs to be nominated initially by the Chairman and later by that body;
- (e) Not more than three persons with known contribution in the field of business, industries, and commerce to be nominated initially by the Chairman and later by that body.
- (f) Two heads or representatives from reputed research and academic institution working in the State to be nominated by the State Government by notification;
- (g) One member each of the State Planning Board, Meghalaya Resource and Employment Generation Council and the Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation to be nominated by the respective bodies; and
- (h) The Principal Secretary or the Commissioner and Secretary or the Secretary to the State Government in the Planning Department as Member Secretary.

The terms of reference of the Council shall be as follows:

- 1) To advise the State Government on issues relating to the industrial and economic policies.
- 2) Deliberate and examine the constraints inhibiting flow of investments into the State and possible steps for removal thereof.

- 3) Identify Sectors where overall economic and industrial growth can be generated and accelerated.
- 4) Suggest ways for attracting investments, local and foreign in the State
- 5) Advise and recommend the strategies for achieving the aforesaid goals.

Aims & Objectives:

- (1) To promote the Economic and Industrial Development of the State and its people .
- (2) To mobilize resource, encourage the flow of investment and private participation.
- (3) In the wake of liberalization , to take advantage of the opportunity with a view to exploit easy and means for accelerating the process of Economic and Industrial Development of the State.

3C. Other institution/ organization under the Planning department:

a) The State Council of SCSTE: The State Council of Science, Technology and Environment was constituted in January, 1995. The main functions of the council are to provide direction for the popularisation of Science & Technology in the State especially among students and youths and to promote closer co-operation between various scientific agencies on the one hand and the development agencies and departments of the State Government on the other hand.

b) Shillong Science Centre:

Shillong Science Centre has been set-up in Shillong by the National Council for Science Museums (NCSM), Kolkata in association with the State Govt. The Centre was handed –over to the State Government in February, 2006, the day- to- day management of the Centre is being looked after by the Governing Council of the Centre, which has been registered as an autonomous society of the State Government.

The Centre is characterized by two channels of communication, i.e., exhibits and activities. While the exhibits, both indoor and outdoor, are mostly interactive, the demonstrations and training programmes are also fully participatory and help children and adults alike to learn the basics of science through fun and enjoyment.

The Centre was inaugurated on the 27th February, 2006 and since then, it has been operating smoothly and attracting visitors each day.

c) BRDC:

Bio Resource and Development Centre (BRDC) is a centre set-up in the State initially with an objective to promote the conservation and sustainable utilization of the Bio-Resources of Meghalaya. The Centre was set up in Shillong Sponsored by Department of Biotechnology (DBT) Govt. of India.

d) The Meghalaya Rural Development Society (MRDS) :

The Government of Meghalaya has set up the Meghalaya Rural Development Society (MRDS) to implement the Livelihoods Improvement Project for the Himalayas (LIPH). This is a project of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the State Government of Meghalaya. The Planning Department has been notified as the Nodal Department to undertake regular monitoring and evaluation of the Project.

e) Rain water Harvesting Mission/Agency: Rain Water Harvesting Mission has been constituted by an executive order with the following objective :-

- (i) To improve round the year availability of water through water harvesting through ponds, tanks, check dams and other methods.
- (ii) To involve communities directly in water harvesting.
- (iii) To build capacity at every level for creating a state-wide water harvesting movement.
- (iv) To put in place institutional arrangements for the self sustaining management of water harvesting structures and systems.

The Rain Water Harvesting Agency is under process of registration.

Summary and Conclusion:

Meghalaya, being one of the 6th Scheduled Areas where the provisions of 73rd and 74th Amendment of the Constitution do not apply, follows a different development and planning approach in formulation of Annual and Five Year Plans. The present development planning structure consists of mainly the Planning Board at the State level and the District Planning and Development Council (DPDC) at the district level. In 2004, another level of planning organization was added namely the two Regional Planning and Development Councils (RPDCs) which are largely non functional. Presently the State Planning Board and the DPDC are getting more broad based and meaningful.

In the Panchayati Raj States (73rd and 74th amendment of the constitution States), besides, the organized structure, the provisions clearly spells out a direct role for the people through the Panchayats in planning, formulation and implementation of development projects and programmes. This is backed up by delegation of powers to the Panchayats in monitoring of development schemes and in relation to 29 subjects contained in the Eleventh Schedule.

The formulation of district plan by the DPDCs in Meghalaya is largely based on departmental proposal submitted by the district offices with inputs from MLAS and MDCs etc. The district plans prepared by the DPDCs are essentially edited compilation of departmental proposals to fit in the cast of budget or notional financial outlays. In the formulation of the state plan, while theoretically the document should incorporate district plans forwarded by the DPDCs, often the plans are formulated and compiled by the various sectoral heads, deliberated with the Planning Board and fine tuned by the Planning Department from the sectoral proposals of various Government Departments in line with guidelines set out by the State Government and the Planning Commission. In doing so the essential advisory and feedbacks of State Planning Board, and other state level entities are taken on board to the extent desirable and considered necessary.

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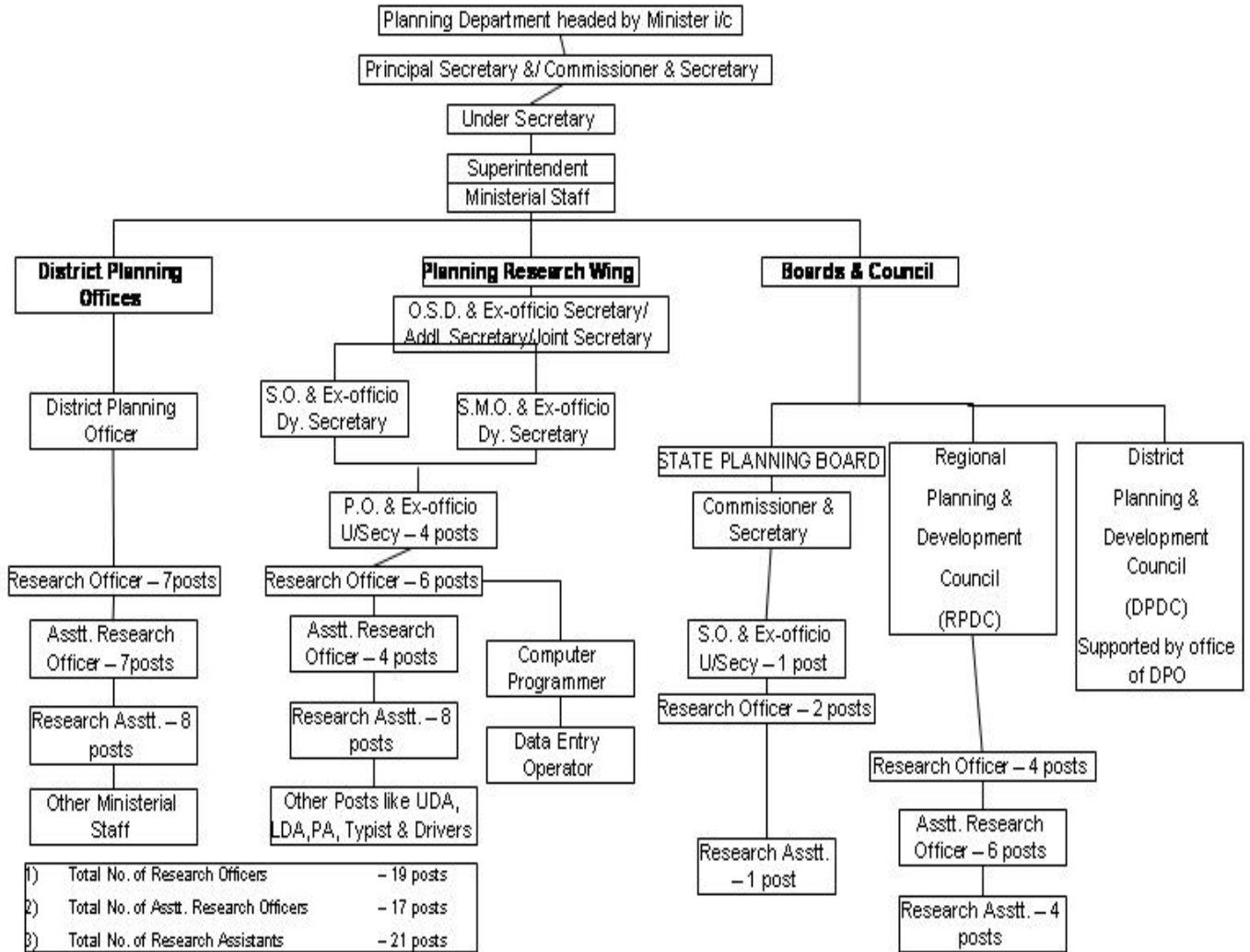
Glossary of Terms: CM= Chief Minister, CEM= Chief Executive Member (of the District Councils), MLA= Member of the Legislative Assembly, MDC= Member of the District Councils.

Source: 1. Materials from Planning Department write ups and notifications with due acknowledgements.

Appendix - I organisational chart of the Planning Machinery (other than administrative, Directorate and S&T); **Appendix - II** Notification of seven DPDCs.

APPENDIX - I

ORGANISATIONAL CHART SHOWING EXISTING POSTS IN PLANNING RESEARCH WING, DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICES, STATE PLANNING BOARD AND REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 5th June, 2008.

PLA.62/91/244 – In continuation of this Department's Notification No.PLA.62/91/236 dt.28-4-2008, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to re-constitute the District Planning & Development Council for East Khasi Hills District with the following Members with immediate effect and until further orders.

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| 1) | Shri Remington Pyngrope, Parliamentary Secretary | - Chairman |
| 2) | Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District | - Vice Chairman |
| 3) | All MLAs of East Khasi Hills District | - Member |
| 4) | M.P. of the Shillong Parliamentary Constituency | - Member |
| 5) | Chief Executive Member, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council or Representative | - Member |
| 6) | All District Sectoral Heads of Development Department | - Member |
| 7) | Two Prominent Women representative working in the field of development/ Social work to be notified by Govt. | - Member |
| 8) | One representative from Co-operatives to be notified by the Govt. | - Member |
| 9) | One representative from SHG Federations or SHGs to be notified by the Govt. & by rotation | - Member |
| 10) | Project Director, District Rural Development Agency (D.R.D.A), | - Member |
| 11) | Project Manager, Meghalaya Rural Development Society (M.R.D.S.) | - Member |
| 12) | Two representatives from Village Employment Councils (V.E.Cs)/ Joint Liability Groups (J.L.Gs) each in concerned district by rotation. | - Member |
| 13) | The District Planning Officer (DPO) East Khasi Hills | - Member Secretary |

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- vii) Make recommendation with a view to ensuring co-ordination in the matter of planning in the State.

The Headquarter of the Council shall be at Shillong.

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| 1) | Shri Donbok Khyndeit, M.L.A. | - Chairman |
| 2) | Deputy Commissioner, Ri-Bhoi District | - Vice Chairman |
| 3) | All MLAs of Ri-Bhoi District | - Member |
| 4) | M.P. of the Shillong Parliamentary Constituency | - Member |
| 5) | Chief Executive Member, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council or Representative | - Member |
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Dated Shillong, the 5th June, 2008.

PLA.62/91/246 – In continuation of this Department's Notification No.PLA.62/91/238 dt.28-4-2008, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to re-constitute the District Planning & Development Council for West Khasi Hills District with the following Members with immediate effect and until further orders.

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| 1) | Shri Metbah Lyngdoh, M.L.A., Chairman, M.I.D.C. | - Chairman |
| 2) | Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills District | - Vice Chairman |
| 3) | All MLAs of West Khasi Hills District | - Member |
| 4) | M.P. of the Shillong Parliamentary Constituency | - Member |
| 5) | Chief Executive Member, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council or Representative | - Member |
| 6) | All District Sectoral Heads of Development Department | - Member |
| 7) | Two Prominent Women representative working in the field of development/ Social work to be notified by Govt. | - Member |
| 8) | One representative from Co-operatives to be notified by the Govt. | - Member |
| 9) | One representative from SHG Federations or SHGs to be notified by the Govt. & by rotation | - Member |
| 10) | Project Director, District Rural Development Agency (D.R.D.A), | - Member |
| 11) | District Project Director, North Eastern Region Community Resouce Management Programme (NERCORMP) | - Member |
| 12) | Two representatives from Village Employment Councils (V.E.Cs)/ Joint Liability Groups (J.L.Gs) each in concerned district by rotation. | - Member |
| 13) | The District Planning Officer (DPO), West Khasi Hills | - Member Secretary |

The functions of the Council will be as follows :-

- i) To take stock of the natural and human resources of the District as well as the level and pattern of development and exploitation of these resources and to assess gaps in development sectors.
- ii) Projection of local needs and aspirations and translating them into schemes and programmes and fixing priorities within the objectives of the State/ National plan.
- iii) Formulation of District development plans, integrating all programmes and forging convergence.
- iv) Co-ordination and convergence in the implementation of Plans and programmes in the district.
- v) Monitoring and review of the implementation of District Plans and programmes.
- vi) Take up such other studies and functions as may be assigned to it from time to time and to make suitable recommendation to the State Government.
- vii) Make recommendation with a view to ensuring co-ordination in the matter of planning in the State.

The Headquarter of the Council shall be at Nongstoin.

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**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 5th June, 2008.

PLA.62/91/247 – In continuation of this Department's Notification No.PLA.62/91/239 dt.28-4-2008, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to re-constitute the District Planning & Development Council for Jaintia Hills District with the following Members with immediate effect and until further orders.

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| 1) | Shri E.C.Bamon, Minister | - Chairman |
| 2) | Deputy Commissioner, Jaintia Hills District | - Vice Chairman |
| 3) | All MLAs of Jaintia Hills District | - Member |
| 4) | M.P. of the Shillong Parliamentary Constituency | - Member |
| 5) | Chief Executive Member, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council or Representative | - Member |
| 6) | All District Sectoral Heads of Development Department | - Member |
| 7) | Two Prominent Women representative working in the field of development/ Social work to be notified by Govt. | - Member |
| 8) | One representative from Co-operatives to be notified by the Govt. | - Member |
| 9) | One representative from SHG Federations or SHGs to be notified by the Govt. & by rotation | - Member |
| 10) | Project Director, District Rural Development Agency (D.R.D.A), | - Member |
| 11) | Project Manager, Meghalaya Rural Development Society (M.R.D.S.) | - Member |
| 12) | Two representatives from Village Employment Councils (V.E.Cs)/ Joint Liability Groups (J.L.Gs) each in concerned district by rotation. | - Member |
| 13) | The District Planning Officer (DPO), Jaintia Hills | - Member Secretary |

The functions of the Council will be as follows :-

- i) To take stock of the natural and human resources of the District as well as the level and pattern of development and exploitation of these resources and to assess gaps in development sectors.
- ii) Projection of local needs and aspirations and translating them into schemes and programmes and fixing priorities within the objectives of the State/ National plan.
- iii) Formulation of District development plans, integrating all programmes and forging convergence.
- iv) Co-ordination and convergence in the implementation of Plans and programmes in the district.
- v) Monitoring and review of the implementation of District Plans and programmes.
- vi) Take up such other studies and functions as may be assigned to it from time to time and to make suitable recommendation to the State Government.
- vii) Make recommendation with a view to ensuring co-ordination in the matter of planning in the State.

The Headquarter of the Council shall be at Jowai.

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**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
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ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 5th June, 2008.

PLA.62/91/248 – In continuation of this Department's Notification No.PLA.62/91/240 dt.28-4-2008, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to re-constitute the District Planning & Development Council for West Garo Hills District with the following Members with immediate effect and until further orders.

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| 1) | Shri James K.Sangma, Parliamentary Secretary | - Chairman |
| 2) | Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills District | - Vice Chairman |
| 3) | All MLAs of West Garo Hills District | - Member |
| 4) | M.P. of the Tura Parliamentary Constituency | - Member |
| 5) | Chief Executive Member, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council or Representative | - Member |
| 6) | All District Sectoral Heads of Development Department | - Member |
| 7) | Two Prominent Women representative working in the field of development/ Social work to be notified by Govt. | - Member |
| 8) | One representative from Co-operatives to be notified by the Govt. | - Member |
| 9) | One representative from SHG Federations or SHGs to be notified by the Govt. & by rotation | - Member |
| 10) | Project Director, District Rural Development Agency (D.R.D.A), | - Member |
| 11) | District Project Director, North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Programme (NERCORMP) | - Member |
| 12) | Two representatives from Village Employment Councils (V.E.Cs)/ Joint Liability Groups (J.L.Gs) each in concerned district by rotation. | - Member |
| 13) | The District Planning Officer (DPO), West Garo Hills District | - Member Secretary |

The functions of the Council will be as follows :-

- i) To take stock of the natural and human resources of the District as well as the level and pattern of development and exploitation of these resources and to assess gaps in development sectors.
- ii) Projection of local needs and aspirations and translating them into schemes and programmes and fixing priorities within the objectives of the State/ National plan.
- iii) Formulation of District development plans, integrating all programmes and forging convergence.
- iv) Co-ordination and convergence in the implementation of Plans and programmes in the district.
- v) Monitoring and review of the implementation of District Plans and programmes.
- vi) Take up such other studies and functions as may be assigned to it from time to time and to make suitable recommendation to the State Government.
- vii) Make recommendation with a view to ensuring co-ordination in the matter of planning in the State.

The Headquarter of the Council shall be at Tura

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Dated Shillong, the 5th June, 2008.

PLA.62/91/249 – In continuation of this Department's Notification No.PLA.62/91/241 dt.28-4-2008, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to re-constitute the District Planning & Development Council for East Garo Hills District with the following Members with immediate effect and until further orders.

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| 1) | Shri Marcuise N. Marak, Parliamentary Secretary | - Chairman |
| 2) | Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills District | - Vice Chairman |
| 3) | All MLAs of East Garo Hills District | - Member |
| 4) | M.P. of the Tura Parliamentary Constituency | - Member |
| 5) | Chief Executive Member, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council or Representative | - Member |
| 6) | All District Sectoral Heads of Development Department | - Member |
| 7) | Two Prominent Women representative working in the field of development/ Social work to be notified by Govt. | - Member |
| 8) | One representative from Co-operatives to be notified by the Govt. | - Member |
| 9) | One representative from SHG Federations or SHGs to be notified by the Govt. & by rotation | - Member |
| 10) | Project Director, District Rural Development Agency (D.R.D.A), | - Member |
| 11) | Project Manager, Meghalaya Rural Development Society (M.R.D.S.) | - Member |
| 12) | Two representatives from Village Employment Councils (V.E.Cs)/ Joint Liability Groups (J.L.Gs) each in concerned district by rotation. | - Member |
| 13) | The District Planning Officer (DPO), East Garo Hills | - Member Secretary |

The functions of the Council will be as follows :-

- i) To take stock of the natural and human resources of the District as well as the level and pattern of development and exploitation of these resources and to assess gaps in development sectors.
- ii) Projection of local needs and aspirations and translating them into schemes and programmes and fixing priorities within the objectives of the State/ National plan.
- iii) Formulation of District development plans, integrating all programmes and forging convergence.
- iv) Co-ordination and convergence in the implementation of Plans and programmes in the district.
- v) Monitoring and review of the implementation of District Plans and programmes.
- vi) Take up such other studies and functions as may be assigned to it from time to time and to make suitable recommendation to the State Government.
- vii) Make recommendation with a view to ensuring co-ordination in the matter of planning in the State.

The Headquarter of the Council shall be at Williamnagar.

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ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 5th June, 2008.

PLA.62/91/250 – In continuation of this Department's Notification No.PLA.62/91/242 dt.28-4-2008, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to re-constitute the District Planning & Development Council for South Garo Hills District with the following Members with immediate effect and until further orders.

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| 1) | Shri Satto R. Marak, Parliamentary Secretary | - Chairman |
| 2) | Deputy Commissioner, South Garo Hills District | - Vice Chairman |
| 3) | All MLAs of South Garo Hills District | - Member |
| 4) | M.P. of the Tura Parliamentary Constituency | - Member |
| 5) | Chief Executive Member, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council or Representative | - Member |
| 6) | All District Sectoral Heads of Development Department | - Member |
| 7) | Two Prominent Women representative working in the field of development/ Social work to be notified by Govt. | - Member |
| 8) | One representative from Co-operatives to be notified by the Govt. | - Member |
| 9) | One representative from SHG Federations or SHGs to be notified by the Govt. & by rotation | - Member |
| 10) | Project Director, District Rural Development Agency (D.R.D.A), | - Member |
| 11) | Project Manager, Meghalaya Rural Development Society (M.R.D.S.) | - Member |
| 12) | Two representatives from Village Employment Councils (V.E.Cs)/ Joint Liability Groups (J.L.Gs) each in concerned district by rotation. | - Member |
| 13) | The District Planning Officer (DPO), South Garo Hills | - Member Secretary |

The functions of the Council will be as follows :-

- i) To take stock of the natural and human resources of the District as well as the level and pattern of development and exploitation of these resources and to assess gaps in development sectors.
- ii) Projection of local needs and aspirations and translating them into schemes and programmes and fixing priorities within the objectives of the State/ National plan.
- iii) Formulation of District development plans, integrating all programmes and forging convergence.
- iv) Co-ordination and convergence in the implementation of Plans and programmes in the district.
- v) Monitoring and review of the implementation of District Plans and programmes.
- vi) Take up such other studies and functions as may be assigned to it from time to time and to make suitable recommendation to the State Government.
- vii) Make recommendation with a view to ensuring co-ordination in the matter of planning in the State.

The Headquarter of the Council shall be at Baghmara.

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