



SPEECH OF

His Excellency

Dr. S. S. SIDHU

Governor of Meghalaya

at

56th Plenary Session

of

North Eastern Council

held on

12th & 13th May, 2008

at

Agartala

- **Hon'ble Chairman and Union Minister DONER
Shri Mani Shankar Aiyarji,**

- **Distinguished Council Members and friends,**

I deem it a privilege to participate in this 56th Meeting of the North Eastern Council and to address the august House. Distinguished members will recall the purposeful interaction we had during the last meeting and I am confident the deliberations this time will be highly meaningful and productive.

INTRODUCTION

Meghalaya "***The abode of cloud***" is blessed with its natural beauty. It has immense potential for becoming a paradise for tourists. The bountiful nature, picturesque landscape and pleasant climate of Meghalaya can attract both national and international tourists. Shillong which is traditionally known as the '***Scotland of the East***' is endowed with enormous natural resources. It has a good climate,

adequate rainfall, green forests and virgin land. I would strongly impress upon the Ministry concerned of the Government of India to expedite these issues for the benefit of the youth and the people of the State and the Region as a whole.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT AT THE 55TH MEETING OF THE NEC:

As declared by the Chairman, NEC during the 55th NEC meeting, the 56th Plenary session of the NEC will submit a State-specific Action Taken Report (ATR) to ensure that suggestions made by the Member States do not get buried in the whole Report. As far as Meghalaya is concerned, the status of Action Taken Report is summarized below but have not been fully achieved due to time constraint in view of the just concluded Assembly Elections in the State:

- The draft State Education Policy is in the process of finalization and views from all sections of the society are being invited for making the State an educational

