

NORTH EASTERN LIVELIHOOD PROJECT (NERLP) – PRESENT STATUS WITH REGARD TO IDENTIFICATION MISSION.

As far as Meghalaya is concerned, the following actions have been taken with regard to the Proposed Project Preparation Arrangements:

- (a) **A Dedicated Entity/Nodal Agency:** The **Meghalaya Rural Development Society(MRDS)**, a registered society which is currently implementing the World Bank's Livelihood Improvement Project for Himalayas(LIPH), will be the Dedicated Entity/Nodal Agency to coordinate at the State level under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Meghalaya. It will have a separate cell for the purpose. For the two intervention areas:
- For Garo Hills- the existing West Garo Hills Community Resource Management Society for NERCRMP will be appropriately expanded by co-opting 2(two) Deputy Commissioners of (South Garo Hills & East Garo Hills), District Planning Officers, Project Directors and others.
 - For Khasi & Jaintia Hills- the Cell entity in the Meghalaya Rural Development Society(MRDS) will have the project unit along with Khasi & Jaintia Hills area project unit which would be appropriately fashioned.
- (b) **Selection of Two Districts:** Instead of two districts, the Government of Meghalaya has selected two regions as the area for coverage under NERLP- (a) **Garo Hills Area** & (b) **Khasi & Jaintia Hills Area**. The blocks & villages not covered by the IFAD projects(both NERCORMP & LIPH implemented by MRDS) and district units would be covered by NERLP based on backwardness criteria.
- (c) **Appointment of State Nodal Officer:**
- Dr. Shreerajan, Commissioner & Secretary, Planning Department, Room No.204, Additional Secretariat Building, Meghalaya, Shillong-793001 will be the State Nodal Officer for coordination purposes. The contact phone Nos. are 0364-2220502(O)(Tele-fax)/2226256(R)/9436101995(M). The e-mail address is shreerajan@yahoo.com.
- (d) **Appointment of State Focal Points:** The Principal Secretary, Planning, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Commissioner & Secretary, Planning/Community & Rural Development/Forests & Environment Department are nominated as Focal Points for the NERLP in Meghalaya.
- (e) **Inter-Disciplinary Working Group:** The Chief Secretary, Meghalaya will head the Inter-Disciplinary Working Group with members from Planning, C & R.D, Forests & Environment, Soil & Water Conservation, Agriculture, Horticulture, A.H & Veterinary, Fisheries, Power, Public Works Departments and others.
- (f) **State Level Consultative Group:** The Principal Secretary, Planning will head the State Level Consultative Group of Stakeholders with members from C & R.D, Forests & Environment, Soil & Water Conservation, Agriculture Departments & others.
