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Section 4 (1)(b)(i) of RTI Act 2005

The particular of its Organisation, Functions and Duties

The State Institute of Rural Development, Meghalaya, established in the year 1986, was formally inaugurated on 6th September by the then Chief Minister of Meghalaya Mr. P. A. Sangma. Situated 20 kilometres from the capital city, Shillong, at Nongsder in Ri Bhoi District, SIRD Meghalaya was set up to fulfil the long felt need of the Government to provide regular training to its officers and other functionaries engaged in rural development. The SIRD is an autonomous institution of the Community and Rural Development Department Meghalaya registered under the Registration of Societies Act 7 of 1990. It has been declared by the Government of Meghalaya as an Apex Training and Research Institute for Rural Development in the State to facilitate the Government Officials and Non-Government functionaries involved in rural development activities to acquire managerial and technical skills that would enable them to provide most effective support services to bring about a meaningful change in the rural areas through sustainable development.

The main objective of the Institute is to train various categories of people and to uplift the socio-economic standards of people in the rural areas in general and the rural poor in particular. The immediate task is to impart knowledge and skills on rural development through training courses, seminars, workshops and various other activities. The SIRD coordinates its efforts with various departments and organisations within and outside the State to meet its objectives.

Under the State Institute of Rural Development, the following two Extension Training Centres (ETC) were set up and commissioned to train grassroot functionaries in the field of rural development:

1. Extension Training Centre, Nongsder: established in the year 2001
2. Extension Training Centre, Tura: established in the year 2012

The vision of the State Institute of Rural Development of Meghalaya is to emerge as a premiere, most trusted and innovative Institutes for Training, Research and Consultancy in Rural Development.

The mandate set for the SIRD Meghalaya in brief as revealed in the Memorandum of Association are as follows:

- Undertake, assist and promote training, research, and evaluation studies in rural development of the State.
- Analyze and propose solutions of specific problems encountered in planning and implementation of various programmes of rural development as well as advise concerned department of the State Government with matters related to training.
- Organise need-based training programmes for Senior/ Middle level officers including junior level officers and Non-Government Organisations.
- Develop and upgrade the style of training and inputs in training for improving the effectiveness of trainings.
- Established and maintain libraries and information services.
- Develop linkages with other organisations, offer fellowship and carry out other such activities in promoting the objectives of the organisation.
- Assist the Government of the State in Policy Formulation.

NB: The details of the aims and objectives of the Institute along with the functions and duties can be obtained from the Memorandum of Association at Annexure I