

## CHAPTER VII

### A STATEMENT OF BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES CONSTITUTED AS ITS PART

A Statement of Boards, Council, Committees and other Bodies constituted as its Part or for the purpose of its advice and as to whether meetings of these Boards, Council, Committees and other bodies are open to the Public or the minutes of such meeting are accessed for Public.

The following are the Boards/Councils constituted by the Department and form part of Planning Department :

- (1) State Planning Board : The Board consists of the Chairman 2 Co-Chairmen, 2 Deputy Chairmen, 8 Non-official Members and 7 Official Members. It is an advisory Board which advise the Government regarding formulation of Annual & Five Year Plans. The Head of the Board is the Chairman and the Head Office is in Shillong. Meetings are held from time to time with the Government Departments to review the formulation and implementation of Plan schemes.
- (2) District Planning & Development Councils : 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 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.
- (3) Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council : The MREGC was constituted with its Headquarter at Shillong. It consists of a Chairman, Vice Chairman and 12 (twelve) Members appointed from amongst Government officials and representation from Financial Institutions and NEC. The main objective of the council is to assess prospects for generation of employment in the State in all sectors and identify activities which may have high Employment Potential. To assess the current level of use of natural resources and also to critically review the constraints on disbursement of Bank Credit for schemes and suggest steps for larger flow of credit to local youths including an effective system for helping the youths to prepare bankable scheme etc.
- (4) The Meghalaya Economic Development Council : The Meghalaya Economic Development Council consists of the Chairman and 30 (thirty) Members - both official and Non-official. The Headquarter of the council is at Shillong. The council is serviced by the Secretariat Office known as the MEDC Secretariat. The

main objective of the council is to advise the State Government on issues relating to the Industrial and Economic policies and matters relating thereto.

- (5) The State Council of SCSTE : The State Council of Science, Technology and Environment was constituted in January, 1995. The main function 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.
  
- (6) The Meghalaya Rural Development Society : The Government of Meghalaya had set up the Meghalaya Rural Development Society (MRDS) to implement the Livelihoods Improvement Project for the Himalayas (LIPH). This is a joint venture 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.
  
- (7) The Regional Planning & Development Council : Two Regional Planning & Development Councils were constituted by Government : one for 3 districts in Garo Hills with the Headquarter at Tura and another for Khasi Hills both East & West, Jaintia Hills and Nongpoh Districts with its Headquarter at Shillong. The councils are yet to start functioning. The function of the council is to take stock of the natural & human resources of the Districts as well as the pattern of Development and exploitation of their resources. To coordinate, monitor and review the implementation of the District Plans & Programmes. Each council consists of a Chairman appointed from amongst the Ministers and 18 Members appointed from amongst the Minister, CEM's and Deputy Commissioners of the concerned District etc.