PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STATE LEVEL QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21-09-2004 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE HON'BLE MINISTER, HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION, SHILLONG.

Members present :

1	**Dr. Mukul Sangma,** Minister, Higher & Technical Education	Chairman	Sd/-
2	**Shri L. Roy, I.A.S.,** Commissioner & Secretary, Education Deptt.	Vice-Chairman	Sd/-
3	**Shri B. Dhar, I.A.S.,** Director of Higher & Technical Education, Meghalaya, Shillong.	Convenor	Sd/-
4	**Shri P.K. Das,** Principal, Tura Govt. College, Tura	Member	Sd/-
5	**Fr. I. Warpakma,** Principal, St. Anthony's College, Shillong.	Member	Sd/-
6	**Bro. L.D. Lobo,** Principal, St. Edmund's College, Shillong	Member	Sd/-
7	**Smti B. Tymthai,** Principal, Seng Khasi College, Shillong	Member	Sd/-
8	**Shri B.K. Laitphlang,** Principal, Nongstoin College, Nongstoin	Member	Sd/-
9	**Smti C.W. Momin,** Jt. Director of Higher & Technical Education, Meghalaya, Shillong.	-	
10	**Smti S. Soanes,** Under Secretary, Education Deptt.	-	

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Mukul Sangma, Minister, Higher & Technical Education. He welcomed all the members present. Thereafter the Commissioner and Secretary, Education, Shri L. Roy, explained briefly the purpose of holding the meeting. The pointwere then discussed Agenda-wise.

1. **Formation of Quality Assurance Cell (QAC) :** The need for forming the QAC was explained by Shri B. Dhar, Director of Higher & Technical Education. The process of an institution being assessed and accredited was highlighted by the Principals of St. Edmund's College and St. Anthony's College. The Committee accepted the formation of the QAC as proposed below:-

The Director of Higher & Technical Education will head the QAC with the following Members:-

(i) Joint Director of Higher & Technical Education (in-charge of Colleges).

(ii) Principal, St. Anthony's College, Shillong.

(iii) Principal, St. Edmund's College, Shillong.

(iv) Principal, Shillong College, Shillong.

It was also decided that another Member may be included to co-ordinate the activities in the Garo Hills area.

2. **Instructions to be issued to all Colleges to take steps to undergo the assessment and accreditation process of NAAC:** It was decided that necessary instructions to this effect would be issued from the Directorate of Higher & Technical Education. The Principals would also be instructed to appoint one Coordinator for their Colleges.

3. **QAC to organize Seminars / Workshops:** The Principal of St. Edmund's College informed that the NAAC team headed by Dr. Jagannath Patil, Assistant Adviser of NAAC would be visiting Shillong from 6 – 13 October for the purpose of assessing and accrediting St. Mary's College and Union Christian College, and suggested that the 1st Seminar / Workshop could be organized by the QAC, synchronizing with Dr. J. Patil's visit. The Committee agreed to the suggestion and directed the Director of Higher & Technical Education to contact Dr. J. Patil immediately to confirm his acceptance to address the Seminar / Workshop, and also to invite the Principals and Coordinator of all Colleges in Meghalaya to attend the same. Venue was tentatively fixed at St. Edmund's College. The date and other details would be informed after contacting Dr. J. Patil.

4. **Extension of NAAC's financial support to the SLOACC / QAC beyond the Xth Plan Period:** The Committee decided to take up this matter at a later date.

5. **Other arising matters:** The committee discussed on the need to locate funds for organising the Seminar/Workshop. The Directorate of Higher & Technical Education was directed to apply to NAAC for their assistance of a one time non-recurring grant of Rs.80,000/- which may be used for the purchase of items such as computers, office stationery, etc., and recurring annual grant of Rs.1,20,000/- towards payment of contractual staff and other expenditure.

The meeting ended with a brief vote of thanks from the chair.

(Dr. Mukul Sangma)
Minister, Higher & Technical Education,
&
Chairman.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE STATE LEVEL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE(SLQAC) HELD ON THE 24th JUNE 2016 AT 4.00 P.M.IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM-I OF MAIN SECRETARIATE BUILDING IN SHILLONG.

The 2nd meeting of the State Level Quality Assurance Committee on higher education which was held on the 24th June 2016 at 4:00 PM in the Committee Room No 1 of the Main Secretariat, Meghalaya, Shillong.

Members present: The meeting was attended by the following members:-

SlNo.	Name	Designation
1	Dr.R.C. Laloo Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister in-Charge of Education	Chairman
2	Shri D.P.Wahlang,IAS The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt of Meghalaya, Education Department	Member Secretary
3	Shri A.Ch.Marak,MCS Director Higher & Technical Education,Meghalaya	Member
4	Shri O.Ropmay. Jt. Director Higher & Technical Education ,Meghalaya	Member
5	Shri S.Bhattacharjee Dy. Director Higher & Technical Education ,Meghalaya	Member
6	Shri A.K.Misra,Professor NEHU,Shillong	Member
7	Dr.C.R.Diengdoh,CDC,NEHU,Shillong	Member
8	Dr.Sylvanus Lamare,Principal,St.Edmund's College,Shillong	Member
9	Br(Dr) Albert L D,Principal,St Anthony"s College, Shillong	Member
10	Smti B.Pde,Principal,Seng Khasi College, Shillong	Member

The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, and minister in-charge of Education,Government of Meghalaya Prof R C Laloo. The Chairman welcomed all members present to discuss the very important issue of Quality Assurance in higher education in the State, especially with reference the new development of the 3rd Amendment of the UGC Rules and Regulation, 2016.

The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt of Meghalaya, Education Department, Shri D P Wahlang briefed about the main objective of the meeting with issues arising out with regard to implementation of the 3rd Amendment of the UGC Rules and Regulation, 2016 which came into effect from the 10th of May 2016. He highlighted the need for all Institutions constituted by Central act,

Provincial act and State Act to implement these rules and regulations in the respective institutions as conceived by said amendments with immediate effect.

He said as envisaged in the regulation all types of Institute of higher education viz, Government, Deficit ,Ad hoc, lump sum grants, including state Private Universities and Colleges are to be brought under the purview of these amended rules.

Observations: Some of the observations of the members in the meeting are as follows:-

(a) The last Notification relating UGC Rules and Regulation, 2010 was circulated to all the Colleges, and the same is being adopted accordingly by the colleges coming under the jurisdiction of Directorate of Higher & Technical education of the State.

(b) It is also pointed that subsequent amendment of the UGC Rules and Regulation, 2013 is yet to be circulated by the Government. Pending circulation of such notification many issues related to those amendments are yet to be resolved.

(c) It was observed that NEHU, being a Central body the implementation of such rules and regulation are as per decision of its Academic Council. However adoption of such rules and regulation by affiliating colleges become very difficult in the absence of any clear guidance from the state government. Therefore it is felt necessary to circulate the notification on amendments in rules and regulations to the various institutions of higher education.

(d) The Commissioner & Secretary, Shri D P Wahlang emphasized the need for NAAC accreditation for the institute of higher education and requested the already accredited institutes to mentor the other institutes to help them achieve the goal of accreditation.

(e) The matter regarding conducting SLET

Resolutions taken in the meeting:-

1) To reconstitute the Quality Assurance Cell (QAC) with representative of Private Universities/Institutions as members at the Directorate level.

2) To discuss various issues viz, circulating gazette notification of UGC rules and amendments, NAAC accreditation, conducting SLET in Meghalaya ,draft service rules, circulating draft service rules made for schools & get feedback before finalization of the same in QAC and come up with specific suggestions in SLQAC.
3) QAC to submit report on the decision taken on these issues within the month of August 2016.
4) SLQAC to be convened in the month of September 2016 to take final decisions on suggestions made by QAC.

At last The Commissioner & Secretary, Shri D P Wahlang requested the Principals of various Colleges to take advantage of the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) scheme being implemented in the state for upgradation of the institutes.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the chair.