

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE HIGHER EDUCATION  
COUNCIL: MIZORAM**

**VENUE:** Information & Public Relations Conference Room,  
Treasury Square, Aizawl

**TIME :** 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015 (Friday), 11:00 AM

The Chairman, Pu R.Romawia, Minister, Higher & Technical Education, welcomed the members present and informed the Council that apologies for absence were received from the members who are unable to attend the meeting. He then apologized for the postponement of the Council meeting which was earlier scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 due to some unavoidable circumstances. *(List of members present and apologies attached in separate sheet).*

Expressing his gratitude for the efforts undertaken so far by the state in implementing RUSA Scheme he stressed the need to take concerted efforts to maintain progress in keeping pace with the other RUSA participating states. The chairman expressed his concern over the slowing down on RUSA activities at the centre due to the general election and change of party holding power in the central government. He said that RUSA Project Approval Board approved components for the State is far below the level of the proposed components, however, he is happy with the inclusion of nearly all the Institutions run by the State's Higher and Technical Education Department amongst RUSA beneficiary institutions.

A round of self-introduction followed the Chairman welcome addressed.

1. **Confirmation of the Last Council Meeting:** The Minutes of the State Higher Education Council Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014(Thursday) which was circulated to all the members and modified in the light of suggestions received was confirmed.
2. **Action taken Reports and its approval:** The Member Secretary, Prof. K.L Pradhan presented the action taken reports as follow:
  - (a) Submission of State Higher Education Plan (XII Plan) for 12 Components to MHRD for consideration on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2014.
  - (b) Modified SHEP based on the appraisal, consultation and clarifications raised by the RUSA Resource Centre New Delhi was resubmitted on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
  - (c) The Hon'ble Council of Ministers' meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 approved in principle the RUSA Scheme/Project to be implemented in the State.

- (d) Constitution of Expert Committee for New College (Professional) i.e. Mizoram Engineering College at Lunglei, under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary with 9 members. As resolved by the Committee, an expert member along with the officials from SPD and Consultancy firm visited Lunglei. The land initially earmarked for MEC within the land of Mizoram Polytechnic Lunglei was found not suitable for MEC. However, a plot of land measuring 74.82 Bighas (24.94 acres) at Pukpui Arsi veng was allotted to MEC free of cost. The Consultancy Firm has been directed to prepare Detailed Project Reports to be submitted to National Mission Director MHRD (RUSA).
- (e) Memorandum of Understanding between Government of Mizoram, Higher & Technical Education Department and M/s Mizoram Technocrats (P) LTD was signed on 12/2/2015 to carry out the civil works (design and Built) under RUSA Scheme.
- (f) Submission of Detailed Project Reports for upgradation to Model Degree Colleges (Govt. Hrangbana College Aizawl and Government Ziritir Residential Science College, Aizawl) to MHRD (RUSA) on 13th February 2015 for approval.
- (g) As instructed by the MHRD, preparation of Detailed Project Reports as per templates for 21 Colleges under RUSA Infrastructure Grants has been undertaken by the Consultancy Firm on the basis of financial break up viz 35% for new Construction, 35% for renovation/up gradation and 30% for purchase of equipment.
- (h) Submission of the Detailed Project Report for construction of New Professional College (Mizoram Engineering College) at Pukpui Lunglei District to MHRD (RUSA) on 15th July 2015 for approval and release of fund.

#### **FUND STATUS:**

- (i) The Government released the State Matching Share of ₹ 30.30 lakh for Preparatory Grants and MMER and deposited in RUSA SHEC Bank account on 25th March 2015.
- (ii) A sum of ₹ 236.25 lakh (1st. Installment) for infrastructure grants for 21 colleges has sanctioned by the MHRD ( @ ₹ 11.50 lakh each for the colleges) and submitted to Government for Expenditure sanction, along with budget allocation of the State Matching Share amounting to ₹ 26.25 lakh.

- (iii) On 14th May 2015, the amount parked in K-Deposit was released and deposited to RUSA SHEC Bank account. On 16th July 2015 the 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment of Infrastructure Grants amounting to ₹ 236.25 lakh received (Central share) from MHRD RUSA for 21 colleges has been released at the rate of ₹11.25 lakh for purchase of immediate requirements.
- (iv) As per RUSA guidelines, an Independent Chartered Accountant- M/s Akash & Associates, Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl was appointed to audit RUSA account for 2014-15 financial years. The firm has submitted the audited statement of RUSA. Total amount spent during the audited period is ₹ 72, 55,460.00 (Rupees seventy two lakh fifty five thousand four hundred sixty) only.

Sl. No.	Received From	Amount	Total
1	Preparatory Grants (Central Share)	2,70,00,000.00	2,70,00,000.00
2	MMER Grants (Central Share)	2,70,000.00	2,70,000.00
3	State Matching Share	30,30,000.00	30,30,000.00
4.	IDBI Bank Interest	1,63,186.00	1,63,186.00
		<b>TOTAL ₹</b>	<b>3,04,63,186.00</b>

**Balance as on 1.4.2015 ₹3, 04,63,186.00 - ₹72,55,460.00 = ₹ 2,32,07,626.00**

**OTHERS:**

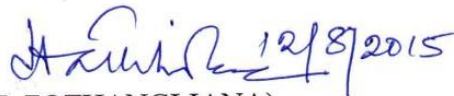
- (i) Occupied the State Project Directorate Office at Higher and Technical Education building, Mac Donald Hill, Basement – 1, from 1st October 2014. Office equipment, stationery and machines were procured as per the rates approved by the Govt. of Mizoram.
- (ii) A Stakeholders (Students) sensitization seminar on RUSA Scheme was held on 24th February 2014 at MZP Conference Hall, Aizawl, jointly organized by SPD & MZP.
- (iii) A Stakeholders (College Students) sensitization programme on RUSA Scheme was held on 28th February 2014 at MZP Conference Hall, Aizawl organized by Aizawl City College Students Union at Vanapa Hall.
- (iv) A memorandum was submitted to the Hon'ble Minister of State, MHRD on 18th May 2015 at Mizoram University, Aizawl to move RUSA


Mission Authority and Project Approval Board to approve more components which have not been approved till date.


- (v) Member Secretary, SHEC, attended the Consultation Meeting on SHEP in the last week of 8-9 August 2014, at RUSA, Resource Centre, New Delhi.
  - (vi) Three officials Member Secretary SHEC, SPD and Jt. SPD attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Project Approval Board (RUSA), MHRD meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at New Delhi.
  - (vii) Two State Project Directorate (RUSA) officials attended RUSA N.E. Regional Conference held at Guwahati on 9th July 2015 to discuss the issue of RUSA.
3. **Audit Reports for 2014-15:** The Audit Reports (2014-2015) was presented by the Member Secretary. Few clarifications and words of caution with regard to selection of Charter Accountant followed the reports. The meeting resolved that the Audit reports be discussed in the next Council Meeting as it contains lengthy observations and suggestions for better financial management that required ample time for serious perusal.
4. **Shortage of Teaching, Non- Teaching Staff in Higher & Technical Education Department:** The Member Secretary presented the Status of Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff position in various Institutions under Higher & Technical Education and in the Directorate establishment (*details analysis in table format were placed in the Conference file of each member*). The meeting expressed its deep concern for the huge shortage of both teaching and non-teaching staff position and also the difficulty of filling up vacant sanctioned posts due to recruitment ban. It was mentioned in the meeting that Health Department and Education Departments are accorded relaxation as regard the downsizing policy issued in 2005. The meeting though aware of the financial constraints being faced by the state government, resolved to request the Government in the name of State Higher Education Council to explore the possibility of filling such vacant posts at least in a phase manner.

5. **Mizoram State RUSA Financial Regulation 2015:** In the absence of proper guidelines or Financial Manual issued by Ministry of HRD (RUSA), Mizoram State RUSA Financial Regulation was drafted by the Office of the State Project Directorate RUSA, Mizoram. The draft document was placed for consideration and it was resolved that the Financial Regulation would be discussed in detail in the next Council meeting.
  
6. **Scaling down of Support Staff:** The meeting discussed about the strength of Support Staff engaged in RUSA Project Directorate on contract basis. It was reported that some stakeholders as well as higher authority regarded the project directorate as being overstaffed. It was explained to the members present that the support staff were initially engaged proportional to the size of the proposed project components. Since the size of the approved project components at this stage is smaller than expected, the idea of scaling down number of the support staff will be reviewed on need base.
  
7. **Next Meeting of the SHEC:** The meeting resolved to convene the next SHEC meeting to consider matters related to the Audit Reports for 2014-2015, Mizoram State RUSA Financial Regulation 2015 etc. as may be convenient to the Chairman.

The Chairman invited Pu H. Zothangliana, Vice-Chairman, SHEC to propose vote of thanks after which the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

  
 (H. ZOTHANGLIANA)  
 Vice-Chairman  
 State Higher Education Council

  
 (R.ROMAWIA)  
 Chairman  
 State Higher Education Council

  
 (Prof. K.L PRADAHAN)  
 Member Secretary  
 State Higher Education Council

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**Members present:**

1. Pu R Romawia, Minister, H&TE, Chairman, SHEC
2. Pu H Zothangliana, Parliamentary Secretary, H&TE, Vice Chairman SHEC
3. Prof. K L Pradhan, Member Secretary, SHEC
4. Pu K Lal Nghinglova, Commissioner, H&TE
5. Pu R. Lalrosanga, Director, H&TE
6. Pu Zochungnunga, Former Director, H&TE
7. Prof. Vanlalchhawna, Dept. of Economics, Mizoram University
8. Dr Lalchungnunga, Chairman, Mizoram Board of School Education.
9. Prof. Sangkima, Former Principal, Govt. Aizawl College
10. Pu H Vanlalkeua, Former Joint. Director, H&TE
11. Pu Thanglura, President, Mizoram College Teachers Association
12. Prof. Vanlalringa Bawihlung, Govt. Lawngtlai College
13. Pu K Lalhmingthanga, President, Mizoram Chamber of Industries and  
Commerce.
14. Dr. Lalfakzuala, Mizo Academy of Science.
15. Pu Lalbiakzuala, President Central Young Mizo Association

**Invitees:**

16. Pi H.M Hualsangi, Jt. Secretary, H&TE and Taxation,( Special Invitee)
17. Dr. Zanzoliana, Joint State Project Director (RUSA)
18. Pu Lalkanglova Sailo, Finance Officer, H&TE (RUSA)

**Members absent with apology:**

1. Dr. Tawnenga, Principal, Pachhunga University College. due to Executive  
Council Meeting of Mizoram University.
2. Prof. Sajal Nag, Assam University.- Unavoidable circumstance
3. Prof. R. Sharma, Deptt. Of Bio-Chemistry, NEHU, Shillong. He could not  
attend the Council Meeting as he was on tour during vacation in ~~Chennai~~. *Mulubau*
4. Dr. Vanlalhruii, Principal IASE.- NAAC Peer Team Visit
5. MHRD Representative - due to Parliament Session.