

MINUTES OF THE STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING: MIZORAM

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

TIME : 31st August 2015 (Monday), 11:00 P.M

Chairman: Pu R.Romawia, Hon'ble Minister, H&TE and Chairman, SHEC.

The Chairman welcomed the members present and apprised them of the purpose of the present SHEC Special Meeting. (*Attendance Sheet placed in Appendix*).

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes of the last SHEC Meeting's minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of SHEC held on 31st July 2015 was circulated in advance to each member inviting their observations and suggestions for improvement. The Chairman opened the floor once again for observations or suggestions, if any. There being no comments from the members the minutes was confirmed.
- 2. Member Secretary's Report:** Prof. K L Pradhan Member Secretary presented a brief report of action taken since the last SHEC Meeting as follows:
 - 1) As resolved by the SHEC Meeting held on 31st July 2015, a representation was submitted to the Hon'ble Chief Minister to explore possibilities to fill up the vacant posts in the Higher Education institutes/Colleges for both Teaching and non-teaching staff at least in phase manner.
 - 2) As directed by the Government, a Committee on Grass Roots Level Consultation on New Education Policy was organized on 11th August 2015 under the chairmanship of Pu. K. Lal Nghinglova, Commissioner & Secretary Higher & Technical Education Department. The meeting thoroughly discussed the twenty (20) themes related to Higher Education as identified by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education. The meeting resolved to organize District Level Consultation meeting during 3rd and 4th weeks of August 2015 and upload the meeting outcome and recommendation to MyGov.in. It was also resolved to hold State Level Meeting on New Education Policy within September 2015.
 - 3) The Government has allotted State Matching Shares for Infrastructure Grants for 21 Colleges amounting to Rs. 26.25 Lakh and Upgradation of Existing Colleges to

New Model Degree Colleges amounting to Rs. 10 lakh. Expenditure Sanctions have been moved for release of the same.

4) Consultative Committee on Higher & Technical Education, under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, H&TE organized by H&TE on 21 August 2015, was attended by the officials of State Project Directorate (RUSA) as one of the agenda was related to RUSA Scheme.

5) Monitoring and Surveillance Meeting held on 19th August 2015 organized by Planning and Programme Implementation Department attended by ASPD and submitted the Progress Report on RUSA Scheme as per the prescribed template. Progress Report on RUSA Scheme will be reviewed by the High Level Monitoring and Surveillance Committee under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister as the total cost of the Project is above Rs. 50 Crore.

6) It has come to the notice of MHRD, RUSA that Colleges approved for funding under RUSA Scheme have received or applied for NLCPR fund under DoNER. Queries were raised as to whether there is duplicity or over lapping in funding. It was clarified that there shall be no duplicity as the assets to be created under RUSA and NLCPR will not be same.

7) MHRD RUSA has also made query on status of Colleges in regards to the NAAC Accreditation as it is made mandatory to avail fund under RUSA.

In light of the Member Secretary's report, it was pointed out that the State has initiated the process of attaining 100% NAAC Accreditation right from 11th Plan Period. As a result, only few Colleges are left to undergo their first Cycle of NAAC Accreditation. While most of the Colleges are serious in preparing themselves to face NAAC assessment and accreditation, some Colleges due for Second cycle are not serious enough in taking action in timely manner in spite of the consistent pressure from the Department. The meeting resolved to urge all the Colleges due for NAAC assessment and accreditation to seriously prepare for the same.

The action taken report as submitted by the Member Secretary was accepted.

3. Audit Report for 2014-2015:- Income and Expenditure account of SHEC, RUSA for the Financial Year 2014-2015 was audited by the firm Akas & Associates, Chartered Accountant. The Audit Report and observations already presented by the Member Secretary in the last Council meeting held on 31st July 2015 but referred for SHEC Special Meeting was opened for discussion. The Chairman requested Pu Lalkanglova Sailo, Finance Officer, State Project Directorate, RUSA to present 'Explanatory Notes to Observation Report on the Audit' prepared by the State Project Directorate. After point to point presentation and explanation of audit

observations, various questions were raised and clarifications were sought by the members present.

The meeting noted that the existing system on financial management needs to be improved as there are cases of irregularities, apparently doubtful and inadmissible expenditure in the absence of proper Manual on Financial Management. There are instances of expenditures being incurred from RUSA fund just by emulating the practice of Sister Missions like SSA and RMSA.

The Meeting resolved that the audit observations and suggestions should strictly be followed and expenditure henceforth should be incurred scrupulously within the framework of RUSA Guidelines, and the relevant Government and the Mission rules and regulations. The meeting urged all officials under RUSA Mission to maintain sincerity and dedication to deliver maximum benefits from RUSA Project for the state and to set RUSA Mission a model for other Central Sponsored Schemes/Missions.

- 4. Mizoram State RUSA Financial Regulations 2015:** The draft Mizoram State RUSA Financial Regulations 2015 which was earlier placed before the Council for discussions in its meeting held on 31st July 2015 but referred for detail discussion in Special meeting was opened for discussion. After prolonged discussion, certain corrections, deletion and insertion were made in the draft Regulations. The Mizoram State RUSA Financial Regulations 2015 was then unanimously approved by the SHEC with immediate effect. (*Approved Mizoram State RUSA Financial Regulations 2015 attached*)

The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks from the Chair at around 4:00 pm.

Sd/- 04.09.2015

(H. ZOTHANGLIANA)

Vice-Chairman

State Higher Education Council

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(R.ROMAWIA)

Chairman

State Higher Education Council

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(Prof. K.L PRADAHAN)

Member Secretary

State Higher Education Council

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL,
MIZORAM HELD ON THE 31st AUGUST 2015.**

List of 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. Prof. Vanlalchhawna, Dept. of Economics, Mizoram University
6. Dr. Lalchungnunga, Chairman, Mizoram Board of School Education.
7. Prof. Sangkima, Former Principal, Govt. Aizawl College
8. Pu H. Vanlalkeuva, Former Joint Director, H&TE
9. Dr. Tawnenga, Principal, Pachhunga University College
10. Dr. Vanlalhruii, Principal, IASE
11. Prof. Vanlalringa Bawihlung, Govt. Lawngtlai College
12. Pu Thanglura, President, Mizoram College Teachers Association
13. Pu K Lalhmingthanga, President, Mizoram Chamber of Industries and Commerce.
14. Dr. R. 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. Zarzoliana, Joint State Project Director (RUSA)
18. Pu Lalkanglova Sailo, Finance Officer, SPD (RUSA)

Members absent with apology:

1. Pu R. Lalrosanga, Director, H&TE due to the death of his wife.