

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

Venue : *Conference Hall of Aijal Club*
Date : *30.08.2016 (12:00 PM)*

The meeting began with a welcome address from Pu R. Romawia, Hon'ble Minister H&TE and Chairman, SHEC and expressed his gratitude to the members for their presence. He also informed members of the Council the various reasons why some of the members were unable to attend the meeting.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the last SHEC Meeting's minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of SHEC held on 31st August 2015 was circulated in advance to the Council members 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.

II. Member Secretary's Report: Prof. K L Pradhan Member Secretary presented a report of activities of RUSA since the last SHEC Meeting as follows:

1. Engagement of Support Staff:

The contract engagement period of RUSA, SPD Support Staff and Technical Support Group was initially fixed for one year i.e. up to 30.09.2015.

As such, on 11.09.2015 an advertisement for engagement of various categories of Support Staff on contract basis was displayed in the daily Newspapers and a notice was also served to concerned Employment Exchange Office. Interview of candidates was conducted on 29th, 30th September 2015 at the Office Chamber of SPD-cum-Commissioner & Secretary, H&TE. The Selection Committee recommended only 16 candidates for various posts in such a way to scale down the size of the supporting staff/TSG, sequel to the resolution of SHEC Meeting held on 31st August 2015. On the recommendation of the Selection Committee and as approved by the Chairman, SHEC engagement order of 16 support staff of various posts for a period of one year was issued on 9th October, 2015.

2. Inspection of RUSA activities by Consultant, RUSA, RC: Ms. Suman Shukla, Consultant RUSA, Resource Centre, MHRD (HE) from New Delhi came to Mizoram during 14th - 16th October 2015 to inspect RUSA activities in the state. She was taken to State Project Directorate Office, SPD -cum - Commissioner & Secretary's Office and some Colleges in Aizawl. She found RUSA activities in the state quite satisfactory.

- 3. Meeting Attended outside the State:** Officials and Support Staff of SPD RUSA attended the various meetings as mentioned below:
- 1) Commissioner & Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Department, Member Secretary SHEC, Jt. Director RUSA attended North Eastern Zone Meeting on New Education Policy held at Agartala on 18.09.2015.
 - 2) Member Secretary SHEC , Jt. Director RUSA and two Principals attended the MHRD (RUSA) meeting held in Shillong, Meghalaya on 2nd Feb 2016. SPD – cum- Commissioner & Secretary could not attend the meeting due to delay in flight schedule.
 - 3) A Review Meeting of MHRD RUSA was held on 6th April 2016 at New Delhi, the Member Secretary, SHEC and Jt. Director RUSA attended the meeting through video Conference at NIC Aizawl. The National Mission Director expressed her remarks that Mizoram State has done commendable works in respect to implementation of RUSA Projects and ranked as star performer in the North East India as well as one of the best performer state in India.
 - 4) The State Project Director (RUSA) visited National Mission Director RUSA at Shastri Bhavan New Delhi on 8th April 2016 and appraised the development of the RUSA Project in the State.
 - 5) Member Secretary, SHEC attended the Regional Conference for Central Universities at IST Guwahati on 20th and 21st April 2016.
 - 6) Member Secretary SHEC, Jt. Director RUSA attended the MHRD RUSA Review meeting in New Delhi organized by the MHRD (RUSA) on 6th May 2016. As Mizoram being star Performer State and one of the best performing States in India, the MHRD officials insisted to prepare for Digital launch on the spot of the completed project to be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister MHRD sometimes in May 2016 (tentatively 17th May).
 - 7) State Project Director and Jt. Director (RUSA) attended RUSA Review Meeting of Action Plan of States and UTs at New Delhi on 17th May 2016.
 - 8) Finance Officer (RUSA) and two officials attended Workshop/Seminar on Capacity Building and Sensitization of state Nodal Officer/Finance Officers in Public Financial Management System held at New Delhi on 3rd May 2016 organized by Ministry of Finance, GoI, New Delhi.
 - 9) State project Director (RUSA) visited RUSA Resource Centre at New Delhi and pressurized them to release the 2nd Instalment of Grants for Up-gradation of Model Degree Colleges on 28th June 2016.
 - 10) State Project Director (RUSA) attended Consultative meeting on Curriculum Reforms and designing innovative delivery mechanism in State Public University and Colleges at Mumbai on 1st July 2016. A study group consisting of four members is constituted to find out the feasibilities of undertaking Curriculum Reforms and designing innovative in the Colleges. The Study Group has submitted its report to the SPD Office, RUSA on 29/8/2016.

11) Jt. Director (RUSA) and three officials attended Workshop on Public Financial Management System (PFMS) and Bhuvan RUSA Geo Tagging at New Delhi on 25th and 26th July 2016.

4. Seminars/Workshops Organized by State Project Directorate:

- 1) Sensitization Workshop on PFMS, Bhuvan RUSA-GEO Tagging, GIS Mapping etc. for Principals & Coordinators held on 19 Feb 2016 at I& PR Auditorium, Aizawl
- 2) National Seminar of Reforms in Education on 5th May 2016 was organized at I& PR Auditorium in collaboration with Mizoram Education Foundation, Aizawl.
- 3) Organized Workshop on Capacity Building for Colleges on PFMS & Bhuvan RUSA geo tagging at Aijal Club on 3rd and 4th August 2016. For RUSA Institutional Coordinators and Computer Operators from 24 Colleges.
- 4) Organized Workshop on Capacity Building for Colleges on PFMS & Bhuvan RUSA for Principals of Govt. Colleges at Aizawl on 10th August 2016 and sponsored Principals Meet with HRD Centre Mizoram University.
- 5) Sponsored and documentation of **70th INDIA INDEPENDENCE FREEDOM RUN** on 16th August 2016.

5. Progress of Project Works: (Digital Launch):

- 1) Preparation of Language Laboratory for inauguration was carried out with the help of NIC, BSNL and Reliance at Govt. Zirtiri Residential Science College.
- 2) Digital launch of Language Laboratory: On **3rd June 2016** the Hon'ble Minister MHRD in the presence of Mr. Lalsawta, Hon'ble Minister, Finance, Govt. of Mizoram inaugurated the Language Lab at Govt. Zirtiri Residential Science College, Aizawl.

6. RUSA Sponsored Seminar , Workshops Organized at Colleges:

From RUSA Preparatory Grant, Rs. 1 lakh each was released to 23 Colleges for undertaking Capacity building exercise. During 12th Feb-30th March 2016 RUSA Sponsored Workshop/Seminar on Sensitization of RUSA Scheme was conducted in all colleges except Govt. Saiha College, Govt. Lawngtlai College, Govt. Kalamanager College and Mizoram Hindi Training College. ASPD –cum-Member Secretary SHEC and Jt. SPDRUSA acted as resource person in such Workshops. Similarly, Workshop on Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) was also organized in all concerned Govt. Colleges in the state. For CBCS Workshop Resource Person were invited from MZU.

7. Proposals on RUSA Project:

- 1) As instructed by the RUSA Resource Centre New Delhi several meetings/consultations were conducted from 25th November to 28th November

2015 for preparation of State Plan for Equity Initiatives Grants. The State Plan for this component was finalized and submitted to RUSA Resource Centre on 28th November 2015 and was placed before the Project Approval Board held on 2nd December 2015.

- 2) Similarly on the advice of RUSA Resource Centre New Delhi a Consultation Committee meeting on Research and Innovation was held on 17th December 2015 from under the chairmanship of State Project Director (RUSA). Ten members from SPD Officials, Govt. Zirtiri residential Science College and IASE attended the meeting. The meeting entrusted to select two topics each to GZRSC and IASE. On 15th January 2016 a State Plan proposal for Research and Innovation was submitted to MHRD through RUSA Resource Centre, New Delhi for consideration.
- 3) On the basis of discussion with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, (TISS) and MHRD officials at Bangalore on Faculty Recruitment Support, a State Plan proposal for Component 10 : Faculty Recruitment Support, was accordingly prepared and submitted to RUSA Resource Centre on 27th June 2016 to be placed before the Project Approval Board.

8. Financial and Physical achievements:

The followings are the details of (a) financial achievements made so far by the SHEC, SPD RUSA; (In crore)

Component	Approved Project	Fund received (Central)	Fund received (State)	Fund released to Institutions
Preparatory Grant 1 st Installment)	6	2.70	Rs. 0.30	The Preparatory Grants & MMER is being utilize for maintenance of SPD office and SHEC.
MMER	0.06	0.027	Rs. 0.003	
Up gradation of existing Degree Colleges to Model Degree Colleges (1 st Installment)	8	0.90	Rs. 0.10	Fund has been transferred to Govt. Hrangbana College & Govt. Zirtiri Residential College @ Rs. 50 lakh each.
New College (Professional) Mizoram Engineering College (1 st Installment)	26	11.70	Rs.1.30	50% of the amount has been transferred to the Consultancy firm as per MoU for execution of works
Infrastructure Grants to 21 Colleges 1 st	42	2.3625	Rs. 0.2625	A)1 st Installment of Infrastructure Grants @

Installment Infrastructure Grants to 21 Colleges 2 nd Installment		17.7188	Rs.1.968	Rs. 12.50 lakh was transferred to 21 Colleges and utilization certificate was submitted. B) 2 nd Installment of Infrastructure Grants @ Rs. 93.75 lakh has been transferred to 21 College for construction of Classrooms, auditoriums, cafeterias Library, etc.
Equity Initiatives Grants for 24 Colleges	5	2.25	0.25	The fund has been transferred to 24 Colleges @ Rs. 10.4167 lakh for Equity initiatives.
TOTAL Rs.	87.06	37.6583	4.1835	

8(b) Physical achievements:

Name of College	New Construction with date of commencement	Language Lab. Under Equity Initiatives	Renovation & Up-gradation	Purchase of equipment
Govt. Aizawl College	Cafeteria & Students' common room Date : 18.07.2016	Installation of Language Lab.	Classroom, administrative building, Desks and benches, Lab. Rooms, Library, Fencing, Water harvesting etc.	Computers, Furniture, Books, Library and Laboratory, sport goods, Desks and Benches, etc.
Govt. Aizawl North College	Class rooms Date: 01.09.2016	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Govt. Aizawl West College	Vertical Extension for Classrooms Date : (DPR)	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Govt. Champhai College	Vertical Extension for classrooms and seminar room Date: 27.08.2016	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-

Govt. Hnahthial College	Library & Common Room Date: 09.08.2016	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Govt. J. Buana College	Multipurpose Hall Date: 09.08.2016	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Govt.J. Thankima College	Classrooms Date: 01.09.2016	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Govt. Johnson College	Vertical Extension for Classrooms Date : (DPR)	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Govt. Khawzawl College	Auditorium and Library Date: 19.08.2016	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Govt. Kolasib College	Science Lab & Common Room Date: 27.06.2016	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Govt. Lawngtlai College	Classrooms Date: 22.06.2016	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Govt. Mamit College	Classrooms Date: 01.07.2016	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Govt. Saiha College	Administrative building Date : 17.06.2016	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Govt. Saitual College	Vertical Extension for Administrative building Date : 15.07.2016	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Govt. Serchhip College	Classrooms Date: 16.07.2016	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Govt. T. Romana College	Classrooms Date: (DPR)	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Govt. Zawlnuam College	Classrooms Date: 25.06.2016	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Institute of Advanced Study in Education	Classrooms Date: 05.06.2016	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Govt.Kamalanagar College	Classrooms Date: 01.09.2016	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Lunglei Govt. College	Vertical Extension for Classrooms Date : 01.09.2016	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-
Mizoram Law College	Library & Cafeteria Date : DPR	Installation of Language Lab	-do-	-do-

Govt. Hrangbana College	Classrooms & Auditorium Date : 08.03.2016	Installation of Language Lab	Nil	-do-
Govt. Zirtiri Residential Science College	Science Laboratory Date 11.02.2016	Installation of Language Lab	Nil	-do-
Government Hindi Training College	Nil	Installation of Language Lab	Nil	Nil
New College (Professional) Mizoram Engineering College, Lunglei.	Administrative, Academic, Library, Cafeteria, Hostels for Girls & Boys, Workshop, Students' common room; Date: 22 .04.2016.	Nil	Nil	Nil

(Since the State project Directorate (RUSA) is not work department, Restricted Tender was floated with the permission of the Government. The construction of various buildings to 21 colleges has been awarded the contract to Lushai Engineers, Ramhlun Veng on 29th March 2016).

9. INSPECTION OF COLLEGES:

The Member Secretary, SHEC, Officials of State Project Directorate (RUSA) Engineer of Technical Support Group regularly inspected the sites of the construction within Aizawl and occasionally outside Aizawl and found the workmanship and progress satisfactory so far as per Report submitted by the Consultancy firm consisting of Engineers who has been entrusted for first level monitoring and evaluation of the civil works.

10. REFORMS AND BEST PRACTICES UNDERTAKEN AS PER RUSA GUIDELINES:

a) Proper Institutional Structure: RUSA is being implemented and monitored through an institutional structure comprising of bodies with clearly defined roles and powers at the central, State and institutional levels. The main agency through which RUSA works in the States is the State Higher Education Council (SHEC), an autonomous body functioning at an arm's length from the state government. The SHEC is supported in turn by the Project Directorate (created by the State Government) and Technical Support Group. The State Project Directorate report to the SHECs and is directly responsible for management, coordination,

implementation and monitoring of the project at the state level. The project at the Institutional level is managed by two bodies; the Board of Governors (BoG) and a Project Monitoring Unit (PMU). The Board of Governors in Colleges are chaired by Administrators from outside Colleges. The BoGs of Colleges in district headquarters are chaired by Deputy Commissioners of the concerned district and in block headquarters BDO's of the concerned blocks and for Colleges in Aizawl City Administrative Officials in H&TE Department chaired the BoGs. Apart from Academic officials each BoG has adequate representation of voluntary organizations like MHIP, YMA, as well. Likewise, each PMU has appropriate representation from teaching and non-teaching faculty and students. The BoGs take all policy decisions with regard to smooth, cost effective and timely Implementation of the Institutional project. The PMU, headed by the Head of the Institution i.e Principal, is responsible for monitoring of the project at the institutional level The PMU performs procurement of goods, works and services. Proper Institutional structure and adequate representation of different groups of stakeholders in each body promotes decentralization and the spirit of cooperative federalism. It is also expected to promote institutional autonomy, governance reforms, quick and efficient implementation of the project.

b) Implementation of Equity Initiative: Under RUSA Equity Initiative, 24-Govt. Colleges in the state are being equipped with Language Laboratory. Due to the geographical isolation of the state and dominance of Mizo language majority of the students are facing language barrier. Students particularly from rural background (more than one-third of total students) had their primary and secondary education in Mizo medium. Under such conditions many students need proper training in communicative language to pursue better career in higher education and employment. Language labs are created to address language barrier being faced by the students. Apart from Language Education through language lab, Spoken English and Hindi are being introduced in Colleges under the State Government. The state predominantly comprises of Students from socio-economically underprivileged section viz. ST and low income group with hilly and rural background. It is important that they are provided with facility for training in English and Hindi as well as other languages bordering the State.

Students who are academically weak, slow learners and rural background need special mentoring through remedial classes to provide with additional learning inputs to be able to compete with other students. Hence, remedial coaching is being introduced in Colleges. Under this component, programmes like Gender Sensitization Campaign, Persons with Disability (PWD), finishing school and Personality Development programme are being organised.

c) Creation of 'Mizoram RUSA' WhatsApp Group: For quick and efficient communication and dissemination of information of urgent nature and sharing of opinion and progress of RUSA implementation, a WhatsApp Group 'Mizoram RUSA' was created. Officials in the State Project Directorate, Technical Support Group and some members of the State Higher Education Council, all Principals,

Institutional Coordinators, Nodal officers of various activities and teaching and non-teaching faculty directly involved in RUSA activities are made members of the Group.

d) State Higher Education Council, Mizoram: Draft has been prepared for Legislation by the State Legislative Assembly and submitted to the Administrative Department for necessary action.

e) NAAC: In order to achieve 100% assessment and accreditation by NAAC all Colleges/institutions have been instructed to take concerted efforts.

11. PFMS AND BHUVAN RUSA GEO-SPATIAL MONITORING:

Ministry of Human Resources Development has made it mandatory to upload photographs of all activities of RUSA Project in Bhuvan RUSA to track the developments. Besides, the State Project Directorate (RUSA), SHEC and all RUSA beneficiaries' colleges/institutions should maintain video clips, documents, reports and all relevant information. Similarly, all financial transactions should be routed through Public Financial Management System (PFMS) with effect from 1st April 2016 failing which fund could not be released to the State by the MHRD, Govt. of India.

III. RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. Note of Gratitude:** Referring to the Member Secretary Report No.3 (6), - ‘..Mizoram being remarked as the Star Performer in the North East India as well as one of the best performer states in India in implementation of RUSA Project by the MHRD Authority, Govt. of India.’ **The Council expressed its deep gratitude to the officials and staff of RUSA and placed on record the commendable efforts and achievements.**
- 2. Extension of Support Staff:** The Chairman informed the members that the existing supporting staff of SPD, SHEC, RUSA, whose engagement period expiring on 31st October 2016, have submitted a representation requesting to extend their contract period co-terminus to the project period of RUSA. *The meeting discussed the matter and resolved that their services shall be renewed for another one year w.e.f. 2nd November 2016, keeping a break of one day in between the last contract period and the joining date for renewed contract period.*
- 3. Introduction of Academic Audit:** The Chairman requested the Member Secretary to move the agenda pertaining to introduction of Academic Audit and State ranking of Higher Education Institutions. The Member Secretary stated that the academic audit is made mandatory for all RUSA beneficiaries Colleges/institutions.as per the RUSA initiative. It is to be introduced for assessing the performance of the higher educational institutions in the State. Through this mechanism, State Ranking of the higher educational institutions shall be undertaken. Of the various benefits, the Academic Audit and

Institutions ranking would create, the Member Secretary emphasized the healthy competition for quality education amongst the higher education institutions in the state. The Member Secretary also informed the house that the proposal for introduction of Academic Audit and Institutional ranking has been examined and recommended by the Government for Introduction from the Academic Session 2016-2017.

After brief discussion, the Council unanimously resolved that the Academic Audit be introduced from the academic session, 2016-2017.

- 4. Financial Audit of SHEC Account for the year 2015-2016:** The Council Members enquired about the status of Audit of the SHEC, RUSA Account. It was pointed out that in the last two SHEC Meetings in 2015 the Audit Report of SHEC, RUSA Account was placed before the Council for discussion. Whether Audit has been done this year? The Members Secretary informed the house that SHEC, RUSA Account was audited for the year 2014-2015 and was placed before the Council last year in its 2nd and Special Meeting. Questions arising out of the Audit are being responded as directed by the Accountant General and State Finance Department. The SHEC, RUSA Account for the last Financial Year 2015-2016, however, is due for audit.

The Council resolved that the SHEC RUSA Account for the Financial 2015-2016 should be audited immediately as mandated by RUSA Guidelines.

The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks from the Chair at around 2:45 P.M.

Sd/ 07.09.2016

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

Sd/ 07.09.2016

(R. ROMAWIA)
Chairman
State Higher Education Council

Sd/- 07.09.2016
(Prof. K.L PRADHAN)
Member Secretary
State Higher Education Council

Attendance Sheet

4th MEETING OF THE STATE HIGHER EDUCATION MIZORAM
HELD ON 30.08.2016

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

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 Lalrosanga, Director, H&TE
5. Pu H. Vanlalkeuva, Joint Director (Rtd.), H&TE
6. Pu Sangkima, Prinicpal (Rtd), Govt. Aizawl College
7. Dr. Tawnenga, Principal, PUC
8. Prof. Vanlalhruaii, Principal, IASE
9. Pu Zochungnunga, Director (Rtd.)
10. President, MCTA
11. President, Mizo Academy of Science
12. Pu Lalbiakzuala, President, CYMA
13. Pu K. Lalhmingthanga, President, Mizoram Chamber of Industries

Invitees:

14. Pi H.M Hualsangi, Additional Secretary, H&TE
15. Dr. Zarzoliana, Joint Director, SPD(RUSA)
16. Pu K. Lalkanglova Sailo, Finance Officer, SPD(RUSA)
17. Er. Joshua Lathakima, Asstt. Engineer, TSG SPD(RUSA)

Members absent with apology:

1. Pu K. Lal Nghinglova, Commissioner & Secretary, H&TE and State Project Director, RUSA
2. Rev. Dr. Lalchungnunga, Chairman, MBSE, Aizawl
3. Prof. Vanlalchhawna, Deptt. Of Economics, MZU
4. Prof. Vanlalringa Bawitlung, Deptt. Of History, Govt. Lawngtlai College