

Thrust areas for 11th Five Year Plan (2007 – 12) - Mizoram

The size of the draft 11th Five Year Plan (2007-2012) in respect of Mizoram has been fixed at Rs. 4500.00 crore which is 5.93 times the approved Annual Plan outlay of 2006-07 which is the last year of the 10th Five Year Plan. The proposed outlay for Annual Plan 2007-08 is Rs. 895.00 crore which is 18.07% increase over current year's Annual Plan outlay of Rs. 758.00 crore. By taking the country's average targeted GDP growth rate of 9% and 4% agricultural growth rate into consideration and the need to ensure better quality of life for all sections of the population, particularly those below the poverty line, the following sectors of development have been accorded high priority.

- 1) Agriculture & Allied Activities and Rural Development with particular emphasis on the various components of Bharat Nirman Programme. Efforts will be made to connect all villages and habitations with all-weather roads during the 11th Plan period. In order to attain self-sufficiency in food production, potential flat land development and minor irrigation schemes will be taken up most vigorously. The scheme of watershed development in shifting cultivation area will also be continued to receive due consideration. Construction of agriculture and horticulture link roads is another priority area whereby efforts will be made not only to connect the fields / gardens where crops are grown with good roads but also to provide employment to the farmers during the lean seasons. It is considered necessary to supplement the efforts under State Plan by providing more funds for the development of Agriculture and Rural Development sectors from CSS, NLCPR and NEC during the 11th Plan period in order to achieve the desired goals. A special scheme called Mizoram Intodelhna Project (MIP) will also be continued with a modified and a more meaningful way during the 11th Plan period.
- 2) Development of economic infrastructure has also been accorded high priority. Implementation of the Mizoram State Roads Project under World Bank Assistance will be spilled over to the 11th Plan period. Mizoram will also be covered under North Eastern States Road Projects to be funded by Asian Development Bank. In the power sector, construction of Hydel Electric Projects (HEPs) like Tuirini HEP (2×19MW), Tuivai HEP (3×70MW), Bairabi Dam Project (2×40MW), etc. have been proposed to be taken up during the 11th Plan period. Due attention will also be given to infrastructure on power transmission and distribution system through Accelerated Power Development and Reform Programme (APDRP) and Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidutikaran Yojana (RGGVY).
- 3) In Social Services sector, education and health will continue to receive high priority. Our endeavour will be not only to sustain the favourable education and health indicators of the State but also to make significant improvement during the

course of the Eleventh Plan period. With the implementation of SSA Mission together with the State Plan schemes, the drop-out rate of Elementary Education and Secondary Education considerably comes down during the 10th Plan period. Hence, SSA Mission will also be continued during the 11th Plan period for which more State matching contribution will be required.

- 4) Pursuing the principle of Zero-based Budgeting, all the Departments have been asked to critically review all the ongoing schemes being implemented by them and retain only the deserving ones during the 11th Plan period. They were asked to make extra efforts to complete those schemes / projects which are nearing completion and not to take up any new schemes without completing the ongoing ones so that the limited resources are not spread too thinly. The Departments have also been asked not to propose creation of new posts or purchase of new vehicles during the 11th Plan period.
- 5) Posts which had been created since the 7th Five Year Plan could not be committed into Non-Plan due to financial constraint which is a heavy burden for poor States like Mizoram. However, as per recommendation of the Twelfth Finance Commission, 2617 nos. of Group 'C' & 'D' posts will be committed into Non-Plan with effect from 1.4.2007 so that the equal amount of salary expenditure for these posts could be saved and utilised for developmental purposes. Still, the State Government has heavy burden for Plan salary expenditure as some more posts which had been created since the 7th Five Year Plan are maintained under Plan. It is, therefore, desired that more Plan posts be committed into Non-Plan.

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