ASSEMBLY IMMEDIATE

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

No. PA, 6/94/91

Dated Shillong, the 15th March, 2001

From

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,

Shillong.

To,

All Principal Secretaries,

All Commissioner & Secretaries.

All Secretaries.

All Heads of Departments.

Government of Meghalaya.

Subject

ATTENDANCE IN THE MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the instruction issued from time to time regarding attendance of Senior Officers in the Official Gallery of the Assembly during Assembly Session. I would like to reiterate that Senior Officers both of the Secretariat and the Directorate should invariably present in the Assembly with relevant materials to brief and assist the Departmental Ministers. During Question Hour, Supplementary Questions are put for which, many a times, the Ministers do not have the required information. It is the responsibility of the Departmental Officers to feed the Ministers with information from the Official Gallery. Similarly, when discussions on the Governor's Address, the Budget Speech and on various grounds the Members raised important points and the Senior Officers of the Department should make every endeavour to assist the Ministers by furnishing the relevant information. You are, therefore, requested to ensure that Senior Officers adequately equipped with information are present in the Assembly on all Assembly working days.

It has also been emphasized from time to time that all Departments will mark a copy of the reply to questions, materials for Half Hour Discussion, Call Attention Motion, Zero Hour Notice, Motions and Resolutions etc., to the Chief Minister's Secretariat besides furnishing the same information to the Minister concerned. However, it has been observed that on many occasions, information is not made available to the Chief Minister's Secretariat leading to embarrassing situation.

You are, therefore, requested to see that the Senior Officers are present in the Assembly during the Session to assist the Ministers. Copies of the replies and materials for reply to Motions, Resolutions, etc are furnished before hand to the Chief Minster's Secretariat as well and to the Parliamentary Affairs Department.

Yours faithfully.

(Shri J.P.SINCH) Chief Secretary,

Government of Meghalaya.

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1. P.S. to Chief Minister, Meghalaya, Shillong for information of the Hon'ble Minister.

2. P.S. to Minister, Parliamentary Affairs etc., Departments, Meghalaya, Shillong.

By Orders etc.,

Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya.