

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

No. PLR.109/2007/318

Dated, Shillong, the 9th June, 2010.

From

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Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Planning Department.

To

The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Community & Rural Development Department,
Shillong.

Subject:- Convergence of rural development activities at the village and grass root level for successful implementation of IFAD funded LIPH in Meghalaya.

Sir,

As you are aware, the State is implementing the IFAD funded Livelihood Improvement Project for the Himalayas(LIPH) - Meghalaya Chapter through the Meghalaya Rural Development Society(MRDS) and the success of this project would by and large depend on the convergence with different rural development activities at the grass root level like NREGP, BRGF, SGSY, IAY, SRWP etc. The LIPH is under implementation in 648 villages in the 5(five) Districts of the State, viz: East Khasi Hills, Ri Bhoi, Jaintia Hills, East Garo Hills & South Garo Hills and the C. D. Blocks covered are 1). Khatarshnong-Laitkroh. 2). Mawkynrew. 3). Pynursla. 4). Shella-Bhologanj 5). Jirang. 6).Umsning. 7).Laskein. 8). Khliehriat. 9). Saipung. 10). Samanda 11). Songsak, 12). Resubelpara. 13). Gasuapara. 14). Rongara and 15). Chokpot.

As such, I would request you to advise all the concerned Deputy Commissioners and the concerned Block Development Officers to take note of this and to work hand with hand with the officials of MRDS. The MRDS on its part will also be able to assist the Block Development machinery especially on SHG development, micro financing work etc.

I would also like to bring to your kind notice, that, during the recent visit made by the officials of Planning Department and the Project Director, MRDS to one of the project areas of LIPH within the Umsning C.D.Block of Ri Bhoi District, it was found that the MRDS organized the Self Help Groups under the name and style of the **SENG RAP LANG (SRLs)** which functionally means SHGs. It appears that this is more a difficulty of procedural formalities than a functional content. Giving them a functional name in the local language gives the members a better understanding and appreciation of the purpose of SHGs. It can not be that the local language is not recognized by the Block officials. I would, therefore, request you to kindly direct all the Block Offices concerned to recognize the SRLs as SHGs to avoid creating problems for the poor rural families.

Kindly keep this Department informed on action taken in this respect.

Yours faithfully,



Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Planning Department., Shillong.

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- 1). The Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya for the kind information of Chief Secretary.
- 2). The Director, Community and Rural Development Department for information and necessary action.
- 3). The Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills/ Ri Bhoi/ Jaintia Hills/ East Garo Hills/ South Garo Hills District for information and necessary action.
- 4). The Project Director, Meghalaya Rural Development Society, Shillong for information and necessary action.

By order etc.,



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