

Minutes of the Provincial Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Eastern Provincial Council

Venue : Conference Hall, EPC, Varothayanagar.

Date : 17th November 2011

Time : 2.30p.m.

Participants:

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| 1. Hon.S.Chandrakanthan | Hon. Chief Minister. |
| 2. Mr.V.Mahendrarajah | Deputy Chief Secretary, Planning. |
| 3. Mr.K.Mayurakirinathan | Deputy Chief Secretary, Finance. |
| 4. Dr.S.Amalanathan | Secretary, Ministry of Local Government. |
| 5. Mrs.J.J.Muraleetharan | Secretary, Assembly Secretariat. |
| 6. Mr.K.Pathmanathan | Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture. |
| 7. Mr.K.Karunakaran | Deputy Chief Secretary, Administration. |
| 8. Mr. K.Paskarathas | Deputy Chief Secretary, Eng Services. |
| 9. Dr.M.Thevarajan | Provincial Director, Health Services. |
| 10. Mr. A.M.E. Paul | Provincial Director Education. |
| 11. Mr.M.Uthayakumar | Provincial Commissioner, Local Government. |
| 12. Eng.V.Karunanaathan | Provincial Director, Road Development |
| 13. Eng.A.Velmanickam | Provincial Director, Buildings. |
| 14. Mr.K.Arunthavarajah | Provincial Director, Rural Development. |
| 15. Dr.T.K.Thavarajan | Provincial Director, AP&H. |
| 16. Mr.S.M.Husain | Provincial Director, Agriculture. |
| 17. Mr.N.Manivannan | Provincial Director, Social Services. |
| 18. Mr.T.Wijethilka | Provincial Director, Sports. |
| 19. Mr.I.M.Mubarak | Provincial Commissioner, Probation & Child Care. |
| 20. Mr.A.H.M.A.Herath | Provincial Commissioner, Motor Traffic. |
| 21. Mr.K.Kunanathan | Secretary, Cooperative Employee Commission. |
| 22. Mr.N.Thamilchelvan | Director –Planning, Chief Secretary Secretariat. |
| 23. Mr.B.Sivapiragasam | Director – Planning, PPS. |
| 24. Mr.V.Gowritharan | Director – Planning, Chief Minister’s Secretariat. |
| 25. Dr.R.Gnanasegar | Director – Planning, M/Agriculture. |
| 26. Mr.S.Suntharalingam | Director – Planning, M/Education. |
| 27. Mr.T.Sivananthakumar | Director–Accounts & Payment, Provincial Treasury. |
| 28. Mr. B.Keetheswaran | Director– Budget, Provincial Treasury. |
| 29. Eng.P.Perasiriyan | Director – School Works, M/Education. |
| 30. Mr.H.G.Abeywardana | Director Administration – Transport Authority. |
| 31. Mr.N. MeenadchiSuntharam | Chief Accountant. M/Education |
| 32. Mr.K.Lingeswaran | Chief Accountant, Irrigation. |
| 33. Mr.Kumarakuru | Chief Accountant, Education. |
| 34. Mr.A.S.M.Fayis | Deputy Director –Planning, M/Road. |
| 35. Ms.A.Canagasooriyam | Deputy Director –Planning, Dept. of Education. |
| 36. Eng.V.P.P. Thanarajasinghe | Deputy Director, Irrigation. |
| 37. Mr.S.Suthakaran | Director, Fisheries. |
| 38. Mr.J.Husaindeen | Asst. Secretary, M/Health. |
| 39. Mrs.S.Punniyamoorthy | Asst. Director, PPS. |
| 40. Mr.M.A.Munazir | Asst. Director, PPS. |
| 41. Mr.I.Mujeeb | Asst. Director, PPS. |
| 42. Mr.J.Jeyaganesh | Act. Accountant, Land. |

43. Dr.A.Aravinthan	MO Planning. Indigenous Medicine.
44. Mr.K.Thayananthan	Administrative Officer, PPSC.
45. Mr.T.Sritharan	Administrative Officer, Provincial Audit.
46. Ms.A.Marina	ARO, PPS.
47. Mr.T.Uthayakumar	Development Coordinator, Kachcheri, Trincomalee.
48. Mr.A.Thayaparan	DA.MDTD.
49. Mr.S.Thayaruban	PA, PPS.
50. Ms.A.C.S.Fareena	PA, PPS.
51. Mrs.U.Jamunawathy	PA, PPS.
52. Ms.S.Yasothara	PA, PPS.
53. Mr.S.Selvathas	PA, Dept. of Cooperative Development.
54. Ms.K.Kumuthini	MA, Dept. of Motor Traffic.
55. Mr.A.Ramanatharsanan	Data Entry Operator, PPS.

Hon. Chief Minister welcomed all and delivered the key note address. He expressed his satisfaction that overall performance was good in 2010 and it was continuing in same way during this year also. However, he noted that even though the required proposals were properly organized and planned, the implementation was not up to that level. There were delays in completing works within the year.

He suggested all to work together closely with effective communication avoiding administrative blocks and delays for delivering better services. There should be a better coordination between Hon Provincial Ministers, their Coordinators and the Officials in development works as well as in organizing functions involving Central Ministers.

1. An Overview of AIP-2011

The Deputy Chief Secretary-Planning made a presentation on Overview of AIP-2011. He explained the implications on the financial performance with regard to availability and utilization of funds up to end of October 2011 and the task of utilizing the balance funds within the next one and a half months. He also presented the summarized financial and physical progress of all five ministries. Hon. Chief Minister expressed concern on the unspent funds lying at few departments.

Decision 1 : Hon. Chief Minister directed to utilize the unspent funds in those departments as quickly as possible. If it cannot be utilized, same should be returned to the Provincial Treasury before end of 1st week of December. He directed Deputy Chief Secretary-Finance to distribute it to other ministries or departments who were in urgent need of funds.

Responsibility: HODs & DCS-Finance.

2. Sectoral Review

The Performance of AIP-2011 of the ministries and departments based on the Statement on Summary of Progress as at 01-11-2011 in respect of CBG and PSDG funds and connected issues were discussed.

The discussion focused mainly on the imprest received, its utilization up to 01-11-2011 and the challenges of completing approved works within 2011. It was reported that under CBG, 69% of imprest out of approved allocation has been released to ministries and departments and they have utilized 68 % of it up to 01-11-2011.

Under PSDG, 52% of imprest out of approved allocation has been released and the ministries and departments have utilized 89% of it, up to reported period.

3. Members' Fund Activities

The Progress on work items under the Member's Funds based on the Statement on Summary of Progress as at 30-06-2011 and connected issues were discussed. It was reported that 98% of imprest out of approved allocation has been released to ministries and departments giving priority and they have utilized only 57 % of it up to 01-11-2011.

It was reported that out of 929 activities approved, 612 have been completed and works on 317 were on-going.

Hon. Chief Minister directed that all work items of the Members of Provincial Council should be completed by 30th November 2011 with more commitment.

Director-Social Services informed that most of the procured items were idling at Divisional Secretariats without taking over by respective societies even after repeated reminders.

Decision: Hon. Chief Minister directed to buy purchases at Head Office and then to distribute to respective locations. In this regard, he will discuss with Members of Provincial Council to bring them into an agreement concerning issues in Circulars of EPC and Finance Commission related Implementation of MPC Funds.

Responsibility: DCS-Planning.

4. Preparation of AIP-2012

DCS-Planning presented the Concept and Process involved in the preparation of AIP for 2012. He highlighted the important requirements of the Finance Commission to maintain regional balance within districts. In addition, he reiterated the current practices regarding giving TEC for all stages of work, completion of Continuation Works by June and allocation of minimum 50 % for works that would take more than one year to complete.

He further requested Secretaries and Heads of Departments to submit the Draft AIP-2012 by 12th December 2011 and the final by 9th January 2012 to get early concurrence from the Finance Commission for commencing implementation early in 2012.

5. Any Other Matters

5.1 Approval for Sub-Projects under NELSIP

The Commissioner of Local Government tabled 17 new sub-projects, 06 alternate sub-projects and 1 sub-project (re-submitted) under the North East Local Services Improvement Project (NELSIP) for PPC approval.

Decision : PPC approved the sub-projects. (*A List of 24 sub-projects approved is annexed*)

5.2 Annual Review Meeting-UNICEF

DCS-Planning informed that at the request of Chief of Field Staff, UNICEF, Annual Review Meeting has been organized for 2nd December 2011 at the Conference Hall,

Varothayanagar, EPC. Progress and achievements of project activities under Education, Water & Sanitation, Social Services, Probation & Child Care and Child Protection will be presented by respective sector heads. Formal invitation letters will be sent during the coming week. He requested the involvement of relevant sector heads in implementation of UNICEF programme to be improved in future and they have to make the presentation at this meeting prepared in consultation with UNICEF sector officers.

5.3 Periodical Publication by Finance Commission

DCS-Planning informed the request by the Secretary, Finance Commission for information in write-up form along with photographs regarding successfully implemented development projects during the last 4 years in the Eastern Province for inclusion in their periodical publication. He requested the heads of departments to submit the write-ups by 30th November to the PPS.

Responsibility: Secretaries & Heads of Departments.

The meeting ended at 4.10 p.m.

V.Mahendrarajah
Deputy Chief Secretary- Planning