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Introduction:

Ukhrul District is one of the hill districts of the outlying five hill districts of Manipur. It is situated to the East of Manipur bordering Myanmar. It is bounded on the North by Nagaland, on South by Chandel District, Manipur, on the East by Myanmar and on the West by Senapati District. It lies between 92⁰ 59'E to 94⁰ 45'E longitude and 23⁰ 50'N to 25⁰ 41'N latitude. The total geographical area of the district is about 45,44 sq. km. occupying an area of about 20.31% of the total geographical area of the state of Manipur of 22,327 sq. km. The entire area of this District is rural areas.

Administrative Set Up:

There are 9 (nine) Districts in Manipur, Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, and Bishnupur districts are in the valley and the remaining districts, Senapati, Tamenglong, Churachandpur, Chandel and Ukhrul are in the hill. Village Authority is the grass-root administrative units at the village level in the hill districts. Ukhrul District has six Sub-Divisions and seven Tribal Blocks viz. Ukhrul, Lungchong Maiphai, Chingai, Kamjong, Kasom Khullen, Phungyar and Jessami.

According to census 2001, the population of the District is 1,40,778 out of which 73,465 were male and 67,313 were female. The District is predominantly inhabited by the Tangkhul Scheduled Tribe.

The district has humid sub-tropical and temperate climate. The average annual maximum temperature of the district is 30⁰C and the average annual minimum temperature is 3⁰C. The coldest month in the district is witnessed from December to January.

A Seminar was held on 19 October, 2010 at the Town Hall for the first time at Ukhrul with a Govt. of India Team led by Shri G.K. Pillai, Union Home Secretary on issues relating to the development of the District. The Seminar was attended amongst others by Smt. Jayati Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of DoNER, Govt. of India; Shri D.S. Poonia, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Manipur; Shri P.C. Lawmkunga, Addl. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Manipur; Shri Shambu Singh, Joint Secretary (NE), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India and other senior officers from the Central Ministries/Departments and the State Govt. of Manipur, Officials of Ukhrul District, Prominent Public Leaders, Social workers, Representatives of NGOs of the District, Youth and Women leaders.

Shri G.K.Pillai, Union Home Secretary and Smt Jayati Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of DoNER, Govt. of India have addressed the seminar emphasized the need for identifying the development deficits of the district and strengthening the areas with the sincere and dedicated efforts of all the stakeholders and with active participation of the public/ beneficiaries. A cross-section of the public participated in the discussions. They pin-pointed the weaknesses and the hurdles affecting the development process and suggested new approaches to fill the development deficits expeditiously.

Shri N. Ashok Kumar(IAS),Deputy Commissioner, Ukhrul made a power point presentation on the ***Development Dividends and Deficits of Ukhrul District*** and informed about the status of the implementations of development works in the district. He suggested ways and means to overcome the present development deficits of the District in a time-bound manner.

ISSUES DISCUSSED AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE THEREOF:

1. Banking Network and Facilities
2. Tele-communication Network and Facilities
3. Road connectivity
4. Power Availability and Distribution
5. Healthcare and Human Resource
6. Education Infrastructure and Human Resource
7. Centrally Sponsored Schemes
8. Infrastructure Augmentation
9. Drinking Water and Sanitation
10. Agriculture and Allied Sector
11. Tourism
12. Social Welfare
13. Commerce and Industries

1. Banking Network and Facilities:

It was announced that,

- i) SBI branch will be opened at Somsai in Ukhrul on 30th November 2010.
- ii) ATM will be installed by SBI at Assam Rifles Complex, Somsai by December, 2010
- iii) Another ATM will be installed by SBI at the Assam Rifles Outpost, Wino Bazar, Ukhrul Town by March 2010.
- iv) SBI Branch will be opened at Assam Rifles Campus, Kamjong by 2011-12.
- v) SBI will carry forward the momentum and establish more ATMs at locations to be identified jointly by SBI, District Admn, and the Assam Rifles/ State Police within 2011.

Action: S.B.I./State Finance (IF) Deptt. & District Admn.

2. Tele-communication Network & Facilities:

The BSNL Representative pointed-out that the poor and erratic supply of power has been the main hurdle for operating their services. Lack of good road communication facilities for transportation of Tower materials has also slowed down the installation of communication Towers at the village level. The BSNL Representative announced that;

- i) 3 G services shall be introduced soon in the district.
- ii) Wi-Max shall be activated soon.
- iii) Over 350 kms of optical fibers already laid.

3. Road connectivity:

Recognising the criticality of road communications and the taking note of the observations made during the Seminar, the following was recommended:

- i) The BRO shall take up Double-Laning of Ukhrul-Yangangpokpi-Jessami stretch of NH 150 at the earliest.

Action: BRO/BRTF

- ii) The BRO to take up alignment of the Ukhrul-Tolloi-Tadubi Road via Huining Village.

Action: BRO/BRTF

- iii) The Ministry of Defense/BRDB and DORT & H to re-visit their decision to withdraw the BRO/BRTF from the Mahadev-Tolloi Road and retain BRO/BRTF till completion of the balance 60% of the work within a specified timeframe.

Action: MOD/DORT&H/BRO

- iv) State PWD/Works Deptt to expedite implementation of SPA (Rs. 6 crores) funded Imphal-Kasom Khullen Road (68 kms). The public to co-operate with the PWD and the Contractors to complete the construction within March, 2011.

Action: State PWD/Works Deptt./Public

- v) DORT & H to expedite approval and sanction to the DPR submitted by the BRO/BRTF for upgradation of the Shangshak-Tengnoupal Road (202 kms) and include it under Phase-A of SARDP-NE. instead of starting at Shangshak, BRO/BRTF may consider starting from Finch Corner along NH 150.

Action: DORT&H/BRO

- vi) State PWD/Works Deptt. to include the New Heaven-Ukhrul Road via Lamlang Gate (28km) under Central Road Fund (CRF), DORT & H Programme for upgradation during 2010-11.

Action: State PWD

4. Power Distribution:

- i) State Power Deptt. to set targets and expedite completion of the 132KV Sub-station at Hundung (March, 2012) and 33/11KV Sub-stations at Hundung, Jessami, Phungyar and Kasom Khullen (March/April, 2011)

Action: State Power Deptt.

- ii) State Power Deptt to complete implementation of the RGGVY scheme for Ukhrul District within 2011-12.

Action: State Power Deptt.

iii) Ministry of Home Affairs to organize a meeting with Ministry of Power and M/S PGCIL at New Delhi to review and take decisions to expedite augmentation of the Transmission Network.

Action: MHA/ State Power Deptt.

iv) MANIREDA to provide Solar Lighting and tap Wind Energy for power supply to remote hill villages as identified by the Deputy Commissioner, Ukhurul.

Action: D.C., Ukhurul & MANIREDA

v) State Power Deptt. to carry forward the Maklang-Tuyungbi (65 MW) Hydro-power Project based on preliminary assessment done by the department.

Action: State Power Deptt.

vi) State Power & Finance Deptts to consider favourably the DC, Ukhurul's proposal for waiver of the compound interest on past electricity dues and allow the consumers to pay the actual User Charges.

Action: CE (Power)/PS (Power)/State Finance Deptt.

vii) MANIREDA to include the following Renewable Energy Projects in their Work Programme for 2010-11.

a. Wind: Kamnon, Phungrei (15MW)- more machines.

b. Mini hydro project at Chandong (25 KW) to be completed during 2010-11.

c. Khamason River Mini Hydro Project.

5. Health sector:-

1. Ministry of DoNER to release the 2nd installment for the completion of 50 bedded Ukhurul District Hospital. State Health & Finance Deptts to release Rs. 502 lakhs to MANIDCO, the work Agency. Hospital to be completed and made operational by Dec. 2011.

Action: Com (Health), Com (Finance) & DoNER

2. Ambulance suitable for hill areas, be provided under NRHM within March, 2011.

Action: NRHM

3. Recruitment of 401 MBBS doctors through MPSC to be expedited and addl. Doctors be posted in Ukhurul District Hospital, CHCs and PHCs in the District within December, 2010.

Action: Health Deptt.

4. Similarly, after recruitment of 274 new Specialist Doctors through MPSC, adequate number of Specialists be posted in Ukhurul District Hospital within December, 2010.

Action: Health Deptt.

5. GNM Training School has been approved by the Union Ministry of Health. Dy. Commissioner, Ukhurul to identify and allot land, as required, within December, 2010.

Action: D.C, Ukhurul & Health Deptt.

6. A. Education:-

1. Under RMSA 100 additional classrooms have been sanctioned and another 123 classrooms approved-(Rs.5 cr cost). The additional classrooms to be constructed within December, 2011.

Action: Education (S) Deptt/SPD, RMSA.

2. Transportation cost of MDM rice may be considered for suitable increase from the existing rate of Rs.1000 per MT.

Action: Min. of HRD

3. Kitchen sheds will be constructed in II phase by the State Education (S) Deptt.

Action: Education (S) Deptt.

4. As of now, only two out of twenty-nine Govt. High Schools have regular Principals. The State Education (S) Deptt. has drawn-up a tentative seniority list for the Principals and Vice-principals. The process be expedite and the vacant posts be filed up by Feb. 2011.

Action: Education(S) Deptt

5. The Pettigrew College, the only College in the District lacks infrastructure. The State Higher Education Deptt. will on priority assess and take up provision of the required infrastructure for the College within 2011-12. The demand for transportation facilities for students would be looked into.

Action: Higher Education Deptt.

6. B. Infrastructures of Autonomous District Council, Ukhrul:-

i) PRIMARY SCHOOLS: - There are 158 primary schools under Autonomous District Council, Ukhrul out of which only 69 schools have buildings. The remaining 89 is without proper school buildings. There is no residential accommodation for the School Principals/ Headmasters/Teachers and hostels for boys & girls. The District Council Schools also do not have Chowkidar quarters. The District Council to prepare and submit proposal construction of School buildings, Hostels and Quarters etc to the Hills Deptt. under the Rupees ten crore Package of the Union Finance Minister (Budget, 2008-09 Speech Announcement) within December, 2010.

Action: CEO/Ukhrul ADC and Hills Deptt.

ii) DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICE:- The District Council Building including the Civil Dispensary and Veterinary Dispensary buildings have been all burnt down in the June, 2010 by elements opposed to the District Council Elections. Similarly, out of the existing 14 Veterinary Dispensaries, only 7 Veterinary Dispensaries have so far been constructed and the remaining 7 Vety. Dispensaries have been functioning in a private house. CEO/Ukhrul ADC to propose re-construction/construction under the Union Finance Minister's Rupees ten crore Package announced in his Budget, 2008-09 Speech and submit to Hills Deptt. within December, 2010.

Action: CEO/Ukhrul ADC & Hills Deptt.

7. Centrally sponsored schemes:-

The Ministry of Rural Development may consider the following:

- a. There are 12000 applicants under IAY waiting for assistance to construct Houses. The list has been drawn up based on BPL List of 2003. To expedite provision of IAY Houses, the number of IAY Beneficiaries may be enhanced to 1500 per annum from the present allocation of 600 per annum.

Action: MoRD, GOI & Addl. C.S (RD & PR) GoM

- b. Ukhrul District be included under BRGF.

Action: D.C. Ukhrul/ACS (RD & PR) GoM

- c. MGNREGA: State Govt to propose and the Ministry of Rural Devpt. To consider exemption, for the time-being, from uploading data in new software/format for release of 2nd installment to the district.

Action: Addl. C.S (RD & PR) GoM & MoRD

- d. State matching share for all Rural Devpt. C.S.S. Scheme be released to the Deputy Commissioners within November, 2010.

Action: Addl. C.S (RD & PR) & State Finance Deptt.

8. Infrastructure augmentation:-

- i) Mini - Secretariat to be completed and inaugurated by March, 2011.

Action: State Works Deptt/P.W.D

- ii) Construction of Lungchong Meiphai Tribal Development Block be completed within March, 2011.

Action: State Works Deptt/P.W.D

- iii) Construction of Mini-Stadium at Hundung be completed within December, 2011.

Action: YAS Deptt & MDS

- iv) Construction of PWD Guest House to be completed within March, 2011.

Action: P.W.D

- v) Buildings for SDO/BDO Offices and Residential Quarters, which were burnt down by those opposed to the District Council Elections, be re-constructed along with boundary walls and approach roads within March, 2012.

Action: Planning Deptt & MDS

- vi) Home Deptt. to station three Fire Tenders, in addition to existing two, at Ukhrul DHQ within March, 2011.

Action: Home Deptt. /Director, Fire Services.

- vii) New Court Complex at Ukhrul to be constructed in consultation with the State Law Deptt and the High Court within March, 2012.

Action: P.W.D

9. Drinking water and T.S.C:-

To expedite the process of:-

- i) PHED to complete the Riha Loure, Shangshak and Phungyar Water Supply Schemes under NLCPR within March, 2011.

Action: State PHED

- ii) New Water Supply Schemes for Augmentation at Lunghar, Tolloi, Kamjong, Kasom Khullen, Litan and Senakeithei be considered by State Planning Deptt for inclusion in the priority List under NLCPR for 2011-12.

Action: State PHED/Planning Deptt.

- iii) Water sources at Shiroy to be protected by taking suitable project.

Action: State Ecology & Env't Deptt.

- iv) State PHED to draw-up a time-bound Action Plan to replace plastic pipes by G.I. pipes for existing water supply schemes in a phased manner.

Action: State PHED

- v) Seminar cum Awareness Campaign on Rain Water Harvest to be taken up at the District.

Action: P.H.E.D & DoNER/NEC

- vi) Under TSC the amount for construction of Individual Toilet shall be increased from Rs.2,700 to Rs.5,000.

Action: PHED/ MoRD

10. Agriculture and Allied Sector:-

- i) Spice board to organise a Seminar jointly with the Tea Board at Ukhrul during 2010-11 in consultation with the KVK, ICAR and D.C, Ukhrul.

Action: Spice Board, Gol

- ii) Minor irrigation scheme to be extended to hill areas: so as to build embankments and other protection steps to prevent erosion and further intrusion of river banks.

Action: M.I Deptt & IFCD

- iii) Agriculture Deptt to take-up construction of rooms for installation of Soil Testing Equipment which has already arrived at Imphal.

Action: Agri. Deptt.

The following District-specific issues shall be addressed through existing schemes by concerned Ministries of the Govt. of India.

- iv) Kachai Lemon @ 700 hac, productivity 8 Q/Ha- Mini scale processing unit.
- v) Orange production at Kamjong & Kasom Khullen - Mini processing unit.
- vi) Floriculture – Gladiolus, Rose, Gerbera & Orchids
- vii) Strengthening of Block Seed Multiplication farm- Potato @ L-M Block (20 Hac)
- viii) Mushroom production unit at Ukhrul.
- ix) Identification of suitable spice crop for Ukhrul district in consultation with Deptt.

Action: Com & Ind/Spice Board/Horti/ M/o Food Processing & M/o Commerce

11. Tourism:-

- i) The ongoing project of Tourism circuit at 5 places along NH 150 to be completed within 2011.

Action: Tourist Deptt. GoM/ DC, Ukl

- ii) Tourist Guest House at Shiroi Village be completed within 2011.

Action: Tourism Deptt/DC (Ukl)

12. Social welfare:-

- i. About ten thousand applicants are awaiting sanction of Old Age Pension under Central NOAPS. State Social Welfare Deptt to propose and Central Govt to consider increase of number of beneficiaries of old age pensioners in Ukhrul district from the existing 42967.

Action: State Social Welfare Deptt. /MoRD

- ii. Rate of monthly Pension to be enhanced by Central Govt from the existing Rs. 200 per month to Rs. 500 per month.

Action: SW Deptt/MoRD

- iii. Only 272 Widows out of 5000 registered Widows receive Pension, Ministry of Rural Development to increase the number for the District to at least 3000.

Action: SW Deptt/MoRD

- iv. Against 1677 Disabled Persons, only 23 are being assisted under the Indira Gandhi National Disability scheme. The number of beneficiaries to be increased.

Action: SW Deptt/ Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

13. Commerce and industries:-

- i) Longpi Handicrafts & pottery to be promoted through an integrated project for training, Workshed & Marketing. The construction of road (3 Kms.) between the stone quarry and the pottery production centres may be taken up.
Action: DC (Ukl)/Com (C & I)/MHA & DoNER
- ii) Finding new avenues for marketing of the unique and famous black pottery products available only at Ukhurul District.
Action: DC (Ukl)/Com (C & I)/MHA & DoNER
- iii) Integrated Handloom Development scheme- 2 Clusters.
Action: DC (Ukl)/DIC (Handlooms)/ Ministry of Textiles
- iv) Food Processing Industry and Cold Storage Facility to be set up at Ukhurul District.
Action: Com(C & I) /Ministry of Commerce/APEDA
- v) Market-linkage to be provided to tap the potential and empower the local fruit growers.
Action: Com(C & I) / Ministry of Food Processing
- vi) Shiroi National Park to be notified by the Ministry of Environment & Forests by December, 2010 and due compensation to be paid to the affected local people.
Action: State Forest Deptt. & MOEF

IV. The recommendation involving projects by the State Govt. may be incorporated in his Annual Plan after carrying out the feasibility studies. The DC, Ukhurul will publish these recommendations in the form of a booklet and distribute to all concerned and the public.

V. The Ministry of DoNER and State Govt will monitor, on a quarterly basis, the progress of action taken on all the recommendations of this seminar as given above. These will be put up on website of Minister of DoNER, State Govt, Office of Deputy Commissioner, Ukhurul and updated regularly.

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