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Dear

I hope you enjoyed your time at the workshop on District Level Monitoring & Evaluation organised by Planning Department and SAT, on 9-10 June 2011, and went back with better understanding of the role of DLMC, and useful insights and ideas for moving forward.

Attached is the recommendations of the workshop, for your records and reference. As you know, these were presented to Hon'ble Chief Minister at the closing function of the workshop, on 10th June 2011. Planning Department is beginning to act to implement the recommendations, including strengthening the planning infrastructure in the districts. Over the course of the next weeks, we hope to move on specific items, as also on action required to enable realisation of the objectives of the recommendations.

For instance, we think better coordination and information sharing between DLMCs and Heads of Departments (HoDs) of Line Departments is a central requirement, and we plan to organise workshops of DCs and HODs, sometime soon, to discuss this further. We will be in touch with you on this soon.

But while we act on these areas, can I urge you to take the following immediate actions at your end:

- i. Operationalise your DLMCs, if you haven't already, by holding meetings, and initiating discussions, including with civil society organisations.
- ii. Set up a District website, if there isn't one already, and upload all relevant data on selection, award, releases and progress of schemes and projects in your districts, for which information is available in the district (through DRDAs and DLOs). Mandatory disclosure of information is a legal requirement under Sec 4 of RTI Act 2005, and as District Authorities, and chairpersons of DLMCs, you should be playing leadership role in ensuring that national laws are followed. You might want to model your data uploads on that of Planning Dept (<http://planningmanipur.gov.in>).
- iii. Set up District and Block level Grievance Redressal systems, so citizens can file complaints, and those are addressed within a specified timeframe. A good resource centre for Grievance Redressal is DoPT Government of India (AR Division) Again your leadership role will be crucial to the launching and effective working of the grievance redressal mechanisms.

I look forward to hearing from you on these initiatives.

yours sincerely

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