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Finance Commission team to visit Meghalaya

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The Fifteenth Finance Commission will visit Meghalaya on Monday and will hold meeting with state government officials and representatives of urban and rural local bodies, officials said Sunday.

Commission's chairman N K Singh and members A N Jha, Ashok Lahiri, Anoop Singh, Ramesh Chand besides senior officers will also meet Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma and his cabinet during the course of their three-day stay here, they said.

The Commission will also separately meet representatives of rural local bodies, representatives of urban local bodies, representatives of trade and industry bodies of Meghalaya, according to an official statement.

The Commission will also meet the representatives of the political parties of the state besides separate meeting with the Women Self Help Groups and the Aqua Entrepreneurs supported by the Meghalaya State Aquaculture Mission (MSAM), it said.

The Commission will also inspect MNREGS works in the state and interact with members of the Village Employment Councils (VECs).

The Commission is scheduled to visit the Hortihub of Meghalaya among other itineraries outside of their meetings.

Meghalaya Government had submitted its memorandum to the Fifteenth Finance Commission.

The Commission had also received a detailed presentation from the Principal Accountant General (Audit) of Meghalaya on the Finances of the State Government.

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15th Finance Commission sits in Shillong

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SHILLONG: The meeting of the 15th Finance Commission headed by its Chairman NK Singh and the Meghalaya government, got underway in Shillong on Tuesday.

Talking to newsmen, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma said, that the state government had given a detailed requirement of the state sector-wise including all departments and had covered all the sectors including the Autonomous District Council, infrastructure, Agriculture, and Sport which are important sectors.

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Refusing to divulge the amount of money sought by the state, the Chief Minister, however, said that these are only proposal and hoped that the commission would consider the amount keeping in mind the view of the state government.

The state government submitted a memorandum to the commission highlighting the requirement.

Earlier during the day, the state government made a detailed presentation to the Fifteen Finance commission.

15th Finance Commission team in Meghalaya



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Meghalaya chief minister Conrad K. Sangma receiving 15th Finance Commission chairman N.K. Singh in Shillong. Image credit

Meghalaya chief minister **Conrad K. Sangma** on Tuesday received the chairman of the 15th Finance Commission, N.K. Singh in Shillong.

A team of the 15th Finance Commission led by its chairman N.K. Singh had a meeting in the city with the top government officials and Cabinet ministers of **Meghalaya**.

According to information, the state government has already submitted a memorandum before the 15th Finance Commission giving a detailed requirement in difference sectors of the state.

Informing about the arrival of the team of 15th Finance Commission, Meghalaya chief minister Conrad Sangma on his Twitter handle stated, “Received the Hon’ble Chairman of the Fifteenth Finance Commission N K Singh & team in #Shillong.”

Stating that the Meghalaya government hopes the commission would consider the requests made by the state government regarding its requirement for development in different sectors, chief minister Conrad Sangma added, “We look forward to the commission and GoI to consider our request for according special attention so that we are able to take #Meghalaya forward.”





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The Commission will also inspect MNREGA works in the State and interact with members of the village employment councils.

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Meghalaya CM tells 15th Finance Commission about coal mining ban impact

Ban on coal has affected other allied sectors and this needs to be looked into and addressed: Conrad Sangma



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A view of the meeting of the 15th Finance Commission in Shillong.

Meghalaya chief minister Conrad K. Sangma told the team of 15th Finance Commission that the ban on coal mining in 2014 has had a huge impact on the revenue of the state.

The Meghalaya CM told the commission that ban on coal has affected other allied sectors and this needs to be looked into and addressed.

Conrad K Sangma along with his cabinet ministers and senior officials of the state government had a meeting with the 15th Finance Commission at Shillong on Tuesday.

The 15th Finance Commission is on a visit to the state from June 3 to June 5.

The commission will hold meetings and interactions with all tiers of the local bodies in urban and rural areas, political parties and representatives of trade and commerce besides the state government officials.

In his opening remarks, chief minister Conrad K Sangma while welcoming the commission to the state said that the visit of the commission is important for the state as Meghalaya is blessed with a lot of resources, potential, opportunities and only investment in the right sectors is needed.

“Realising the huge potential and resources in the state, the government has initiated various programmes on a mission mode to add value to the available resources,” the chief minister informed the commission.

Apprising the commission on the various missions the government has taken up like the recently launched Muga Mission, Aroma Mission and Lakadong Mission, the CM also highlighted the challenges the state faces in respect of its international borders, typical terrain and remoteness of the state.

“The international borders the state shares which is often seen as a problem can open up opportunities to trade and commerce and similarly the resources and opportunities in the State can be given the right catalyst to add economic value to the products,” he added.

Further informing the commission that the state has moved forward in many aspects, the chief minister said that there are challenges in the health and education sectors and yet the government is pro active in both these sectors, stated CMO Meghalaya.

“Around 30 lakhs of population will be covered in Meghalaya Health Insurance Scheme and the health centres with high MMR and IMR will be given a special attention and all programmes and schemes will be monitored online for effective implementation,” he said.

He further said that the year 2022 is a very strategic year for Meghalaya when the 50th year of Statehood will be celebrated and the National Games will also be held in the State which will be a momentous and prestigious occasion to all.

“There are many challenges but opportunities are immense and all that is needed is the right policies and right investment and the need to work as a committed collective team to achieve the dreams of the State,” said the Chief Minister concluding his speech.

In his speech, the 15th Finance Commission chairman N.K. Singh said that the commission would like to be a partner in helping the state to realise the dreams that look tangible and achievable. He also said the visions and dreams of the state mirror the ideas of the Finance Commission and share the optimism to help the state within the constitutional mandate to which the state is legitimately entitled, the CMO further stated.

Finance Commission holds meeting with Meghalaya Govt to discuss main issues

The Commission further had discussions on the matters of the impact of the implementation of the 5th Pay Commission, the debt liabilities due to the impact of UDAY.

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Last evening the Commission had held a meeting with the representatives of all political parties of the State. Image Credit: [Twitter\(@15thFinCom\)](#)

The 15th Finance Commission headed by Chairman, Shri N.K. Singh held a detailed meeting with the [Meghalaya](#) Government headed by the Chief Minister, Conrad Kongkal Sangma today.

Some of the main issues discussed includes –

Own tax revenue- Own-tax revenue of [Meghalaya](#) as % of [GSDP](#) is 4.38% in 2016-17 (average for North-East & hill states is 5.02%). Dependence on the Union Government is high. [Meghalaya](#) gets 80% of its Total revenue receipts (TRR) comes from Union.

Debt: Meghalaya had Debt/GSDP ratio of 33.19% in 2016-17 and 31.76% in 2017-18. This is much higher than the FRBM target of 20%. This is also higher than the average debt of other North-East and Hill States i.e. 29.32% in 2016-17.

NGT's ban on mining of coal in Meghalaya: In 2014, a ban was imposed on coal mining in the State by NGT. This had an impact on GSDP and revenues of the State:

As Mining has huge forward and backward linkages with other economic activities, the real GSDP of the State declined in 2014-15 by 2.1%.

This had an impact on employment in the State. An increase in crime rate was also observed.

A loss of Rs 255 crores is seen in the year 2014-15 which is mainly on account of the ban on coal mining. The State Govt. has estimated a total annual revenue loss of Rs 600 crores as a fall was seen in OTR (sales tax, excise etc) as well. This is due to significant forward and backward linkages. (Source: State Memorandum). However, with the introduction of GST and general improvement in the economy, the tax revenue of the State has since improved slowly.

Cash deposit ratio: Cash-Deposit ratio in Meghalaya has been only 35-40% over the last 10 years while that of the country is 60%.

Health indicators: Some of the health indicators of Meghalaya are below the national average like stunting among children, anaemia among women and IMR. The details of some of the health indicators are given in the table below:

Poor road infrastructure:

The total density of roads in Meghalaya is only 401 km/1000 square km. However, the average density of roads in India is 952.8.

SDG rank: Meghalaya ranks 22nd on all SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals). The composite SDG index of Meghalaya is calculated by Niti Aayog to be 52 which is lower than India's composite index of 56. Assam is the only North-East and Hill State which is ranked below Meghalaya.

The fiscal health of PSUs including Power sector:

Out of 15 SPSUs in the state, only one SPSU (Forest Development Corporation Meghalaya Limited) witnessed accumulated account of profit at the end of the year 2016-17. This distress is aggravated by the power sector SPSUs in the state. The power sector SPSUs bear an accumulated loss of Rs1836 crores, which is 6.5 percent of GSDP. However, six SPSUs including one power sector SPSU have shown the account of profit in the year 2016-17 which comes as the only positive indicator from SPSUs. This dismal performance of SPSUs brings medium-term fiscal risks for the state of Meghalaya.

AT&C losses: AT &C Losses of the power sector in Meghalaya are 34.64% (2017-18) against a target of 27.50% (Source: M/o Power)

Some of the major requests of the State are:

Vertical devolution may be enhanced from 42% to 48%. 30% out of the 48 % should be exclusively earmarked for special category states in order to insulate them from the volatility of the union revenue and economy of the country that can have an impact on its revenue collection.

Meghalaya has projected a pre-devolution deficit of its State to be Rs 62,870 crores for the award period of FC-XV.

The Commission further had discussions on the matters of the impact of the implementation of the 5th Pay Commission, the debt liabilities due to the impact of UDAY. Discussions also included the impact of the State of Meghalaya hosting the 39th National Games in 2022 as it celebrates the Golden Jubilee of its Statehood on that year. This will be a challenging task involving building up of infrastructure and mobilizing of sufficient resources to fund the projects and activities, it was felt.

Summing up the intensive interaction with the State Government, the Chairman spoke on the macro-economic challenges of the State, stressing on the requirement of fiscal and debt consolidation. He expressed concern on the State's nominal GSDP trend growth which is much lower than the country's. The Chairman spoke on the need for a focused and aggressive strategy for attracting private investment in the tourism and allied sector. He also called for emphasis and priority on the development of renewable energy – given the natural advantages of the State. The Commission promised to look into all the State's requests to the Commission especially those that would have a growth multiplier effect.

Last evening the Commission had held a meeting with the representatives of all political parties of the State. Without difference, all party representatives highlighted the issues of infrastructure, problems being faced by the State, especially in the areas of road congestion in the city of Shillong, lack of schools and hospitals, availability of trained teachers and doctors in rural areas, lack of access to border trade and other significant issues. The party representatives belong to the following parties –

Peoples Democratic Party

Nationalist Congress Party

Meghalaya Pradesh Congress Committee

National Peoples Party, Meghalaya

Bharatiya Janata Party

Hill State People's Democratic Party

Khun Hynniewtrep National Awakening Movement

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Finance Commission to visit Meghalaya

Staff Reporter

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ka pla tyngka ka jylla**

Shillong, Jymmaug 31

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Finance panel to visit State today

HP NEWS SERVICE

Shillong, Jun 2: The Fifteenth Finance Commission will be visiting Meghalaya from tomorrow till June 5 for the purpose of a reviewing different aspects of the State's finance prior to making its

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Finance Commission to meet local stakeholders today

GUARDIAN NEWS BUREAU
SHILLONG, JUNE 2: Prior to making its recommendations to the Union government for financial devolution, the 15th Finance Commission headed by Nand Kishore Singh will be reviewing the state's finance here tomorrow.

Singh will be accompanied by members A.N. Jha, Dr. Ashok Lahiri, Dr. Anoop Singh, Prof. Ramesh Chand and senior officers of the Commission during its three day visit to the state from June 3-5.

The Commission will be holding meetings with the chief minister Conrad K Sangma and his cabinet

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Meghalaya's economy needs to grow: 15th Finance Commission

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Nand Kishore Singh, Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission, said here on Tuesday Meghalaya's economy must grow well above the double-digit number to catch up on lost time.

He voiced the concern that the fiscal deficit had risen far beyond the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) target of 3 per cent, and debt to the state gross domestic product (SGDP) above 30 per cent.

"The state government will have to devise a strategy that can bring about greater medium term macro-economic stability by bringing down both fiscal deficit and the debt trajectory to be in line with the rest of the country," Singh said.

He said Meghalaya's tourism potential could not only create jobs but also add to the GDP of state.

Stressing improvement in the road connectivity and opening up of Meghalaya's airspace, Singh said better links would be central to attract large number of tourist as well as promote high-end tourism.

Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma said ban on coal mining in 2014 had a huge impact on the state's revenue and had also affected other allied sectors. It needed to be looked into and addressed, he added.

Noting that Meghalaya has moved forward, Sangma said there were challenges in the health and education sectors. "Around 30 lakh people will be covered under the Meghalaya health insurance scheme and health centres with high MMR and IMR will be paid special attention. All programmes and schemes will be monitored online for effective implementation," he said.

Stressing significance of 2022, he said the 50th year of statehood would be celebrated and the National Games be organised in Meghalaya.

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Coal mining ban has led to increase in crime rate: Govt

State projects revenue loss of over Rs 5,000 crore since April 2014

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: The slump in the economic activity owing to the ban on rat-hole coal mining by NGT has led to an increase in crime rate in many of the affected areas.

This was the observation made by the state government in its memorandum submitted to the 15th Finance Commission on Tuesday.

According to the state government, besides the ban directly and indirectly affecting the revenue, it has also brought out law and order problem in terms of growing crime rate.

The government, while seeking funds from the finance panel, said it would like to initiate rehabilitation measures to shift the people affected to other indus-

tries like tourism and horticulture.

"Therefore, funds would be needed for skill training geared towards reemployment of these people", it said.

Additionally, resources are required to rehabilitate and rejuvenate the degraded mines and areas around them so that alternate sources of livelihood like agriculture and tourism can be developed around them.

The government said the ban has upset the livelihood of many families in the coal mining areas whose sole employment depends on this sector.

"These include labourers who worked in the mines, truck drivers transporting coal, people maintaining accounts and individuals working in other related oc-

cupations", the government said.

The ban since April 2014 has severely affected the revenue generation and fiscal capacity of the state in the form of royalty collection, VAT and sales tax, it said, adding since coal mining is a major economic activity in the state with significant backward and forward linkages, the ban has had a tremendous economic impact on trade and therefore private constructions and other development projects have been adversely affected resulting in fall in aggregate demand.

The government said in 2014-15, it had estimated that the total annual loss due to the ban was Rs 600 crore, and if 7.23 % annual growth rate is applied on

the figure of Rs 600 crore in 2014-15, the projected loss of government was to the tune of Rs 3,717 crore during the 14th Finance Commission period and will be to the tune of Rs 5,271 crore during the period from 2020-21 to 2024-25.

If only 5% inflation rate is applied on Rs 600 crore, the estimated loss will be Rs 3,481 crore during the 14th Finance Commission period and Rs 4,443 crore during the 15th Finance Commission period.

The state was not compensated for this loss during the 14th Finance Commission and this has substantially reduced the fiscal space available to the state for making critical investments for sustainable development and growth, the government said.

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Iakynduh ka Finance Commission ia ki kynhun treikam jaka sor

Shillong, Jylliew 04: Kum shi bynta ka jingwan jngoh ia ka jylla Meghalaya, ka 15th Finance Commission ba la khlieh da u Chairman jong ka, N.K. Singh ka la pynlong jingialang bad ki

dkhot jong ki kynhun ba treikam ha ki jaka sor (Urban Local Bodies) jong ka jylla Meghalaya.

Ha kane ka jingialang, la pyntip sha ka Commission ba ka jylla ka la thung ia ki

ULB jong ka hapoh ka Meghalaya Municipal Act bad Sixth Schedule jong ka riti synshar jong ka ri (Constitution).

Namar ba ia ki ULB ym
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Iakynduh ka Finance Commission ia ki kynhun treikam

shym la thung hapoh ka 74th constitutional amendment, kumta ka jylla kam hap ban bud ia ki katto katne ki kyndon jong ka Amendment, kum ka nuksa, (i) ban pynlong direk ia ka elekshon Municipal (ii) ban thung ia ki ward

committee, (iii) ka jingbhah seat ia ki schedule caste, schedule tribe bad ki longkmie, (iv) ka jingbteng ia ki municipail haduh ka samoi kaba san snem, bad ka (v) jingthung ia ka state finance commission, state election commission bad ki district planning committee. Ki don 6 tylli ki Municipal Board ha Meghalaya hynrei ia ki elekshon sha kine la pynlong tang teng teng. Ha kaba iadei bad ki jaka kamai ki ULB, ka Commission ka la iohi ba ka Meghalaya Municipal Act 1973 ka aibor ia ki Municipal Board ba kin ioh jingkamai na ka jinglum khajna bad ruh na ki kam bam iadei bad ka jinglum khajna. o

Ka khajna ka kynthup ia ka jinglum na ki jaka ba don hapoh ka municipality; ka khajna um; khajna bor ding; ka khajna painkhana; khajna nala; khajna na ki iew shimet bad ka jingpyndonkam ia ki jingkieng. o

Ki jingioh bym iadei bad ki kam lum khajna ki long ka bai license na ka bynta ki kali ba shu khyntiat, ki mrad bad shong briew ne pyntit tiar, ka dor ban register ia ki ksew bad ki masi, ka license na ka bynta ki lieng, ka betterment fee, ka dor na ka bynta ka jingseng ia ki fire brigade; kano kano ka skhim social service na ka bynta ka jingbha ka jingkhoit jingkhiah u riew paidbah, ka dor ban teh ia ki lieng ha ki jaka ba hap hapoh ka municipality; lem bad ka jingdain kuna ia ka jingpynkhein ia kano kano ka ain.

La lap ba ka jingdon jingem jong ki Board ki duna bad ym lah ban pyntreikam ia ki kam pynroi da kine ki jingdon jingem. Ka Commission ka la iakren bad ki nongmihkmat bad ka la kular ban peit ia ki jingeh ba ki la pynsgew ha ka ynda ka la aijingmut halor ka jylla Meghalaya.

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Stress on Meghalaya agro economy: Panel

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Shillong: Meghalaya has projected a pre-devolution deficit to be at Rs 62,870 crore for the award period of the 15th Finance Commission while it sought grants amounting to crores of rupees for the next five years.

The commission, headed by its chairman N.K. Singh, arrived here on Monday and held discussions with political parties, state government, urban local bodies, autonomous district councils, and trade and industry bodies.

Apart from the Rs 62,870 crore per-devolution deficit, Meghalaya has sought grants of Rs 15,609 crore in the critical sector, which includes roads and bridges, health, water supply, education, sports and others.

The state sought Rs 2,468 crore as grants to upgrade standard administration.

Also, Rs 1,567 crore was sought as grants-in-aid for local bodies, including the three autonomous district councils and municipal bodies. It requested the commission to enhance vertical devolution from 42 per cent to 48 per cent.

It said 30 per cent of the 48 per cent should be exclusively earmarked for

special category states.

Singh told reporters that Meghalaya should stress on agro and agro-based activities, tourism. He said the state's economy has been strained in view of the implementation of the Fifth Pay Commission and that it has to devise strategies to bring down the fiscal deficit.

Singh spoke on the macro-economic challenges of the state and expressed concern on the state's nominal GSDP trend growth, which is much lower than the country's.

He said the trade bodies wanted that connectivity should be improved with Bangladesh through Chitragong port. "I think that the improved relationship between India and Bangladesh can facilitate much greater trade flow between the two countries," Singh said.

It stressed that Meghalaya needs to take advantage of the various central-government funded schemes to increase exports to Bangladesh.

Meghalaya is highly dependent on the Centre. While the state's own-tax revenue is 4.38 per cent of GSDP in 2016-17 (average for Northeast and hill states is 5.02 per cent), Meghalaya receives 80 per cent of its total revenue receipts (TRR) from the Centre.

It has been hit hard by the

NGT ban on coal mining in 2014, and impacted the GSDP and revenue generation capacity. According to official figures, the real GSDP of the state declined in 2014-15 by 2.1 per cent. In 2014-15, the state lost Rs 255 crore mainly due to the coal mining ban.

The state government has estimated a total annual revenue loss of Rs 600 crore. With the introduction of GST and general improvement in the economy, the taxation revenue has improved slowly. An area of concern is the cash-deposit ratio in the state which is only between 35-40 per cent in the last 10 years while that of the country is 60 per cent.

Meghalaya's health indicators are not bright. According to an official communiqué, some of its health indicators are below the national average like stunting among children, anaemia among women and infant mortality rate.

The total density of roads in the state is only 401 km/1,000 square km while the national average is 952.8 km/1,000 square km.

Meghalaya also ranks 22nd on all Sustainable Development Goals. According to Niti Aayog, the state's composite SDG index is 52, which is lower than India's composite index of 56.

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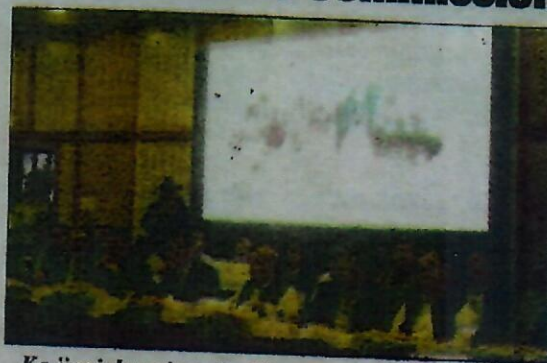
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Ka Meghalaya kam dei ban shaniah tylli ha ka Sorkar Pdeng: Finance Commission

Shillong, Jylliew 04: Ka Sorkar Meghalaya ka la kyr -pad na ka Finance Commission kaba 15 ban kyntiew ia ka jingmang pisa da kaba kyntiew ia ka bhah kaba duna na ka finance commission kaba la dep.

"Ka Sorkar Jylla ka la dawa ban kyntiew ia ka jingmang pisa. Kane ka jingdawa na ka liang ka Sorkar namar ka pynpaw ba

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Ka jingialang jong ka Finance Commission ba 15.

Ka Meghalaya kam dei ban

ka jingpynmih pisa ka la hiar hadien ka jingkhong ia u dewiong bad kumjuh ba ka jingbymshai halor ka jingpynreikam ia ka GST halor ka khajna ba ka jylla ka dei ban ioh," la pynpaw u chairman ka Finance Commission kaba 15 haba iakren bad ki nongthoh khubor hynneh ka sngi. U la kular ba ka Finance Commission kan khmih ia ka jingkyrpad ka jylla halor ban kyntiew ia ka jingmang pisa.

U la ong ba ka finance commission ka kyrshan ia ka jingpyrshang jong ka Sorkar Jylla ban kyntiew ia ka khaii ka pateng bad ka ioh ka kot jong ka jylla. U Singh u la pynpaw ba ka GDP jong ka jylla ha u snem ba la dep ka la kiew kumba 11 persen. "Hynrei hapdeng u snem 2011 haduh 2018, ka GDP ka jylla ka kiew tang hapdeng 5 haduh 6 persen. Kane ka long kaba duna shisha haba ianujor ia ki jinglong jingman hapoh ka ri bad kumjuh ha ki jylla ka thain Shatei Lam Mihngi," ka la long.

U chairman ka Finance Commission u la pynpaw ba ka jingkylla ka donkam ban kyntiew ia ka GDP bad khamtam ban ia ryngkat bad kiwei ki jylla ka thain.

"Ka long kaba donkam ba ka jylla kan lah ban ieng ha ki kjat lajong ban ia kaba shaniah lyngba ka pisa kaba la mang da ka Sorkar Pdeng," u la ong.

Shuh shuh, u la iathuh ba ka Sorkar Jylla ka kyrpad ia ka Finance ban kyntiew ia ka jingmang pisa na ka 42 persen sha ka 48 persen bad ka la bynrap ruh ba 30 persen na ka 48 persen dei ban mang ia ki jylla kiba ithuh kyrpad da ka Sorkar Pdeng (special category State) khnang ban iarap

ia ka Sorkar Jylla ha ka liang ban kyntiew ia ka ioh ka kot ka jylla. Haba kren halor ka jingiakynduh jong ka jylla ia ki ki brierw kiba dei na ka liang ka khaii ka pateng bad kumjuh ki brierw napoh ki karkhana kiba don ha jylla, u la ong ha kane ka jingiakynduh ki la ban jur halor ka jingdonkam ban iakren bad ka Sorkar Bangladesh ban ailad ia ka India ban pyndonkam ia ka Chittagong Port. U la ong ba ka la don ruh ka jingpynsngew ba ka jingkiew ha ka liang ka khaii ka pateng bad ka Bangladesh kan pynmyntoi ia ka Meghalaya bad ka thain Shatei Lam Mihngi.

U chairman ka Commission u la ong ba ki jylla ka thain Shatei Lam Mihngi ki donkam ba iakren lang ia ka Sorkar Pdeng ba kan iakren bad ka Bangladesh halor kane ka bynta

Haba kylli halor ka jingbym ai jingmyntoi ki tnad ka Sorkar ha ka ban kyntiew ia ka pla tyngka ka Sorkar Jylla, u la ong kawei na ki mat kaba u Myntri Rangbah ka jylla u kren ka dei halor ka jingbym lah ka tnad MeECL ban pynbiang ia ka jingpynmih bad ka jingsam bording.

"Ngi dei ban sngewthuh ba lada ngim lah ban pynbeit ia ka tnad ka Koit ka Khiah bad ka tnad Bording, ka Meghalaya kan nym lah ban iaid sha khmat," u la ong bad u ai jingmut ruh ba ka Sorkar Jylla ka dei ban phai sha kiwei pat ki tyllong ki bym jingkhah ia ka mariang ha kaba iadei bad ka jingpynmih bording.

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Finance Com happy with M'laya plans to improve economy

CHRONICLE NEWS SERVICE

SHILLONG: The strategy outlined by the Meghalaya Democratic Alliance (MDA) government, through which it proposes to improve the economy of the state, has found favour with the 15th Finance Commission.

The 15th Finance Commission, headed by its chairman Nand Kishore Singh, visited Meghalaya on Tuesday.

In the backdrop of a meeting with the state government which was headed by Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma, the chairman of the Fifteenth Finance Commission, NK Singh, has expressed satisfaction over the focus and commitment of the government to address some of the endemic weaknesses of the state's economy. "The strategy which they have outlined before the Finance Commission appears to be prima facie persuasive and eminently credible," Singh noted on Tuesday.

"...they can count on the FC to take a sympathetic view before we begin to finalise and affirm our recommendations towards the end of the year and it will be our endeavor to see that the government of Meghalaya is supported in the multiple endeavors to be able to have really great GDP growth, which measure up to the expectations and can im-



N.K Singh, Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission, addressing the media at Shillong.

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prove the quality of life of the people of Meghalaya," Singh assured. Stating that there are huge challenges but equally there are also enormous opportunities in the state, Singh said that there was a reasonable period of time when there was enough fiscal space which Meghalaya had but it did not utilise that fiscal space by enhancing public outlays. He also noted that with the implementation of the 5th Pay

Commission, the economy of Meghalaya has been somewhat straight - the fiscal deficit has gone up far beyond the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) target of 3 per cent.

Pointing out that the debt to the state's GDP has gone above 30 per cent, Singh suggested that the state government devises a strategy which can bring about greater medium term macro-economic

stability by bringing down both fiscal deficit and the debt trajectory.

While stating that last year the state's GDP grew at just about 11 per cent but for a period from 2011 to 2018, the state's GDP grew to 5-6 percent, Singh said, "This is significantly below the normal GDP growth that India experienced and significantly lower than some of the other North East states has grown."

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6. Title of the item/report : State Government ask for 82,851 crores from Finance Commission, KHADC 1544 crores.

Pan ka Sorkar Jylla T.82,851 klur na ka Finance Commission, KHADC T.1544 klur

Shillong Jylliew 04: U Myntri Rangbah ka jylla u Conrad K Sangma u la ong, ba ka sorkar kala pynrung ha ka dorkhas ia baroh ki mat kiba kongsan ha kaba iadei bad ka jingtyrwa kaba kala pah sha ka Fifteen Finance Commission hynne ka sngi.

"Ngi la pynkreh ia ka jingdonkam jong ka jylla bad la kynthup ia baroh ki mat kynthup ia ki District Council, ki jaka kiba hap ha Municipal, ka rep ka riang, ki kam ialehka bad kiwei kiwei bad ngi khmih lynti ba

ngin ioh ia kaba bha tam" ong u Conrad K Sangma haba iakren bad ki nongthoh khubor hadien bala wai ka jingialang bad ki nongialam ka Fifteen Finance Commission.

Haba kylli katno ka sorkar jylla kala pah ia ka jingtyrwa sha ka commission na ka bynta ban pynnyllun ia ki kam ki jam jong ka jylla ha kine ki 5 snem ban wan, u Myntri Rangbah ym shim la treh ban batai katno ka sorkar kala pan jingiarap tyngka

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U Conrad K Sangma, u Bah Teinwell Dkhar kiba dang pdiang burom ia u Chairman ka 15th Finance Commission u NK Singh hynne ka sngi ha Pinewood-Hotel.

Pan ka Sorkar Jylla T.82,851 klur lyngba ka Commission.

"Ia mynta ngam pat kwah ban batai halor ka jingtyrwa kaba ngi la pah hynrei ngi ngeit skhem pat ba ka Commission kan pdiang iaka jingtyrwa jong ka sorkar kaba la kynthup ia baroh ki mat.

Katkum ki jingtip kiba la iohlum la iathuh ba ka sorkar kala pah ia ka jingtyrwa kaba T.82,851 klur sha ka Commission na ka bynta ban pynnyllun ia ki kam ki jam jong ka sorkar khamtam ha kaban ialeh ban pynmih iaka khajna kaba ka jylla kan lah ban ieng hala ki jong ki kjat.

Haba iakren bad u Deputy CEM ka KHADC u Bah Pyniaid Sing Syiem u la ong, ka KHADC kala aiti iaka dorkhas bad pah iaka jingtyrwa sha ka Fifteen Finance Commission kaba la kot T.1544.34 Klur na ka bynta ban pyniaid shakhmat ia ki kam jong ka Council.

"Ngi la pah iaka jingtyrwa ban mang T.20 klur ban pynnyllun ia ki kam jong ka Council, T.62.95 Klur ban shna ia ki iew jong ka Council, T.77 Klur ban pynneh ia ki khlaw ki btap, ban iada bad pynneh pynsah bad ban kyntiew ia ka jingai jingsumar tyrnai T.64.50 Klur, T.80 Klur na ka bynta ka Arts and Culture bad ban pynneh ia ki jingtei kiba rim, T.12 Klur na ka bynta ban pyrkhing iaka rukom, T.89 Klur na ka bynta ban kyntiew, iaka kam'ri dohkha ha ki jaka kiba hap hapoh ka Sixth Schedule, T.161.19 Klur na ka bynta ban tei iaka ophis

pisa ka Council kan sa iit iaka jaka na ka bynta ban tei thymmai iaka ophis jong ka KHADC bad kiwei kiwei ki mat" ong u Bah Pyniaid Sing Syiem.

Na ka liang u CEM ka JHADC u Bah Thombor Shiwat ula ong ba ka JHADC kam shym la aiti ia kano kano ka dorkhas sha ka Commission hynrei ha kine ki sngi kan sa pynkreh ban aiti iaka dorkhas sha ki nongialam jong ka Commission bad lada ka Council kam pat lah ban pynbiang ia katei ka dorkhas kin sa leit noh sha Delhi ban aiti iaka dorkhas ha ki nongialam jong ka Finance Commission bad ka Council ka khmih lynti ba kin ioh pdiang iaka jingiarap.

Katba u Chairman ka High Power Committee jong ka GHADC u Augustine Marak u la ong, ka GHADC kala pah iaka jingtyrwa sha ka Commission hynrei kim shym la kdew katni ki donkam iaka pisa ban pynnyllun ia ki kam ki jam baroh.

Ngi la buh ia ki jingtyrwa kiba hakmat kiba kynthup ban thaw iaka Green Model Village, Solid Waste Mangament, jingbit jingbiang jong ki nongtrei, ban seng ia ka karkhana shna kot ban pynduna iaka jingpyndonkam ia ki pla plastik, ban tei iaka Diigital Cinema Hall, ban tei iaka Guest House ha kylleng ki jaka jong ka rilum Garo, ban tei iaka Council Guest House ha Dalu, ban sdang iaka "Corpus Fund" jong ka GHADC kaba T.1000 Klur ban weng iaka jingeh jong ka jingkyrduh tyngka jong ka

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Pynthikna ka Finance Commission, ban kyrshan ia ka sorkar jylla

Shillong, 4 Jylliew:

U Chairman ka Fithteen Finance Commission, u NK Singh mynta ka sngi u la ai jingkyrmen ia ka sorkar jylla, ban kyrshan ia ki kam ka shim bad pyntrei ha kine ki san

snem ban wan na ka bynta ban kyntiew ia ka ioh ka kot ha ka jylla. Kumba ju long ka Commission ka ju pyllong ia ka jingiamir jingmut

bad ki tnad bad ki kynhun bapher bapher shwa ba kan pynbiang jingkhain ban bei pisa ia ki kam pynroi ha ki jylla bad ka [bteng sla 7]

Pynthikna ka Finance Commission

ri man ka shisien san snem.

Haba kren sha ki lad pathai khubor mynta ka sngi, u Singh u la ong ka jylla Meghalaya, ka don shibun ki lad ban kyntiew ia ki karkhana ba iadei bad ka rep ka riang, ka rep ka riang kum ka rep soh rep pai, bad kiwei. U la ong ka kam jngohkai ka dei kawei ka pyntha ba ka jylla ka la shim khia ban kyntiew ha kaba ka Commission kan ai ka jingkyrshan hynrei um shym la kumno kan ai pisa namar u ong, ka Commission kan bishar halor kiei kiei shwa ban rai.

"Ban kyntiew ia ka kam jngohkai, ka donkam ban pynbha ia ki lynti synkieng, ki jaka sah ki nongwankai bad ki lynti suin", u la ong.

Hynrei ha kajuha ka por, u la pynpaw ia ka jingsngew bynniad ia ka jingduna ka jingkiev ha ka ioh ka kot jong ka jylla. U la ong ba ka GDP ka jylla ka kiew sha 30 % kaba dang duna bha haba ianujor bad kiwei ki jylla.

"Ka Meghalaya mynsnem snem, ka jingpynmih bad jingdic ne ka GDP ka kiew 11 % kiew bad 2011 haduh 18, ka long tang 5-6 percent bad kane ka kham rit bad kham duna ia kiwei ki jylla, bad ka donkam ban kiew ban kham pynbha ia ka jingkiev ha ka kot ka kot khnang ban kyrshan hi ialade ym ban shu shaniah nadong shadong", la ong u Singh.

U la bynrap ruh ba ka jingkamai jong uwei u brier ha ka shi snem ka la duna bha ha ka jylla haba ianujor bad kiwei ki jylla bad ka dei ka bynta ba ka sorkar ka dei ban kham pylleit jingmut.

U Singh u la iathuh ba ka Commission ka la iathir bad ka sorkar jylla ba lam khmat da u Myntri Rangbah u Conrad K Sangma, ki seng sain pyrthei, ki District Council, ki nongkhahi bad kiwei ki kynhun.

Kaikum ka jingong u Singh, ka rep ka riang da ka sboh mariang ka dei ka lad kaba ka sorkar jylla ka dang phaikhmat bad kyrmen ba ha kine ki san snem ban wan kan wanrah ia ka jingkylla ban pynkiev ia ka ioh ka kot jong ki paidbah ka jylla.

U la kren ruh ia ka jingdonkam ban pyndonkam bording ha kaba ka sorkar ka la donkam ban phaiphmat da kiwei ki lad ban ym ktah ne pynjot ia ka mariang namar ba khlem ka bording, kiwei ki tnad kim lah ban treikam.

La iathuh ruh ba la pynsngew ban pynlait ia ka sor Shillong na ka jingkhapngiah ha kaba la ai jingmut bha halor kanc bad kawei ka dei ban pynbha ban pynbiang ia ki kam pynroi sha ki district khnang ban pynkiar ia ki paidbah ban kiew tang sha sor.

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Meghalaya not bound by law to hold municipal elections

Staff Reporter

SHILLONG, June 04: The chairman of the 15th Finance Commission, NK Singh, was on Tuesday informed that Meghalaya is not bound to hold municipal elections, as the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) here are not constituted under the 74th constitutional amendment. The ULBs of Meghalaya are constituted under the Meghalaya Municipal Act and Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

As such, the State is not bound to follow certain provisions of the Amendment, for example,

(i) hold direct municipal elections (ii) constitute ward committees, (iii) reserve seats for schedule castes, schedule tribes and women, (iv) continue municipalities for a period of five years, and (v) constitute state finance commission, state election commission and district planning committees. Representatives of the ULBs here met Singh, who is in city heading the team of Fifteenth Finance Commission from June 3 - 5.

There are six Municipal Boards in Meghalaya but the elections are not being

held regularly in Municipal Boards.

Regarding the Revenue Sources of ULBs, the Commission noted that the Meghalaya Municipal Act 1973 empowers the Municipal Boards to mobilise resources through the levy of taxes as well as non-tax sources.

The tax sources include levy of tax on holdings situated within the municipality, water tax, light tax, latrine tax, drainage tax, tax on private markets and

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tolls on bridges.

The non-tax sources include license fees on carts, carriages and animals used for riding, or burden; fee on the registration of dogs and cattle; license fee on boats; betterment fee; fees for setting up and maintenance of fire brigade; fees for conducting at the cost of Board, any scheme of social service for the improvement of public health; fee on boats mooring within the municipality; and penalties for various offences.

Meanwhile, the State has sought Rs 1567 crores as grant-in-aid for the local bodies. This includes Rs 301 crore to cover the ADCs revenue gap, Rs 500 crore for ADCs' infrastructure upgradation for provision of services, Rs 66 crore for ULBs- Revenue Gap, Rs 100 crore for ULBs- Infrastructure upgradation for provision of Services, and Rs 600 for infrastructure creation and upgradation of Village Employment Councils.

The Commission had detailed discussion with the representatives and assured to look into the issues raised by them while making their recommendations on Meghalaya.

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More than 1500 crores KHADC put on demand, JHADC still preparing.

Kynduh ka Finance Commission ia ki ADC ka jylla
T.1500 klur tam buh jingtyrwa ka KHADC,
dang pynkhreh ka JHADC

Shillong, Jylliew 04

Ka Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC) ka la buh ka jingtyrwa kaba haduh T.1500 klur tam hakmat jong ka Fifteen Finance Commission ba kan theh jingiarap na ka bynta ka bit ka biang jong ka district council katba na ka liang ka Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council (JHADC) pat ka dang pynkhreh ia ka jingtyrwa bad shen kan sa

phah sha ka commission.

Ia kane ka jingtyrwa na ka liang ka KHADC ka la buh hakmat ka Fifteen Finance Commission ha ka jingialang kaba la long ha hotel Pinewood ha ka sngi Ba-ar hadien ba na ka liang ka commission ka la khot jingialang ia baroh 3 tylli ki Autonomous District Council jong ka jylla.

Haba kren bad u nongthoh ...Pule Sla 9

T.1500 klur tam buh jingtyrwa ka

khabor hadien ba la dep ban iakynduh ia ki nengialam ka Commission, u Deputy Chief Executive Member ka KHADC u Bah Pyniaid Sing Syiem u la ong ba ha kane ka jingiaikynduh, na ka liang ka KHADC lyngba ka dorkhas ba la aiti sha u Chairman ka Commission u Nand Kishore Singh ka la tyrwa hakmat ka commission ha kaba iadei bad ka jingmang pisa ha kane ka san snem ha kaba iadei bad ka jinglut jingsap jong ka council.

U la ong ba ka jingtyrwa ba ka council ka la buh hakmat ka commission ka la kot sha ka T.1500 klur tam bad ka khmih lynti ba kan sa ioh ia kane ka song jingiarap.

Ki jingtyrwa jong ka KHADC na ka T.1500 klur tam ki kyntup ia ka jingtyrwa na ka bynta ka building thymmai jong ka council ba la buh kumba T.161 klur. U Deputy CEM u la ong ba lada ka council kan ioh pdiang ia kane ka pisa, yn sa lah ban pynkynriah noh ia ka ophis treikam jong ka council sha kawei pat ka jaka kaba kham kylluid.

Kiwei pat ki kyntup na ka bynta ka jingpyniaid ki kam ki jam (administration) hapoh ka KHADC ba la buh T.250 klur, na ka bynta ki kam pynroi la tyrwa T.300 klur, ka jingtei ia ki iew ha sor bad shnong kyndong la tyrwa T.62.95 klur, na ka bynta ban pynneh ia ki khlaw ki btap la tyrwa T.77 klur, ban pynbit pynbiang ha kaba iadei bad ka Land and Land Management T.24 klur, Water Management T.27.50 klur, halor ka 'Protection and Promotion of Khasi Traditional Medicine' ne ban pynneh pynsah ia ki dawai Khasi khamtam ia ki nongsumar dawai Khasi la buh jingtyrwa T.64 klur, na ka bynta ka 'Urban Management and Establishment of Town Committees la tyrwa T.250 klur, na ka bynta ki kam jong ki hima bad elaka ia kaha donkam ban shna ia ki subordinate court ha man la ki hima la tyrwa T.13.50 klur, na ka bynta mat IT la tyrwa T.54 klur, na ka

Governance kaba iadei bad ka jingbhah ia ka pisa kyrtang ia ka rukom pyniaid shnong pyniaid thaw la tyrwa T.61 klur, na ka bynta ban pynneh ia ka riti dustur ka put ka tem ka riam ka beit la tyrwa T.80 klur bad kiwei kiwei.

U la iathuh ba ha kane ka jingialang, ka council ka la kular ba ha kaba iadei bad ka jingpyndonkam ia ka pisa, yn ialeh ban pynthikma ba kan nym don ka jingpyndonkam bakla ia ka pisa bad kumno kumno hapoh 3 bnai ba ngin lah ban pyndep ia ki kam ba iadei bad ka pisa ba ngin lah ban ioh na ka song jingiarap.

U la ong ba ka council ka don ka jingkyrmen ban ioh ia ka song jingiarap bad na ka bynta kane, ka council ka la trei shitom ban pynbiang ia ki 'Utilisation Certificate' halor ki skhim bapher bapher ba la pyntri lyngba ka song jingiarap na ka Special Assistant Scheme jong ka Sorkar Kmie ba la dep ban ioh, ha kaba na ka liang ka Council ka la dep ban phah haduh kumba 85 ne 90 percent ka UC sha ka sorkar ban pyni ba la pyntri hok ia ka kam.

Katba na ka liang u CEM ka JHADC u Bah Thombor. Shiwat u la ong. "Ngi na ka JHADC kumba long mynta ngi khlem pat buh ki jingtyrwa namar katkim ka shithi ba, ka commission ka la phah wan ka khlem ong ban wan ryngkat ki jingtyrwa. Te kumta lada ka dei ka kam ba ka Finance Commission ka lah ban leh, ngi ruh ha kine ki shi sngi ar sngi ngin phah noh ia ka jingtyrwa ka jong ngi."

U la ong, "Ia mynta ngim pat pynbiang ia ki jingkhein jingdiah ba katno kawei ka mat bad ki jingdonkam jong ka council kan poi bad katno ka jingdonkam, kumta ngin hap ban pynbiang ia ki jingkhein jingdiah baroh bad ngin sa phah noh kloj. Ngi tip ba ka commission ka ju ai bad iarap, kumta ngi don ka jingkyrmen ba kan iarap ia ngi ka council."

"Kumba ka long mynta, ngi la pynkhreh malu mala hyn-

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Conrad lists out Meghalaya's roadmad to progress

Staff Reporter

SHILLONG, June 04: Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma, while welcoming the 15th Finance Commission headed by Nand Kishore Singh here in the city on Tuesday, said the visit of the commission is important for the state as Meghalaya is blessed with a lot of resources, potential, opportunities and only investment in the right sectors is needed.

"Realizing the huge potential and resources in the State, the government has initiated various programmes on a mission mode to add value to the available resources," the

Chief Minister informed the commission.

Apprising the commission on the various missions the government has taken up like the recently launched Muga Mission, Aroma Mission and Lakadong Mission, he also highlighted the challenges the State faces in respect of its international borders, typical terrain and remoteness of the State.

"The international borders the state shares, which is often seen as a problem, can open up opportunities to trade and commerce and similarly the

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resources and opportunities in the State can be given the right catalyst to add economic value to the products," he added.

The Chief Minister also said that the ban on coal mining in 2014 has had a huge impact on the revenue of the State and has also affected other allied sectors. As such, he said that this needs to be looked into and addressed.

The Chief Minister said that there are challenges in the Health and Education sectors and yet the government is proactive in both these sectors. "Around 30 lakhs of population will be covered in Meghalaya Health Insurance Scheme and the health centres with high MMR and IMR will be given a special attention and all programmes and schemes will be monitored online for effective implementation," he said.

He further said that the year 2022 is a very strategic year for Meghalaya when the 50th year of Statehood will be celebrated and the National Games will also be held in the State, which will be a momentous and prestigious occasion to all.

"There are many challenges but opportunities are immense and all that is needed are the right policies and right investment and the need to work as a committed collective team to achieve the dreams of the State," said the Chief Minister.

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Meghalaya ask funds of Rs 82,815 Crores from 15th Finance Commission.

Sngewkhia u Chairman ba duna ka ioh ka kot ki paidbah

82,815 klur pan pisa ka Meghalaya na ka 15th Finance Commission

Shillong: Ka sorkar jylla ha ka sngi baar, ka la pan pisa haduh 82,815 klur tyngka na ka 15th Finance Commission, ha ka jing'alang kaba la long ha Pinewood Hotel, Shillong.

Kane ka 82 hajar klur ka kynthup ia ki tnad treikam bapher bapher bad kumjuh ruh ki kam pynroi. U Myntri Rangbah, u Conrad Sangma, haba ai ka jing'batai na ka liang ka sorkar jylla ha kane ka jing'alang bad ka Finance

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U Myntri Rangbah u dang pdiang sngewbah ia u Chairman ka Finance Commission ha Shillong/

82 hajar klur pan pisa ka

Commission kaba la wan hapoh ka jing'alang jong u Chairman, u Nk Singh, u la kdew ba na ka tnad PWD la pan 4956 klur tyngka. Na ka bynta ka tnad ka koit ka khiah 580 klur, Ka tnad umbam umdih 1114 klur, tnad bording elektrik 2476 klur, tnad pule puthi 957 klur, tnad bishar 940 klur, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary 314 klur, Sports bad Youth Affairs 2199 klur, Parliamentary Affairs 100 klur, Transport 50 klur, shongsul shongsain 1048 klur, Tourism 442 klur, Information and Communications Technology 104 klur, karkhana bad khafi 325 klur tyngka.

La pan pisa ruh na ka bynta ki District Council bad kiwei kiwei de ki bor synshar jong ka jylla 1567 klur.

Haba kren ha kane ka jing'alang, u Myntri Rangbah, u la ong ba ka jingwan ka Finance Commission sha ka jylla ka long kaba donkam haduh katta katta, khamtam ha kane ka jylla kaba riewspah ha ka liang ki jingpynlong ka mariang. "Kaei kaba donkam ka long ka jingseng kam bad ka jingbei pisa ha kine ki lain ka ban long ka jing'arap kaba khraw ia ka jylla", la ong u Conrad.

U la iathuh ruh ba ka sorkar ka la sdang ban pyntreikam ia kiba bun ki lad pynroi da kaba seng ia ki Mission kum ka Muga Mission, ka Aroma Mission bad Lalcadong Mission kiban plie lad ia ki paidbah ban trei ia ki kam pynroi.

U Myntri Rangbah u la kdew ruh hakmat ka Commission ia ka jingktah na ka jingshah khang tih dewiong, kaba la ktah ym tang ha ka jinglum khajna ka sorkar, hynrei ka la ktah ruh ia kamai baah imaki paidbah

Haba iadei bad ka koit ka khiah, u Myntri Rangbah u la kdew ia ka jingpynreikam ia ka Meghalaya Health Insurance Schem bad kumjuh ruh ka jingshimkia kyrpang ia ki jaka sumar bad i ka koit ka khiah ki khynnah bad ki kynthei. Nalorkitei, u Conrad u la ruh ruh hakmat ka Commission ia ka jingdonkam pisa ka jylla ha kaba pynlong ia ka National Games ha u 2022, kaba ha ruh ha ka jingdap 50 snem ka jylla.

Haba iakren bad ki nongthoh khubor hadien ba la kut k jing'alang, u Chairman ka Commission, u la ong ba na k liang kane ka bor treikam jong ka sorkar India kan ialeh katb lah ban iarap iaka sorkar Meghalaya, ha kaba pynurlong ia k jingangnud kiba bun na ka bynta ki kam pynroi, khamtam e ha kaba kyntiew ia ka ioh ka kot ki paidbah. "Ka long kab sngewkhia ba ka jing'ioh kamai ki nongshongshnong ha kan ka jylla ka long kaba duma shibun, haba tanujor bad kiwei pi ki jylla ba faryngkat bor bad ka Meghalaya", la ong u Singl Nalorkata u la ong ruh ba Meghalaya kan hap ban trei shitor shuh shuh ha ka liang ka pule puthi ruh.

U la ong ruh ba jylla Meghalaya ka don ki lad ki kab ban nang kiew ha ki kam thung jhur, kam shang pyrthei ba na ka bynta kane ka donkam ban pynbiang iaka leit ka wa lyngba ki surok ne da ki lynti suihi ruh kumjuh.

Ka kyrwoh ba la phah da ka PIB pat ka ong ba na ka lian ka Finance Commission ka la kdew ba ka don ka jingduhnon haduh T 255 klur ha u snem 2014-15 kaba la mih na k jingshah khang diewiong. Ka sorkar jylla ka la antad ruh t la don ka jingduhngong kaba kumba T. 600 klur ba la don jinghiar ha ka jing'ioh lum na kiwei kiwei pat ki khajna Hynrei, hadien ba la wan ka GST bad ka jingkieu ka ioh k kot, ka jing'ioh khajna ha ka jylla ka la kiew suki suki.

Ha kaba iadei bad ka Cash-Deposit ratio ha Meghalaya ka la ju long tang 35-40% ha kine ki 10 snem ba la de katba ha ri India baroh kawei pat ka long ka 60% .

Ha kaba iadei bad ka jingtreikam ha ka liang ka koit k khiah, ki jingkhein ki paw ba ki don ki bynta kiba hiar bha i Meghalaya kiba duna shibun ia ka national average kum k jing duna ki khynnah ban khie ban san, ka jingduna snam k ki longkmie, ka shiteng pork i khunlung bad kiwei kiwei.

Ha ka liang ka jingdon ki surok, la kdew ba ka jingdon i surok ha Meghalaya ka long tang 401 km n aka 1000 square km katba ha ka ri India pat ka long 952.8 Km.

Na ki 15 tylli ki PSU ha ka jylla, tang kawei ka SPSU i ka jylla (Forest Development Corporation Meghalaya Limited) ka la iohi ia ka jing'iohngong haba kut u snem 2017. Ia kane la pynkhia shuh shuh da ki PSU ba don ha ka Pow sector ha ka jylla. Kine ki power sector SPSU ki la duhnon haduh T 1836 klur, kaba long 6.5% jong ka GSDP. Hynrei, don 6 tylli ki SPSU kaba kynthup ia kawei ka power sect SPSU kiba la iohngong ha u snem 2016-17. Kane ka jinglor jong ki SPSU ka wanrah ia ki jingma ia ka Meghalaya.

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Meghalaya needs to do more for growth: NK Singh

A CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, June 4: Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission NK Singh said that the tourism potential of Meghalaya is not only an employment generator for the people of Meghalaya but it can also substantially add to the GDP growth of the State.

He however said that, although the Chief Minister shared some important initiatives which the State has taken to improve the tourism industry in Meghalaya, much more needs to be done.

"This is also critically dependent on the two or three factors. One being improving the road connectivity and opening up Meghalaya's airspace and being able to encourage the new airport," Singh said.

According to the 15th Finance Commission chairman, improving con-

nectivity would be central to be able to attract not only large number of tourists but also high-end tourism.

Singh also stated that there is a need to have more hotels in Meghalaya, not only in Shillong, but in other places which have equal tourist attraction.

The chairman also stated that the State has potential for organic farming.

According to him, Meghalaya had a reasonable period of time when there was enough fiscal space which it did not utilize by enhancing public outlays.

He also pointed out that with the implementation of the 5th Pay Commission, the economy of Meghalaya has been somewhat strained.

"The fiscal deficit has gone up far beyond the FRBM target of 3 per cent. Similarly, debt to the State's GDP has gone above 30 per cent and so



Planning Commission Chairman NK Singh addressing the media in Shillong on Tuesday. (UB)

they will have to devise a strategy which can bring about greater medium term macro-economic stability by bringing down both fis-

cal deficit and bringing down the debt trajectory to be in line with what is happening in the rest of the country," Singh added.

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Conrad briefs Finance Commission

A CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, June 4: Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma along with his Cabinet Ministers and senior officials of the State Government had a meeting with the 15th Finance Commission here on Tuesday. The 15th Finance Commission is on a visit to the State from June 3-. The commission will hold meetings and interactions with all tiers of the local bodies in urban and rural areas, political parties and representatives of trade and commerce besides the State government officials.

In his opening remarks, Sangma, welcoming the commission to the State, said that the visit of the commission is important for the State as Meghalaya is blessed with a lot of resour-



es, potential, opportunities and only investment in the right sectors is needed. "Realizing the huge potential and resources in the State, the government has initiated various programmes on a mission mode to add value to the available resources," the Chief Minister informed the commission.

Apprising the commission on the various missions the government has taken up like the recently launched Muga Mission,

Aroma Mission and Lakadong Mission he also highlighted the challenges the State faces in respect of its international borders, typical terrain and remoteness of the State. "The international borders the State shares which is often seen as a problem can open up opportunities to trade and commerce and similarly the resources and opportunities in the State can be given the right catalyst to add economic value to the products", he added.

The Chief Minister also said that the ban on coal mining in 2014 has had a huge impact on the revenue of the State and has also affected other Allied sectors and this needs to be looked into and addressed. Further informing the commission that the State has moved

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forward in many aspects, the Chief Minister said that there are challenges in the Health and Education sectors and yet the government is pro active in both these sectors. "Around 30 lakhs of population will be covered in Meghalaya Health Insurance Scheme and the health centres with high MMR and IMR will be given a special attention and all programmes and schemes will be monitored online for effective implementation," he said.

He further said that the year 2022 is a very strategic year for Meghalaya when the 50th year of Statehood will be celebrated and the National Games will also be held in

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KHADC seeks Rs 1,544.34 cr as financial support from Finance Commission

Staff Reporter

SHILLONG, June 04: The Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC) on Tuesday submitted a memorandum to the 15th Finance Commission headed by Nand Kishore Singh, seeking Rs 1,544.34 crore as financial support from the Centre for enabling the Council to improve its administration and taking up

developmental activities.

A delegation of the KHADC led by its Chief Executive Member (CEM) Teinwell Dkhar along with deputy CEM Pyniaid Sing Syiem and two executive members – Paul Lyngdoh and Titosstarwell Chyne, met Singh here in the city and submitted the proposal towards the need of the funds.

The KHADC has proposed Rs 300 crore for developmental initiatives, Rs 257 crore for urban management and establishment of town committees, Rs 250 crore for administration and Rs 161.34 crore for construction of new KHADC building.

It has also sought Rs 62.95 crore, for the

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construction of town and rural markets, Rs 77 crore for protection of forest and environment, Rs 89 crore for aqua-culture development, Rs 80 for promotion of arts, culture and heritage, Rs 12 crore for regulation of building construction and others.

In the memorandum submitted to the Commission, Dkhar said, "We hope and expect that the 15th Finance Commission will intervene by granting this Council with an annual lump-sum amount of Rs 50 crore for administrative cost and to take up schemes which are relevant to the needs and general welfare of the people particularly in the rural and remote areas."

He also brought to the notice of the Commission the sad fact that the Council in its 67 years of existence has not been able to bring about change in the communities under its charge as mandated by the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

"This failure is especially noticeable in the field of empowerment and capacitation of the communities under its charge, in the failure of the communities to undertake programmes towards participative sustainable management of their resources," the CEM said while seeking the intervention of the

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Infrastructure boost needed for investment

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SHILLONG, JUNE 4: The 15th Finance Commission headed by its

ommendations.

During a meeting held as part of its three-day visit to the state here on

Finance panel meets industry bodies

Chairman NK Singh has assured to look into all the issues raised by the representatives of the trade and industry bodies while making its rec-

Tuesday, the Commission noted that the Meghalaya Government had launched 'Industrial Policy-2012', which promises (Contd. on P-10)

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to provide a package of subsidies, incentives and assistance to Micro, Small, Medium, Large, Mega Large and Ultra Large manufacturing and service enterprises; incentivize enterprises promoted and managed by "Woman Entrepreneur"/physically challenged with additional 10% (ten percent) on the State Capital Investment Subsidy; incentivize industries coming up in backward areas will get an additional 15% on the State Capital Investment Subsidy etc.

The Commission also observed like the other seven states of the north-east, Meghalaya also faces the disadvantages of remoteness from the mainland of the country.

It has to promote not only internal trade with other states of the north-east and the country as a whole — but also external trade with neighboring countries, such as Bangladesh.

Meghalaya needs to strengthen up its infrastructure to attract foreign investment in the State, the Commission said adding that good transportation networks are necessary to interlink potential growth centres, promote tourism, connect to border trade points, and support economic, social, and security needs.

It also states that Meghalaya needs to take full advantage of the various Central government funded schemes like ASIDE (Assistance to States for Development of Export Infrastructure), EDF-NER (Export Development Fund for North East Region), etc., to increase exports with Bangladesh.

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MDA seeks Rs 82,815 crore from 15th Finance Commission

Staff Reporter

SHILLONG, June 04: A total of Rs. 82,815 crore has been sought by the Meghalaya Democratic Alliance (MDA) government from the 15th Finance Commission (FC) including a pre-devolution revenue gap of Rs. 62,870 crore to the state.

This amount has been projected for five years during a meeting between the state government led by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma and the 15th Finance Commission headed by Nand Kishore Singh here in the city on Tuesday.

The state government has also sought Rs. 15,609 crore as grant-in-aid for intervention in critical sectors.

These include Rs. 4,956 crore for roads and bridges, Rs. 2,476 crore for power, Rs. 2,199 crore for sports and youth affairs, Rs. 1,114 crore for water supply and sanitation, Rs. 1,048 crore for law and order, Rs. 957 crore for education, Rs. 580 crore for health and family welfare and others.

The state government has also proposed Rs. 2,469 crore as grant-in-aid for upgrade of standard administration, Rs. 1,567 crore for local bodies

including the three Autonomous District Councils

(ADCs) and Rs. 300 crore for SPSUs.

Meanwhile, the strategy outlined by the Meghalaya Democratic Alliance (MDA) government, through which it propose to improve the economy of the state, has found favour with the 15th Finance Commission.

The chairman of the Fifteenth Finance Commission, NK Singh expressed satisfaction over the focus and commitment of the government to address some of the endemic weaknesses of the state's economy.

"The strategy which they have outlined before the Finance Commission appears to be prima facie persuasive and eminently credible," Singh had noted on Tuesday.

"...they can count on the FC to take a sympathetic view before we begin to finalize and affirm our recommendations towards the end of the year and it will be our endeavor to see that the government of Meghalaya is supported in the multiple endeavors to be able to have really great GDP growth which measure up to the expectations and can improve the quality of life of the people of Meghalaya," Singh assured.

Stating that there are huge

challenges but equally there are also enormous opportunities in the state, Singh said that there was a reasonable period of time when there was enough fiscal space which Meghalaya had but it did not utilize that fiscal space by enhancing public outlays.

He also noted that with the implementation of the 5th Pay Commission, the economy of Meghalaya has been somewhat straight, the fiscal deficit has gone up far beyond the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) target of 3 per cent.

Pointing out that the debt to the state's GDP has gone above 30 percent, Singh suggested that the state government devises a strategy which can bring about greater medium term macro-economic stability by bringing down both fiscal deficit and the debt trajectory.

While stating that last year the state's GDP grew at just about 11 percent but for a period from 2011 to 2018, the state's GDP grew to 5-6 percent, Singh said, "This is significantly below the normal GDP growth that India experienced and significantly lower than some of the other North East states has grown."



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6. Title of the item/report : 15th Finance Commission meet with groups who are employed in the cities of the state.

Ia kynduh ka 15th Finance- Commission bad ki kynhun ba treikam ha ki jaka sor ka jylla

SHILLONG, Jylliew 04: Kum shi bynta ka jingwan jngoh ia ka jylla Meghalaya, ka 15th Finance Commission ba la khlich da u Chairman jong ka, u N.K. Singh ka la pynlong jingialang bad ki dkhot jong ki kynhun ba treikam ha ki jaka sor (Urban Local Bodies) jong ka jylla Meghalaya.

Ha kane ka jingia kynduh la ia kren ia shiun ki mat ba kongsan bad la pyntip ba ia ka jylla ka la thung ia ki ULB jong ka hapoh ka Meghalaya Municipal Act bad Sixth Schedule jong ka riti synshar jong ka ri (Constitution).

Shuh shuh ong ba namar ba ia ki ULB ym shym la thung hapoh ka 74th constitutional amendment, kumta ka jylla kam hap ban bud ia ki katto katne ki kyndon jong ka Amendment, kum ka nuksa, (i) ban pynlong direk ia ka elekshon Municipal (ii) ban thung ia ki ward committee, (iii) ka jingbhah seat ia ki schedule caste, schedule tribe bad ki longkmie, (iv) ka jingbteng ia ki municipal haduh ka samoi kaba san snem, bad ka (v) jingthung ia ka state finance commission, state election commission bad ki district planning committee.

Ki don 6 tylli ki Municipal Board ha Meghalaya hynrei ia ki elekshon sha kine la pynlong tang teng teng. Ha kaba iadei bad ki jaka kamai ki ULB, ka Commission ka la iohi ba "Ka Meghalaya Municipal Act 1973 ka aibor ia ki Municipal Board ba kin ioh jingkamai na ka jinglum khajna bad ruh na ki kam bam iadei bad ka jinglum khajna".

Shuh shuh la pyntip ruh ka khajna ka kynthup ia ka jinglum na ki jaka ba don hapoh ka municipality, ka khajna um, khajna bor ding, ka khajna painkhana, khajna nala, khajna na ki iew shimet bad ka jingpyndonkam ia ki jingkieng.

Ki jingioh bym iadei bad ki kam lum khajna ki long ka bai license na ka bynta ki kali ba shu khynniat, ki mrad bad shong brieve ne pynkit tiar, ka dor ban register ia ki ksew bad ki masi, ka license na ka bynta ki lieng, ka betterment fee, ka dor na ka bynta ka jingseng ia ki fire brigade; kano kano ka skhim social service na ka bynta ka jingbha-ka jingkhoit jingkhiah u riew paidbah, ka dor ban teh ia ki tieng ha ki jaka ba hap hapoh ka municipality; lem bad ka jingdain kuna ia ka jingpynkhein ia kano kano ka ain.

La lap ba ka jingdon jingem jong ki Board ki duna bad ym lah ban pyntreikam ia ki kam pynroi da kine ki jingdon jingem. Ka Commission ka la iakren bad ki nongmih khmat bad ka la kular ban peit th ki jingeh ba ki la pynsgew ha ka ynda ka la ai jingmut halor ka jylla Meghalaya.

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Elections in State civic bodies irregular

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SHILLONG, JUNE 4: The 15th Finance Commission headed by its Chairman, NK Singh as part of its visit to the state today held a meeting with the representatives of the Urban Local Bodies of the state.

During the meeting, the Commission was informed that the state has constituted its ULBs under the Meghalaya Municipal Act and Sixth Schedule of the Consti-

tution.

As ULBs are not constituted under 74th constitutional amendment, the State is not bound to follow certain provisions of the

Amendment, for example - to hold direct mu-

nicipal elections, constitute ward committees, reserve seats for schedule castes, schedule tribes and women, continue municipalities for a period of five years, and constitute state (Contd. on P-10)

ULBs to Finance Commission

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finance commission, state election commission and district planning committees.

There are six Municipal Boards in Meghalaya but the elections are not being held regularly in Municipal Boards.

Regarding the revenue sources of ULBs, the Commission noted that the Meghalaya Municipal Act 1973 empowers the Municipal Boards to mobilise resources through the levy of taxes as well as non-tax sources.

The tax sources include levy of tax on holdings situated within the municipality; water tax; light tax; latrine tax; drainage tax; tax on private markets and tolls on bridges.

The non-tax sources include license fees on carts, carriages and animals used for riding, or burden; fee on the registration of dogs and cattle; license fee on boats; betterment fee; fees for setting up and maintenance of fire brigade; fees for conducting at the cost of Board, any scheme of social service for the improvement of public health; fee on boats mooring within the municipality; and penalties for various offences.

Their own resources are reported to be insufficient to carry any development work.

The Commission had detailed discussion with the representatives and assured to look into the issues raised by them while

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ialam da u Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma bad ka 15th Finance Commission kaba la khlieh da u Nand Kishore Singh hangne ha ka Sngi Hatmajai.

Ka sorkar jylla ka la pan ruh T. 15,609 klur kum ka grants-in-aid na ka bynta ban tular ia ki sector kiba don ha ka khim khait.

Ka la tyrwa ruh T. 2,469 klur kum ka grants-in-aid na ka bynta ban kyntiew kyrdan ia ka Standard Administration, T.1,567 klur na ka bynta ki tnad treikam ba kyntup ia ki lai tylli ki autonomous district council (ADC) bad T.300 klur na ka bynta ki SPSU.

Hadien ka jingialang, u Chairman jong ka Fifteenth Finance Commission, u NK Singh u la iathuh ha ki nongthoh khubor ba ki nongialam jong ka Meghalaya ki phai khmat bad kut jingmut ban pynbeit ia ki katto katne ki jingeh kiba don ha ka ioh ka kot jong ka jylla bad ki mat treikam kiba ki la pynpaw hakhmat ka Finance Commission ki paw ba ki long kiba biang bad shynna bha.

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Meghalaya Government ask fund for 82,815
crores as fund in aid.

lakynduh u CM bad Minister ia ka 15th Finance Commission

Pan pisa ka sorkar Meghalaya haduh T.82,815 klur ka jingiarap pisa

SHILLONG, Jylliew 04: U Chief Minister jong ka jylla Meghalaya, Conrad K Sangma, ryngkat bad ka kynhun myntri bad ki heh ophisar sorkar jong ka jylla ki la pynlong jingialang bad ka Fifteenth Commission mynta ka sngi.

Ka Fifteenth Finance Commission ka don ha ka



U CM ba pdiang ia u Chairman Finance Commission

jingwan jngoh ia ka jylla naduh ka 3-5 tarik Jylliew. Ka commission kan pynlong jingialang bad baroh ki kynhun ha ka thain sor bad ki thain nongkyndong, ki seng sain pyrthei bad ki dkhot jong ka trade and commerce nalog ki ophisar
(Bteng sla '7)

Pan pisa ka sorkar Meghalaya haduh T.82,815 klur ka jingiarap pisa

sorkar jong ka jylla.

Ha ki jingkreng plie, u Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma, u la pdiang sngewbha ia ka Commission sha ka jylla bad ong ba ka jingwan jngoh jong ka Commission ka long kaba kongsan ia ka jylla namar ka Meghalaya ka dei kaba la ioh ki jingkyrkhu ha shibun ki jingdon jingem, ki lad ki kabu bad tang ka jingbei tyngka ha ka bynta kaba dei ka donkam.

"Da kaba iohi ia ki lad ki kabu bad ki jingdon jingem ha ka jylla, ka sorkar ka la sdang ia ki prokram bapher bapher halor ka mission mode ban pynshongdor ia ki jingdon jingem kiba don," la pyntip u Chief Minister ia ka commission.

Da kaba pyntip ia ka commission halor ki mission bapher bapher ba ka sorkar ka la sdang dang shen kum ka jingplie ia ka Muga Mission, Aroma Mission bad Lakadong Mission u la pynpaw ia ki jingeh ba ka jylla ka mad ha kaba iadei bad ki thain khappud, ki jinglong jingman ki jaka bad ka jingjingai jong ka jylla.

"Ki bynta khappud ba ka jylla ka iasam bunsien la iohi kum ka jingeh ba lah ban plie ia ki lad khaiti pateng bad kumjuh ruh ki jingdon jingem bad ki kabu ba don ha ka jylla ba lah ban leh ia kaba dei ban kyntiew ia ki jingdon jingem jong ka thain," u la bynrap.

U Chief Minister u la ong ruh ba ka jingkhang tih dewiong ha u 2014 ka la ktah jur ia ka jinglum khajna jong ka ivlla bad ka la ktah ruh ia kiwei kiwei ki bvnta bad ia

kane donkam ban khmih bniah bad ban pynbeit.

Shuh shuh haba pyntip sha ka commission ba ka jylla ka la kiew shaphrang ha kiba bun ki liang, u Chief Minister u la ong ba ki don ki jingeh ha ka koit ka khiah bad ka pule puthi bad ka sorkar ka la lah ban khmih ha baroh ar kine ki bynta.

"Kumba 30 lak ki brieve ki la ioh rung ha ka Meghalaya Health Insurance Scheme bad la phaikhmat kyrpang sha ka health centre kiba bun ki case jong ka MMR bad IMR bad baroh ki prokram bad ki scheme yn peitngor online na ka bynta ka jingpyntreikam ha ka rukom kaba dei," u la ong.

U la ong shuh shuh ba u snem 2022 u long u snem ba kyrpang ia ka jylla ha kaba yn rakhe ia ka jingdap 50 snem ka jingioh jylla lajong bad yn pynlong ruh ia ka National Games ha ka jylla ka ban long ka burom kaba khraw ia baroh.

"Ki don shibun ki jingeh hynrei ki lad ki lynti ki bun bad baroh ki jingdonkam ka long ka mat treikam kaba dei bad ka jingbei tyngka kaba dei bad ka jingdonkam ban trei kum ka kynhun ban kot sha ka jingangrud jong ka jylla," ong u Chief Minister ha ka jingkreng pyntut.

Ha kajuha por, ka sorkar Meghalaya Democratic Alliance (MDA) hynne ka sngi ka la pan T. 82,815 klur na ka 15th Finance Commission.

Katei ka pisa kaba bun ka long na ka bynta san snem ia kaba la ovnpaw ha ka jingialang handene ka sorkar kaba la

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GDP of Meghalaya grew 5-6% from 2011 to 2018 State seeks Rs 82,815 cr from Finance panel

GUARDIAN NEWS BUREAU
SHILLONG, JUNE 4: The Meghalaya Democratic Alliance (MDA) government today sought Rs 82,815 crore from the 15th Finance Commission including a pre-devolution revenue gap of Rs 62,870 crore to the state.

The staggering amount has been projected for five years during a meeting between the state government led by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma and the 15th Finance Commission headed by Nand Kishore Singh here in the city on Tuesday.

The state government has also sought Rs 15,609 crore as grants-in-aid for intervention in critical sectors.

These include Rs 4,956 crore for roads and bridges, Rs 2,476 crore for power, Rs 2,199 crore for sports and youth affairs, Rs 1,114 crore for water supply and sanitation, Rs 1,048 crore for law and order, Rs 957 crore for



Chief minister Conrad Sangma welcomes Finance Commission chairperson Nand Kishore Singh on Tuesday. Guardian photo

education, Rs 580 crore for health and family welfare and others.

Besides, the state government has also proposed Rs 2,469 crore as grants-in-aid for upgradation of standard administration, Rs 1,567 crore for local bodies including the three autonomous district councils (ADCs) and Rs 300 crore for SPSUs.

After the meeting, Chairman of the Fifteenth Finance Commission, NK Singh told reporters that the leadership of

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State seeks Rs 82,815 cr...

Meghalaya remain focus and committed to address some of the endemic weaknesses of the state's economy and the strategy which they have outlined before the Finance Commission appears to be prima facie persuasive and eminently credible.

"...they can count on the FC to take a sympathetic view before we begin to finalize and affirm our recommendations towards the end of the year and it will be our endeavor to see that the government of Meghalaya is supported in the multiple endeavors to be able to have really great GDP growth which measure up to the expectations and can improve the quality of life of the people of Meghalaya," Singh assured.

He said Meghalaya has a feeling that following the loss of revenue on account of the ban on coal and following the uncertainties of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), there are some important revenue issues which deserve the attention of the 15th Finance Commission.

He informed the government have accordingly sought a much higher devolution by way of enhancing the revenue deficit grant that was made available to them in the last Finance Commission.

"We will look into all these on whether these are irreversible or... this cannot be mitigated over time and consider their request for additional revenue deficit grant looking at the fiscal based issues they may have looking at some other detail data which they may

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Stating that there are huge challenges but equally there are also enormous opportunities in the state, the chairman said by and large there was a reasonable period of time when there was enough fiscal space which Meghalaya had but it did not utilize that fiscal space by enhancing public outlays.

But further with the implementation of the 5th Pay Commission, the economy of Meghalaya has been somewhat straight, the fiscal deficit has gone up far beyond the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) target of 3 per cent.

Pointing out that the debt to the state's GDP has gone above 30 percent, Singh however suggested that the state government has to devise a strategy which can bring about greater medium term macro-economic stability by bringing down both fiscal deficit and the debt trajectory which will be in line with what is happening in the rest of the country.

"The per capita of Meghalaya is significantly lower than some states similarly placed on several key indicators on the educational sector particularly on education outcome and so on are also areas where I think that more needs to be done. The recently health initiatives taken by the Meghalaya government we have to see what kind of outcome but there are some health parameters which further improvement is necessary," he further asserted.

Singh, while stating that last year the state's GDP grew at just about 11 percent but for a period from 2011 to 2018, the state's GDP grew to 5-6 percent and said, "This is significantly below the normal GDP growth that India experienced and significantly lower than some of the other North East states has grown."

"I think Meghalaya's economy needs to grow well above the double digit number it has achieved last year at 10.5 percent growth of the state's GDP but it needs to grow as significantly above this to be able to catch up on lost time and to improve its ratings not only in term of the human development index and many parameters on sustainability development goals but to be able to bring about growth multipliers so that its revenue stream can also be enhanced significantly and it becomes increasingly more self-reliance than being dependent on such high and sustainable percentage of central transfers for the economy of Meghalaya," he stated.

Earlier in his opening remarks, Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma while welcoming the commission to the state said the visit of the commission is important for the state as Meghalaya is blessed with a lot of resources, potential, opportunities and only investment in the right sectors is needed.

"Realizing the huge potential and resources in the State, the government has initiated various programmes on a mission mode to add value to the available resources," the Chief Minister informed the commission.

Apprising the commission on the various missions the government has taken up like the recently launched Muga Mission, Aroma Mission and Lakadong Mission, he also highlighted the challenges the State faces in respect of its international borders, typical terrain and remoteness of the State.

"The international borders the state shares which is often seen as a problem can open up opportunities to trade and commerce and similarly the resources and opportunities in the State can be given the right catalyst to add economic value to the products", he added.

The Chief Minister also said that the ban on coal mining in 2014 has had a huge impact on the revenue of the State and has also affected other Allied sectors and this needs to be looked into and addressed.

Further informing the commission that the state has moved forward in many aspects, the Chief Minister said that there are challenges in the Health and Education sectors and yet the government is pro active in both these sectors. "Around 30 lakhs of population will be covered in Meghalaya Health Insurance Scheme and the health centres with high MMR and IMR will be given a special attention and all programmes and schemes will be monitored online for effective implementation," he said.

He further said the year 2022 is a very strategic year for Meghalaya when the 50th year of Statehood will be celebrated and the National Games will also be held in the State which will be a momentous and prestigious occasion to all.

"There are many challenges but opportunities are immense and all that is needed is the right policies and right investment and the need to work as a committed collective team to achieve the dreams of the State," said the Chief Minister concluding his speech.

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6. Title of the item/report :

Meghalaya bad performer in last three years

HP NEWS SERVICE

Shillong, Jun 4: Meghalaya has performed badly in all spheres of the economy, finances and Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) during the last three years till date.

This was revealed during the visit of the 15th Finance Commission headed by Chairman, N K Singh to the State.

The commission today held detailed meeting with Chief Minister, Conrad Sangma to discuss on the growth factors of the State.

During the meeting it was found that own-tax revenue of Meghalaya as of GSDP is 4.38 per cent in 2016-17 as compared to the average for North-East and hill states which is 5.02 per cent.



Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, along with his cabinet ministers and senior officials of the state government during a meeting with the Fifteenth Commission on Tuesday. Photo HP

Further, dependence by Meghalaya on the central government is high. Meghalaya gets 80 per cent of its total revenue receipts (TRR) from the central government.

As far as debt is

concerned, Meghalaya had debt/GSDP ratio of 33.19 per cent in 2016-17 and 31.76 per cent in 2017-18.

This is much higher than the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) target of 20 per

cent. This is also higher than the average debt of other North-East and hill states which was 29.32 per cent in 2016-17.

The State government however claimed that the ban on mining of coal in the

State has also had an impact on GSDP and revenues of the State the real GSDP of the State declined in 2014-15 by 2.1 per cent and this had an impact on the employment in the State.

The State government stated that it suffered loss of Rs 255 crores in 2014-15 which is mainly on account of ban on coal mining. It also estimated a total annual revenue loss of Rs 600 crores as a fall was seen in tax and revenue such as sales tax, excise etc as well.

The State government however said that with the introduction of GST and general improvement in the economy the taxation revenue of the State has since improved slowly.

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State seeks Rs 82,815 crore from Finance Commission

HP NEWS SERVICE

Shillong, Jun 4: Meghalaya has sought Rs 82,815 crore as grants-in-aid from the 15th Finance Commission.

The proposal was made during a meeting between the State government led by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma and the 15th Finance Commission headed by N K Singh here today.

The State government has also sought Rs 15,609 crore as grants-in-aid for intervention in critical

sectors.

It has also proposed Rs 2,469 crore as grants-in-aid for upgradation of standard administration, Rs 1,567 crore for local bodies including the three autonomous district councils (ADCs) and Rs 300 crore for public sector undertakings (PSUs) in the State.

During the meeting, the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC) demanded Rs 1544.34 crore to carry forward the various programmes and projects of the council.

Meanwhile Fifteenth Finance Commission chairman, N K Singh told media persons informed that the State government has sought a much higher devolution by way of enhancing the revenue deficit grant.

He also said that the fiscal deficit of the State has gone up far beyond the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) target of 3 per cent.

Pointing out that the debt to the State's GDP has gone above 30 per cent, Singh suggested the State

government to devise a strategy which can bring about greater medium term macro-economic stability by bringing down both fiscal deficit and the debt trajectory which will be in line with what is happening in the rest of the country.

Stating that the per capita income of Meghalaya is significantly lower than some states in the country, Singh said that last year the State's GDP grew at just about 11 per cent and from 2011 to 2018, the State's GDP grew to 5-6 per cent.

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As far as cash-deposit ratio, Meghalaya has been only 35-40 per cent over the last ten years while that of the country is 60 per cent.

Some of the health indicators of Meghalaya are below the national average like stunting among children, anemia among women and infant mortality rate.

In terms of road infrastructure, the total density of roads in Meghalaya is only 401 km per 1000 square km as against the average density of roads in India which is 952.8 per 1000 square km.

Meghalaya also ranks 22nd on all SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals). The composite SDG index of Meghalaya is calculated by Niti Aayog to be 52 which is lower than India's composite index of 56.

As far as fiscal health of public sector undertakings (PSUs) including power sector is concerned, out of 15 SPSUs in the State, only one PSU - Forest Development Corporation Meghalaya Limited witnessed accumulated account of profit at the end of year 2016-17.

This distress is aggravated by the power sector PSUs in the State. The power sector PSUs bear an accumulated loss of Rs1836 crores, which is 6.5 per cent of GSDP.

However, six PSUs including one power sector PSU have shown account of profit in 2016-17 which comes as the only positive indicator from PSUs. This dismal performance of SPSUs brings medium term fiscal risks for the State.

Aggregate Technical and Commercial Losses (AT&C) losses of power sector in Meghalaya are 34.64 per cent during 2017-18 against the target of 27.50 per cent.

Meanwhile, during the meeting with the Finance Commission, the State government has requested that vertical devolution be enhanced from 42 percent to 48 per cent. The State government also demanded that 30 per cent out of the 48 per cent should be exclusively earmarked for special category states in order to insulate them from the volatility of the union revenue and economy of the country that can have an impact on its revenue collection.

Meghalaya has also projected a pre-devolution deficit of the State to be Rs 62,870 crores for the award period of the 15th Finance Commission.

The commission further had discussions on the matters of the impact of the implementation of the Fifth Pay Commission, and the debt liabilities due to the impact of Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY).

During the meeting with the Finance Commission, the State government mentioned about the impact of the State hosting the 39th National Games in 2022 as it celebrates the Golden Jubilee of its statehood on that year.

The State government said that this will be a challenging task involving building up of infrastructure and mobilising of sufficient resources to fund the projects and activities.

Summing up the intensive interaction with the State government, the Finance Commission chairman spoke on the macro-economic challenges of the State, stressing on the requirement of fiscal and debt consolidation.

He expressed concern on the State's nominal GSDP trend growth which is much lower than the country's.

The chairman spoke on the need for a focused and aggressive strategy for attracting private investment in the tourism and allied sector.

He also called for emphasis and priority on development of renewable energy - given the natural advantages of the State.

The commission promised to look into all the State's requests to the Commission specially those that would have growth multiplier effect.

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Tourism can contribute to State's GDP

GUARDIAN NEWS BUREAU

SHILLONG, JUNE 4: Chairman of the Fifteenth Finance Commission, Nand Kishore Singh today said the tourism potential of the state can add to the gross domestic product (GDP) of Meghalaya's economy.

"I think that the tourism potential of Meghalaya is not only an employment generator for (Contd: on P-10)

Tourism can contribute ...

the people of Meghalaya it can also substantially add to the GDP growth of Meghalaya's economy," Singh told reporters after a meeting held with the state government here on Tuesday.

He said chief minister Conrad K Sangma has shared some of the important initiatives which he is taking to improve the tourism industry in Meghalaya.

Stating that much more needs to be done, Singh said this is also critically dependent on the two or three factors one being the need to improve the road connectivity and opening up Meghalaya's airspace.

Emphasizing on high-end tourism, he said this can make an imprint on Meghalaya's economy because just quantity of the total number of tourists coming may or may not contribute to Meghalaya's economy but high end tourism with value added tourism in my view has considerable potentials.

He further suggested the need to not only open hotels in Shillong but in other places which have equal tourist attraction by going beyond Cherrapunjee.

Pointing out at the potential the state has in regards to organic farming, he said turmeric, ginger, number of fruits and other horticultural plants grown and others have a huge potential for Meghalaya's economy to grow.

The chairman also informed that many representatives of political parties have brought to the notice of the Commission that Shillong has become a very congested city and how to decongest Shillong remains an important challenge.

According to him, numerous ideas in this context also came up along with the initiatives which the state government is currently contemplating.

The chairman however asserted the need to develop other districts and other places in Meghalaya so that the pressure of population on Shillong can be mitigated over a period of time as other places become equally attracted.

"This will require investment in infrastructure in term of education, health, physical infrastructure to make those places equally attractive as Shillong has historically been. We in the Commission would like to join hands and cooperate with the state government in its endeavor to substantially increase the pace of growth of the economy of Meghalaya," Singh said.

Asked the need to reduce dependency of the state on the centre, he said all these initiatives including the need to improve tourism, organic farming and various other missions will increase the state's per capita income and state's GDP.

"This will enable the state to reduce the dependency on the central government and become increasingly more self-reliance," Singh said adding "It is our believe that over the next five years, the initiatives which are currently underway and with the assistance they will receive from central outlays, they should certainly move in the direction of reducing their excessive dependent somewhat and then evolve at trajectory thereafter."

On the issue related to devolution of fund, the chairman said there is no doubt that the 14th FC had made a quantum change in terms of moving the vertical devolution from 32 to 42 percent.

He admitted that many states have brought to its notice that following the evolution of the planning commission some of the resources which came into the states through the planning commission funding channels were no more available to them in post devolution of the planning commission era.

"This is understandable equally I think that central government resources became somewhat more circumscribe the formula in which the centrally sponsored schemes are being shared between the centre and the state got somewhat change to the disadvantage of the states. These are generic issues on what should be an optimum level of vertical devolution and then after the vertical devolution the optimum formula on the horizontal distribution of funds. But let me say the flip side of it that it is quite understandable that the states believe that the 42 percent is perhaps not adequate equally the central government might be that the 42 percent is excessive. It is the job of the commission not enviable one to try and balance and harmonize equally the demands and aspirations of the central government and the demands and aspirations of the states. It will be our endeavor to find a balance as appropriate as judicial as possible on the paucity of resources," Singh stated.

With regards to the special category states, he however said the issue of special category status is not within the mandate and terms of reference of the Commission.

"It is not our intention unless our terms of reference are revised to go into the substantive merit of the issue of special category status. The Meghalaya's economy has currently has special category status it is not our intention to either recommend one way or the other on how this matter is to be treated. This is entirely in the domain of the executive but it is certainly not our intention to recommend at the benefits of the special category status which Meghalaya has currently should be in any way be tampered or be withdrawn," the chairman added.

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State Government ask 82,815 crores from
Finance Commission.*

Hap kham trei shitom ka Sorkar: Singh

Haduh T.82,815 klur Pan ka Sorkar Jylla na ka Finance Commission

Shillong Jylliew 04:

Ka Sorkar Jylla ka la buh ka jingtyrwa ban pan na ka 15th Finance Commission ban mang pisa T. 82,815 klur na ka bynta san snem (2020-2025), katba ka Commission ka ai jingmut ia ka Jylla ban shim ki lad ki lynti ban kham pynkhlaiñ ha ka liang ka ...*Pule Sla 9*



U Chairman ka Finance Commission bad ki dkhot ha ka jingialang ha ka sngi Ba-ar

Haduh T.82,815 klur Pan ka Sorkar

jinglah ban shaniah nalade ym ban shu shaniah than lyngba ki jingiarap kiba wan lyngba ka Sorkar Pdeng na ka bynta ban kyntiew ia ka ioh ka kot ka Jylla.

Ka Sorkar Jylla ka la leit rah ia kane ka jingtyrwa hakmat u Chairman ka 15th Finance Commission, u N. K. Singh uba lamkhamat ia ka kynhun kaba la wan sha Meghalaya ban iakynduh ia ki briew ka Sorkar Jylla, District Council, Municipal Board, ki nongialam kiba mihkhamat ia ki seng saiñ hima bapher bapher bad nongkitkam jong ki kynhun khañ kiba don ha kane ka Jylla.

Ha kang ka jingwan, ka kynhun ka Finance Commission ka la iakynduh ia u Myntri Rangbah ka Jylla u Conrad K Sangma lem bad ka Kynhun Myntri jong u, ki ophisar, ki nongmihkhamat jong ki Autonomous District Councils (ADCs), Municipal Boards, bad ki nongmihkhamat jong ki seng saiñ hima bad nongkitkam jong ki kynhun khañ ha ka jingialang kaba la long ha Hotel Pinewood ha ka sngi Ba-ar.

Ha kane ka jingtyrwa, ka Sorkar Jylla ka la kdew ia ki jingdonkam kaba kyntiup ia ka jingdonkam kaba kot T. 62,870 klur na ka bynta ka 'pre-Devolution Revenue Gap' na ka jingduna jingiarap pisa hashwa ban treikam ka rukom ai pisa da kaba iasam ia ki khajna hapdeng ka Sorkar Pdeng bad. Sorkar Jylla, T. 15,609 klur ka jingiarap na ka bynta ban pyndonkam ha ki tnat treikam ba kham donkam eh jong ka Jylla, T. 300 klur na ka bynta kompani bapher bapher jong ka Sorkar Jylla lane ki 'State Public Sector Undertakings' (PSUs) T. 2,469 klur na ka bynta ban kyntiew kyrdan bad kham pynbha ia ki rukom treikam jong ka Sorkar, bad T. 1,567 klur na

ka bynta ki ADCs, ki shnat treikam kiba peit ia ka buh ka miat ha sor bad ki nongbah, bad ki Village Employment Council.

Kum ban shu pynkynmaw, ka Sorkar Meghalaya ka la buh jingtyrwa sha ka 14th Finance Commission ban ai ia ka jingdonkam pisa kaba long T. 50,000 klur na ka bynta san snem (2015-2020), katba ka Finance Commission ka la ai ka jingmynjur ban ai T. 27,270 klur

Haba iakren bad ki nongthoh khubor, u Singh u la ong ba ka ioh ka kot jong ka Meghalaya ka dei ban nang kiew bad ka dei ban neh beir ar dak jingkheif kumba ka long 10.5 per cent ha u snem ba la dep, ha ka liang ka jingkiew ka GDP.

U la ong ba ka Jylla ka dei ban kiew kham shalo khnang ban kham kiew ka kyrdan kaba ka don bad nang kiew ha ka jinglah ban pynmih pisa khnang ban khilai ka jingshaniah halade ym ban shu shaniah ha ka Sorka Pdeng na ka bynta ban kyntiew ia ka ioh ka kot.

Haba kubur ba ki don bun ki diengpyngkhang, hyn rei u Singh u la ong ba ka Meghalaya ka dei ruh kabi don ka lad ban pyni bad kiew shaphrang ha kiba bun k liangm, naduh ki kam kam jngohkai pyrthej, ka jingrej ia ki jingthung bym pyndonkam dawai kum u shynra bad kiwei kiwei, ki jingthung naduh ki jhur ki syntiew ki soh ki mar rep bapher bapher.

Ha kajuh ka por u pynpaw ka jingsngewkhia halor k jingkhapngiah ka nongbah Shiillong bad u ong ba ka Sorkar Jylla ka donkam ban nang pynbha bad pynbian; ia ki jingdonkam ha kiwei pat ki bynta jong ka Jyll khnang ba ka jingtur ki briew sha sor kan kham duna.

Haba iadei bad ka bhah ia kaba la mang 42 na ka 104 da ka Sorkar Pdeng ia ki Jylla bapher bapher kyntiup ia ka Meghalaya lyngba ka jingai jingmut ka 14th Finance Commission, u Singh u la ong ba ia kane, ym lah ban ra mynta ha ka 15th Finance Commission, hynrei u kula ba baroh ki jingsngewkhia bad jingud ba ka Meghalay ka pynpaw, kin sa iohlad ban rung ha ka kaiphod ka ba sa pynkreh da ka Finance Commission khnang ba phah sha ka Sorkar Pdeng hashwa ban kut u snem 2015

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6. Title of the item/report :

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KHADC seeks Rs 1544 cr from Centre

GUARDIAN NEWS BUREAU

SHILLONG, JUNE 4: The Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC) on Tuesday sought Rs 1,544.34 crore as financial support from the Centre for enabling the Council to improve its administration and taking up developmental activities. The proposal was submitted by a delegation of the KHADC led by the chief executive member (CEM) Teinwell Dkhar before the 15th Finance Commission headed by Nand Kishore Singh during a meeting held here.

Dkhar was also accompanied by the deputy CEM Pyniaid Sing Syiem and two executive members - Paul Lyngdoh and Titosstarwell Chyene.

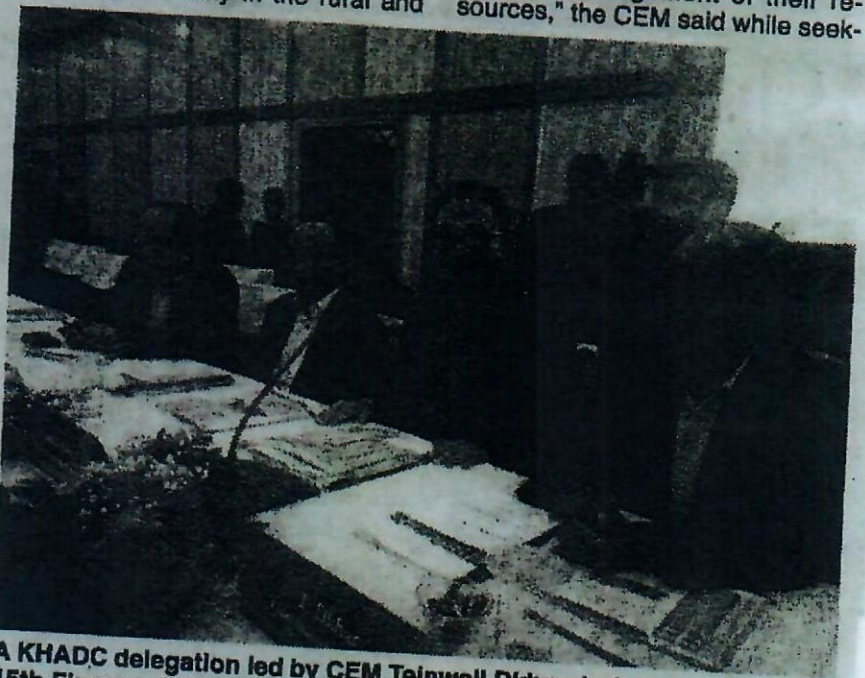
Of this, the KHADC has proposed Rs 300 crore for developmental initiatives, Rs 257 crore for urban management and establishment of town committees, Rs 250 crore for administration and Rs 161.34 crore for construction of new KHADC building.

It has also sought Rs 62.95 crore for the construction of town and rural markets, Rs 77 crore for protection of forest and environment, Rs 89 crore for aqua-culture development, Rs 80 for promotion of arts, culture and heritage, Rs 12 crore for regulation of building construction and others.

In the memorandum submitted to the Commission, Dkhar said, "We hope and expect that the 15th Finance Commission will intervene by granting this Council with an annual lump-sum amount of Rs 50 crore for administrative cost and to take up

schemes which are relevant to the needs and general welfare of the people particularly in the rural and

grammes towards participative sustainable management of their resources," the CEM said while seek-



A KHADC delegation led by CEM Teinwell Dkhar during a meeting with 15th Finance Commission on Tuesday. Guardian photo

remote areas."

He also brought to the notice of the Commission the sad fact that the Council in its 67 years of existence has not been able to bring about change in the communities under its charge as mandated by the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

"This failure is especially noticeable in the field of empowerment and capacitation of the communities under its charge, in the failure of the communities to undertake pro-

ing the intervention of the Commission into the matter. Later while speaking to reporters, deputy CEM Pyniaid Sing Syiem has expressed confidence that the Commission will give suitable recommendations based on the proposal of the KHADC.

"We have also given our commitment before the Commission that there will be no misappropriation of funds and to submit utilization certificates on time," he said.

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1. Name of the Newspaper : The Shillong Times (Contd)
2. Date : 5.6.2019
3. Language : English
4. Periodicity : Daily
5. Place of Publication : Shillong
6. Title of the item/report :

International border can open...

(Contd from P-3) of subsidies, incentives and assistance to micro, small, medium, large, mega large and ultra large manufacturing and service enterprises; enterprises promoted and managed by "women entrepreneurs /physically challenged with additional 10 per cent on the state capital investment subsidy; industries coming up in backward areas will get an additional 15 per cent on the state capital investment subsidy and others .

The commission observed that like the other seven states of the North East, Meghalaya also faces the disadvantages of remoteness from the mainland of the country.

"It has to promote not only internal trade with other states of the North East and the country as a whole but also external trade with neighboring countries, such as Bangladesh", the commission said.

According to the commission, Meghalaya needs to strengthen its infrastructure to attract foreign investment in the state.

Good transportation networks are necessary to inter-link potential growth centres, promote tourism, connect to border trade points, and support economic, social, and security needs.

The commission said Meghalaya should take full advantage of the various central government funded schemes like ASIDE (Assistance to States for Development of Export Infrastructure), EDF-NER (Export Development Fund for North East Region), and others to increase exports with Bangladesh.

The commission assured to look into all the issues raised by the trade and industry representatives while making its recommendations.

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3. Language : English
4. Periodicity : Daily
5. Place of Publication : Shillong
6. Title of the item/report :

International border can open up opportunities: CM

Finance Commission meets trade bodies, assures help

By Our Reporter

SHILONG: Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma has said the state's international border which is often seen as a problem can open up opportunities for trade and commerce.

Welcoming the 15th Finance Commission led by N K Singh in the city on Tuesday, the chief minister said with the cooperation from the neighbouring countries, the resources and opportunities in the state can be given the right catalyst to add economic value to the products.

Sangma, his cabinet ministers and senior officials of the state government had a meeting with the commission.

The chief minister said the visit of the commission is important for the state as Meghalaya is blessed with a lot of resources, potential,

opportunities and only investment in the right sectors is needed.

"Realising the huge potential and resources in the state, the government has initiated various programmes on a mission mode to add value to the available resources", Conrad informed the commission.

Apprising the commission on the various missions the government has taken up like the recently launched Muga Mission, Aroma Mission and Lakadong Mission, he also highlighted the challenges the state faces in respect of its international borders, typical terrain and remoteness of the state.

The chief minister also said the ban on coal mining in 2014 has had a huge impact on the revenue of the state and has also affected other allied sectors and this needs to be looked into and

addressed.

Further informing the commission that the state has moved forward in many aspects, the chief minister said there are challenges in the health and education sectors and yet the government is pro active in both these sectors.

"The population of around 30 lakh will be covered in the Meghalaya Health Insurance Scheme and the health centres with high MMR and IMR will be given special attention and all programmes and schemes will be monitored online for effective implementation," he said.

He further stated that 2022 is a very strategic year for Meghalaya when the 50th year of statehood will be celebrated and the National Games will also be held in the state.

"There are many challenges but opportunities are

immense and all that is needed is the right policies and right investment and the need to work as a committed collective team to achieve the dreams of the state," he said.

The chairman of 15th finance commission said it would like to be a partner in helping the state to realise the dreams that look feasible. He also said that the visions of the state mirror the ideas of the finance commission and share the optimism to help the state within the constitutional mandate.

Meanwhile, the 15th Finance Commission on Tuesday held a meeting with the representatives of the trade and industry bodies of Meghalaya.

The commission was apprised that the Meghalaya government had launched Industrial Policy-2012, which promises to provide a package (Contd on P-10)

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 6. Title of the item/report :

Coal mining ban has led to increase in crime rate: Govt

State projects revenue loss of over Rs 5,000 crore since April 2014

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: The slump in the economic activity owing to the ban on rat-hole coal mining by NGT has led to an increase in crime rate in many of the affected areas.

This was the observation made by the state government in its memorandum submitted to the 15th Finance Commission on Tuesday.

According to the state government, besides the ban directly and indirectly affecting the revenue, it has also brought out law and order problem in terms of growing crime rate.

The government, while seeking funds from the finance panel, said it would like to initiate rehabilitation measures to shift the people affected to other indus-

tries like tourism and horticulture.

"Therefore, funds would be needed for skill training geared towards reemployment of these people", it said.

Additionally, resources are required to rehabilitate and rejuvenate the degraded mines and areas around them so that alternate sources of livelihood like agriculture and tourism can be developed around them.

The government said the ban has upset the livelihood of many families in the coal mining areas whose sole employment depends on this sector.

"These include labourers who worked in the mines, truck drivers transporting coal, people maintaining accounts and individuals working in other related oc-

cupations", the government said.

The ban since April 2014 has severely affected the revenue generation and fiscal capacity of the state in the form of royalty collection, VAT and sales tax, it said, adding since coal mining is a major economic activity in the state with significant backward and forward linkages, the ban has had a tremendous economic impact on trade and therefore private constructions and other development projects have been adversely affected resulting in fall in aggregate demand.

The government said in 2014-15, it had estimated that the total annual loss due to the ban was Rs 600 crore, and if 7.23 % annual growth rate is applied on

the figure of Rs 600 crore in 2014-15, the projected loss of government was to the tune of Rs 3,717 crore during the 14th Finance Commission period and will be to the tune of Rs 5,271 crore during the period from 2020-21 to 2024-25.

If only 5% inflation rate is applied on Rs 600 crore, the estimated loss will be Rs 3,481 crore during the 14th Finance Commission period and Rs 4,443 crore during the 15th Finance Commission period.

The state was not compensated for this loss during the 14th Finance Commission and this has substantially reduced the fiscal space available to the state for making critical investments for sustainable development and growth, the government said.

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State seeks Rs 82,815 cr from finance panel

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: The state government has sought financial grants of Rs 82,815 crore from the 15th Finance Commission, headed by its Chairman NK Singh.

A delegation of the Finance Commission met Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, council of ministers and officers in the city on Tuesday.

The state has asked for Rs 4,956 crore for building roads and bridges, Rs 580 crore for health and family welfare, Rs 1,114 crore for water supply and sanitation, Rs 2,476 crore for power sector, Rs 957 crore for education, Rs 940 crore for judiciary, Rs 314 crore for animal husbandry, Rs 2,199 crore for sports and youth affairs, Rs 100 crore for parliamentary affairs, Rs 50 crore for transport, Rs 1,048 crore for law and order, Rs 442 crore for tourism, Rs 104 crore for information and communications technology and Rs 325 crore for commerce and industries for five years.



Chief Minister Conrad Sangma presents a bouquet to Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission, NK Singh, in the city on Tuesday. (ST)

Sector	Amount (in Rs cr)
Pre-devolution revenue gap:	62870
Grants-in-aid for intervention in critical sectors:	15689
Grants-in-aid for SPSUs:	300
Grants-in-aid for upgradation of standard administration:	2469
Grants-in-aid for local bodies (ADC, ULB, VEC):	1567
Total:	82,815

Under grants for upgradation of standard administration, the government wants Rs 620 crore for prisons, Rs 17 crore for economics and statistics, Rs 15 crore for soil and water conservation, Rs 6 crore for agricultural administration and Rs 1,809 crore for general and development administration.

For infrastructure upgradation for provision of services by the autonomous district councils (ADCs), the government has sought Rs 500 crore whereas for ADCs' revenue gap, it needs Rs 301 crore.

To meet the revenue gap of urban local bodies (ULBs) and their infrastructure, the state requires Rs 66 crore and Rs 100 crore, respectively.

It needs Rs 600 crore for creating and upgrading infrastructure of village employment councils under MGNREGS.

Hoping that the panel would consider the state's needs, Sangma told the media that the state government (Contd on P-10)

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(Contd from P-1) has given a detailed requirement of all the sector-wise departments.

The state government submitted a memorandum to the panel highlighting the requirement. Earlier in the day, it gave a detailed presentation to the commission.

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Finance panel asks state to overcome challenges

Debt, poor health sector and PSUs hamper growth

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: Despite the notion of Meghalaya being a performing state, a dismal scenario in terms of debt burden, poor health sector and loss making public sector undertakings, affecting the overall development of the state emerged during the meeting of the government with the 15th Finance Commission delegation led by its chairman N K Singh.

However, the commission said it has full faith in the government and that its varied initiatives will bear fruit while downplaying lack of development on key fronts.

The main issues discussed in the meeting were the deficiencies which the state is facing and the efforts to overcome them.

As far as own-tax revenue of Meghalaya is concerned the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) was 4.38% in 2016-17 while the average for the North East & other hill states was 5.02%.

Dependence on Centre

The dependence on union government is high as Meghalaya gets 80% of its total revenue receipts from the Centre.

During a press conference, holding out hope to the state government, Singh said since the government has launched several programmes as narrated by Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, the state would be able to reduce dependence on the Centre within five years.

As far as debt is concerned, the debt/GSDP ratio of 33.19% in 2016-17 and 31.76% in 2017-18 is much higher than the Financial Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) target of 20%.

This is also higher than the average debt of other Northeast and other hill states which is 29.32% in 2016-17.

Low GDP growth

Singh expressed concern over the low Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of Meghalaya say-

ing that from the year 2011-2018, the state GDP came close to 5-6 percent which is significantly below the normal GDP growth of the country and many other Northeastern states.

Asking Meghalaya to grow well above the double digit of 10.5 percent, he said the state needs to catch up on lost time and improve its rating in development index so that revenue streams can be enhanced and Meghalaya can become self-reliant rather than being dependent on the Centre.

Another deficiency is that cash-deposit ratio in the state has been only 35-40% over the last 10 years while that of the country is 60%.

On the health front, some of the health indicators of Meghalaya are below the national average like stunting among children, anemia among women and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR).

Poor infrastructure

The meeting also discussed (Contd on P-10)

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(Contd from P-1) on the poor road infrastructure as the total density of roads in Meghalaya is only 401 km/1000 square km. However, the average density of roads in India is 952.8.

Besides, Meghalaya ranks 22nd on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the composite SDG index of Meghalaya calculated by Niti Aayog is 52 which is lower than India's composite index of 56. Assam is the only North-eastern state which is ranked below Meghalaya.

Loss making PSUs

The State Public Sector Undertakings (SPSUs) had also come under discussion in the meeting. Out of 15 SPSUs in the state, only one SPSU, Forest Development Corporation Meghalaya Limited witnessed accumulated account of profit at the end of 2016-17.

The distress is aggravated by the power sector SPSUs in the state.

The power sector SPSUs bear an accumulated loss of Rs 1836 crore, which is 6.5 percent of GSDP. However, six SPSUs including one power sector SPSU have shown account of profit in 2016-17 which comes as the only positive indicator from SPSUs. This dismal performance of SPSUs brings medium term fiscal risks for Meghalaya, the meeting observed.

In the power sector, the Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT & C) losses are 34.64% (2017-18) against target of 27.50%.

Revenue issues

Singh said Meghalaya has a feeling that following the loss of revenue on account of ban on coal mining and uncertainty in GST, there are some revenue issues which deserve attention of the Commission.

The Commission also discussed the impact of the implementation of the 5th Pay Commission and also the financial implications for holding National Games in 2022.

"We will look into all these and see where these issues are reversible and whether the impact can be mitigated over the time. We will consider the request for additional revenue grant looking at the fiscal space which you have," he said.

The state government has also urged the 15th Finance Commission for vertical devolution of taxes to be enhanced from 42 percent to 48 percent, adding 30 percent out of the 48 percent should be earmarked for special category states so as to insulate the state from the volatility of the economy of the country that can have an impact on its revenue collection.

The state also projected a pre-devolution deficit to be Rs 62,870 crore for the period of 15th Finance Commission.

Panel's assurance

To a question, the chairman of the Commission said there are huge challenges but there are equal opportunities as well.

Singh said most of the traders and industries in Meghalaya are seeking better connectivity with Bangladesh through Chittagong port.

He added that the opening of the trade and commerce with Bangladesh will help not only Meghalaya but other Northeastern states as well.

He urged the Northeastern states to collectively take up the matter with the Centre and the union government in turn can take up the matter with Bangladesh.

When asked about the State PSUs which are not yielding benefits to the state exchequer, he added that that the most dominant issue which they face is the issue of power.

The chief minister himself has admitted that the transmission and distribution losses need to be addressed, he said.

"Unless the health of the power sector improves, the overall health of Meghalaya will remain problematic," he said while urging the state government to move towards renewable energy.

The chairman maintained that the state government has credible plans to improve every sphere and boost the economy through its strategies.

He, however, said that there is a need for focused and aggressive approach for attracting private investment in tourism and allied sector while laying emphasis and priority on development of renewable energy given the natural advantages of the state.

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Stress on Meghalaya agro economy: Panel

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Shillong: Meghalaya has projected a pre-devolution deficit to be at Rs 62,870 crore for the award period of the 15th Finance Commission while it sought grants amounting to crores of rupees for the next five years.

The commission, headed by its chairman N.K. Singh, arrived here on Monday and held discussions with political parties, state government, urban local bodies, autonomous district councils, and trade and industry bodies.

Apart from the Rs 62,870 crore pre-devolution deficit, Meghalaya has sought grants of Rs 15,609 crore in the critical sector, which includes roads and bridges, health, water supply, education, sports and others.

The state sought Rs 2,468 crore as grants to upgrade standard administration.

Also, Rs 1,567 crore was sought as grants-in-aid for local bodies, including the three autonomous district councils and municipal bodies. It requested the commission to enhance vertical devolution from 42 per cent to 48 per cent.

It said 30 per cent of the 48 per cent should be

special category states.

Singh told reporters that Meghalaya should stress on agro and agro-based activities, tourism. He said the state's economy has been strained in view of the implementation of the Fifth Pay Commission and that it has to devise strategies to bring down the fiscal deficit.

Singh spoke on the macro-economic challenges of the state and expressed concern on the state's nominal GSDP trend growth, which is much lower than the country's.

He said the trade bodies wanted that connectivity should be improved with Bangladesh through Chittagong port. "I think that the improved relationship between India and Bangladesh can facilitate much greater trade flow between the two countries," Singh said.

It stressed that Meghalaya needs to take advantage of the various central-government funded schemes to increase exports to Bangladesh.

Meghalaya is highly dependent on the Centre. While the state's own-tax revenue is 4.38 per cent of GSDP in 2016-17 (average for Northeast and hill states is 5.02 per cent), Meghalaya receives 80 per cent of its total revenue receipts (TRP) from the Centre.

NGT ban on coal mining in 2014, and impacted the GSDP and revenue generation capacity. According to official figures, the real GSDP of the state declined in 2014-15 by 2.1 per cent. In 2014-15, the state lost Rs 255 crore mainly due to the coal mining ban.

The state government has estimated a total annual revenue loss of Rs 600 crore. With the introduction of GST and general improvement in the economy, the taxation revenue has improved slowly. An area of concern is the cash-deposit ratio in the state which is only between 35-40 per cent in the last 10 years while that of the country is 60 per cent.

Meghalaya's health indicators are not bright. According to an official communiqué, some of its health indicators are below the national average like stunting among children, anaemia among women and infant mortality rate.

The total density of roads in the state is only 401 km/1,000 square km while the national average is 952.8 km/1,000 square km.

Meghalaya also ranks 22nd on all Sustainable Development Goals. According to Niti Aayog, the state's composite SDG index is 52, which is lower than the national average.

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2. Date : *5-6-2019*
3. Language : English
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6. Title of the item/report :

Finance Com happy with M'laya plans to improve economy

CHRONICLE NEWS SERVICE

SHILLONG: The strategy outlined by the Meghalaya Democratic Alliance (MDA) government, through which it proposes to improve the economy of the state, has found favour with the 15th Finance Commission.

The 15th Finance Commission, headed by its chairman Nand Kishore Singh, visited Meghalaya on Tuesday.

In the backdrop of a meeting with the state government which was headed by Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma, the chairman of the Fifteenth Finance Commission, NK Singh, has expressed satisfaction over the focus and commitment of the government to address some of the endemic weaknesses of the state's economy. "The strategy which they have outlined before the Finance Commission appears to be prima facie persuasive and eminently credible," Singh noted on Tuesday.

"...they can count on the FC to take a sympathetic view before we begin to finalise and affirm our recommendations towards the end of the year and it will be our endeavor to see that the government of Meghalaya is supported in the multiple endeavors to be able to have really great GDP growth, which measure up to



N.K Singh, Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission, addressing the media at Shillong.

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prove the quality of life of the people of Meghalaya," Singh assured. Stating that there are huge challenges but equally there are also enormous opportunities in the state, Singh said that there was a reasonable period of time when there was enough fiscal space which Meghalaya had but it did not utilise that fiscal space by enhancing public outlays. He also noted that with the im-

Commission, the economy of Meghalaya has been somewhat straight - the fiscal deficit has gone up far beyond the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) target of 3 per cent.

Pointing out that the debt to the state's GDP has gone above 80 per cent, Singh suggested that the state government devises a strategy which can bring about greater sta-

stability by bringing down both fiscal deficit and the debt trajectory.

While stating that last year the state's GDP grew at just about 11 percent but for a period from 2011 to 2018, the state's GDP grew to 5-6 percent, Singh said, "This is significantly below the normal GDP growth that India experienced and significantly lower than some

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6. Title of the item/report : Finance Commission meets groups of employed workers working in cities.

Iakynduh ka Finance Commission ia ki kynhun treikam jaka sor

Shillong, Jylliew 04: Kum shi bynta ka jingwan jngoh ia ka jylla Meghalaya, ka 15th Finance Commission ba la khlieh da u Chairman jong ka, N.K. Singh ka la pynlong jingialang bad ki

dkhot jong ki kynhun ba treikam ha ki jaka sor (Urban Local Bodies) jong ka jylla Meghalaya.

Ha kane ka jingialang, la pyntip sha ka Commission ba ka jylla ka la thung ia ki

ULB jong ka hapoh ka Meghalaya Municipal Act bad Sixth Schedule jong ka riti synshar jong ka ri (Constitution).

Namar ba ia ki ULB ym

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Iakynduh ka Finance Commission ia ki kynhun treikam

shym la thung hapoh ka 74th constitutional amendment, kumta ka jylla kam hap ban bud ia ki katto katne ki kyndon jong ka Amendment, kum ka nuksa, (i) ban pynlong direk ia ka elekshon Municipal (ii) ban thung ia ki ward

committee, (iii) ka jingbhah seat ia ki schedule caste, schedule tribe bad ki longkmie, (iv) ka jingbteng ia ki municipail haduh ka samoi kaba san snem, bad ka (v) jingthung ia ka state finance commission, state election commission bad ki district planning committee. Ki don 6 tylli ki Municipal Board ha Meghalaya hynrei ia ki elekshon sha kine la pynlong tang teng teng. Ha kaba iadei bad ki jaka kamai ki ULB, ka Commission ka la iohi ba ka Meghalaya Municipal Act 1973 ka aibor ia ki Municipal Board ba kin ioh jingkamai na ka jinglum khajna bad ruh na ki kam bam iadei bad ka jinglum khajna. o

Ka khajna ka kynthup ia ka jinglum na ki jaka ba don hapoh ka municipality; ka khajna um; khajna bor ding; ka khajna painkhana; khajna nala; khajna na ki iew shimet bad ka jingpyndonkam ia ki jingkieng: o

Ki jingioh bym iadei bad ki kam lum khajna ki long ka bai license na ka bynta ki kali ba shu khynniat, ki mrad bad shong brieve ne pynkit tiar, ka dor ban register ia ki ksew bad ki masi, ka license na ka bynta ki lieng, ka betterment fee, ka dor na ka bynta ka jingseng ia ki fire brigade; kano kano ka skhim social service na ka bynta ka jingbha ka jingkhoit jingkhiah u riw paidbah, ka dor ban teh ia ki lieng ha ki jaka ba hap hapoh ka municipality; lem bad ka jingdain kuna ia ka jingpynkhein ia kano kano ka ain.

La lap ba ka jingdon jingem jong ki Board ki duna bad ym lah ban pyntreikam ia ki kam pynroi da kine ki jingdon jingem. Ka Commission ka la iakren bad ki nongmikhmat bad ka la kular ban peit ia ki jingeh ba ki la pynsngew ha ka ynda ka la aijingmut halor ka jylla Meghalaya.

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6. Title of the item/report : *Meghalaya should not trust fully the Central Government : Finance Commission.*

Ka Meghalaya kam dei ban shaniah tylli ha ka Sorkar Pdeng: Finance Commission

Shillong, Jylliew 04: Ka Sorkar Meghalaya ka la kyrpad na ka Finance Commission kaba 15 ban kyntiew ia ka jingmang pisa da kaba kyntiew ia ka bhah kaba duna na ka finance commission kaba la dep.

"Ka Sorkar Jylla ka la dawa ban kyntiew ia ka jingmang pisa. Kane ka jingdawa na ka liang ka Sorkar namar ka pynpaw ba

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Ka jingialang jong ka Finance Commission ba 15.

Ka Meghalaya kam dei ban

ka jingpynmih pisa ka la hiar hadien ka jingkhang ia u dewiong bad kumjuh ba ka jingbymshai halor ka jingpyntreikam ia ka GST halor ka khajna ba ka jylla ka dei ban ioh," la pynpaw u chairman ka Finance Commission kaba 15 haba iakren bad ki nongthoh khubor hynneh ka sngi. U la kular ba ka Finance Commission kan khmih ia ka jingkyrpad ka jylla halor ban kyntiew ia ka jingmang pisa.

U la ong ba ka finance commission ka kyrshan ia ka jingpyrshang jong ka Sorkar Jylla ban kyntiew ia ka khaii ka pateng bad ka ioh ka kot jong ka jylla. U Singh u la pynpaw ba ka GDP jong ka jylla ha u snem ba la dep ka la kiew kumba 11 persen. "Hynrei hapdeng u snem 2011 haduh 2018, ka GDP ka jylla ka kiew tang hapdeng 5 haduh 6 persen. Kane ka long kaba duna shisha haba ianujor ia ki jinglong jingman hapoh ka ri bad kumjuh ha ki jylla ka thain Shatei Lam Mihngi," ka la long.

U chairman ka Finance Commission u la pynpaw ba ka jingkylla ka donkam ban kyntiew ia ka GDP bad khamtam ban ia ryngkat bad kiwei ki jylla ka thain.

"Ka long kaba donkam ba ka jylla kan lah ban ieng ha ki kjat lajong ban ia kaba shaniah lyngba ka pisa kaba la mang da ka Sorkar Pdeng," u la ong.

Shuh shuh, u la iathuh ba ka Sorkar Jylla ka kyrpad ia ka Finance ban kyntiew ia ka jingmang pisa na ka 42 persen sha ka 48 persen bad ka la bynrap ruh ba 30 persen na ka 48 persen dei ban mang ia ki jylla kiba ithuh kyrpang da ka Sorkar Pdeng (special category State) khnang ban iarap

ia ka Sorkar Jylla ha ka liang ban kyntiew ia ka ioh ka kot ka jylla. Haba kren halor ka jingiakynduh jong ka jylla ia ki ki briew kiba dei na ka liang ka khaii ka pateng bad kumjuh ki briew napoh ki karkhana kiba don ha jylla, u la ong ha kane ka jingiakynduh ki la ban jur halor ka jingdonkam ban iakren bad ka Sorkar Bangladesh ban ailad ia ka India ban pyndonkam ia ka Chittagong Port. U la ong ba ka la don ruh ka jingpynsngew ba ka jingkiew ha ka liang ka khaii ka pateng bad ka Bangladesh kan pynmyntoi ia ka Meghalaya bad ka thain Shatei Lam Mihngi.

U chairman ka Commission u la ong ba ki jylla ka thain Shatei Lam Mihngi ki donkam ba iakren lang ia ka Sorkar Pdeng ba kan iakren bad ka Bangladesh halor kane ka bynta

Haba kylli halor ka jingbym ai jingmyntoi ki tnad ka Sorkar ha ka ban kyntiew ia ka pla tyngka ka Sorkar Jylla, u la ong kawei na ki mat kaba u Myntri Rangbah ka jylla u kren ka dei halor ka jingbym lah ka tnad MeECL ban pynbiang ia ka jingpynmih bad ka jingsam bording.

"Ngi dei ban sngewthuh ba lada ngim lah ban pynbeiti ia ka tnad ka Koit ka Khiah bad ka tnad Bording, ka Meghalaya kan nym lah ban iaid sha khmat," u la ong bad u ai jingmut ruh ba ka Sorkar Jylla ka dei ban phai sha kiwei pat ki tyllong ki bym jingktah ia ka mariang ha kaba iadei bad ka jingpynmih bording.

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Pan ka Sorkar Jylla T.82,851 klur na ka Finance Commission, KHADC T.1544 klur

Shillong Jylliew 04: U Myntri Rangbah ka jylla u Conrad K Sangma u la ong, ba ka sorkar kala pynrung ha ka dorkhas ia baroh ki mat kiba kongsan ha kaba iadei bad ka jingtyrwa kaba kala phah sha ka Fifteen Finance Commission hynne ka sngi.

"Ngi la pynkhreh ia ka jingdonkam jong ka jylla bad la kynthup ia baroh ki mat kynthup ia ki District Council, ki jaka kiba hap ha Municipal, ka rep ka riang, ki kam ialehkai bad kiwei kiwei bad ngi khmih lynti ba

ngin ioh ia kaba bha tam" ong u Conrad K Sangma haba iakren bad ki nongthoh khubor hadien bala wai ka jingialang bad ki nongialam ka Fifteen Finance Commission.

Haaba kylli katno ka sorkar jylla kala phah ia ka jingtyrwa sha ka commission na ka bynta ban pynnyllun ia ki kam ki jam jong ka jylla ha kine ki 5 snem ban wan, u Myntri Rangbah ym shim la treh ban batai katno ka sorkar kala pan jingiarap tyngka

Pule Sla-7



U Conrad K Sangma, u Bah Teinwell Dkhar kiba dang pdiang burom ia u Chairman ka 15th Finance Commission u NK Singh hynne ka sngi ha Pinewood Hotel.

Pan ka Sorkar Jylla T.82,851 klur lyngba ka Commission.

"Ia mynta ngam pat kwah ban batai halor ka jingtyrwa kaba ngi la phah hynrei ngi ngeit skhem pat ba ka Commission kan pdiang iaka jingtyrwa jong ka sorkar kaba la kynthup ia baroh ki mat.

Katkum ki jingtip kiba la iohlum la iathuh ba ka sorkar kala phah ia ka jingtyrwa kaba T.82,851 klur sha ka Commission na ka bynta ban pynnyllun ia ki kam ki jam jong ka sorkar khamtam ha kaban ialeh ban pynmih iaka khajna kaba ka jylla kan lah ban ieng hala ki jong ki kjat.

Haba iakren bad u Deputy CEM ka KHADC u Bah Pyniaid Sing Syiem u la ong, ka KHADC kala aiti iaka dorkhas bad phah iaka jingtyrwa sha ka Fifteen Finance Commission kaba la kot T.1544.34 Klur na ka bynta ban pyniaid shakmat ia ki kam jong ka Council.

"Ngi la phah iaka jingtyrwa ban mang T.20 klur ban pynnyllun ia ki kam jong ka Council, T.62.95 Klur ban shna ia ki iew jong ka Council, T.77 Klur ban pynneh ia ki khlaw ki btap, ban iada bad pynneh pynsah bad ban kyntiew ia ka jingai jingsumar tynrai T.64.50 Klur, T.80 Klur na ka bynta ka Arts and Culture bad ban pynneh ia ki jingtei kiba rim, T.12 Klur na ka bynta ban pyrkhing iaka rukom tei ia ki ieng pake dulan, T.89 Klur na ka bynta ban kyntiew, iaka kam ri dohkha ha ki jaka kiba hap hapoh ka Sixth Schedule, T.161.19 Klur na ka bynta ban tei iaka ophis

pisa ka Council kan sa iit iaka jaka na ka bynta ban tei thymmai iaka ophis jong ka KHADC bad kiwei kiwei ki mat" ong u Bah Pyniaid Sing Syiem.

Na ka liang u CEM ka JHADC u Bah Thombor Shiwat ula ong ba ka JHADC kam shym la aiti ia kano kano ka dorkhas sha ka Commission hynrei ha kine ki sngi kan sa pynkhreh ban aiti iaka dorkhas sha ki nongialam jong ka Commission bad lada ka Council kam pat lah ban pynbiang ia katei ka dorkhas kin sa leit noh sha Delhi ban aiti iaka dorkhas ha ki nongialam jong ka Finance Commission bad ka Council ka khmih lynti ba kin ioh pdiang iaka jingiarap.

Katba u Chairman ka High Power Committee jong ka GHADC u Augustine Marak u la ong, ka GHADC kala phah iaka jingtyrwa sha ka Commission hynrei kim shym la kdw katni ki donkam iaka pisa ban pynnyllun ia ki kam ki jam baroh.

Ngi la buh ia ki jingtyrwa kiba hakmat kiba kynthup ban thaw iaka Green Model Village, Solid Waste Mangament, jingbit jingbiang jong ki nongtrei, ban seng ia ka karkhana shna kot ban pynuna iaka jingpyndonkam ia ki pla plastik, ban tei iaka Diigital Cinema Hall, ban tei iaka Guest House ha kylleng ki jaka jong ka rilum Garo, ban tei iaka Council Guest House ha Dalu, ban sdang iaka "Corpus Fund" jong ka GHADC kaba T.1000 Klur ban weng iaka jingeh jong ka jingkyrdud tyngka jong ka Augustine Marak

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Pynthikna ka Finance Commission, ban kyrshan ia ka sorkar jylla

Shillong, 4 Jylliew:

U Chairman ka Fithteen Finance Commission, u NK Singh mynta ka sngi u la ai jingkyrmen ia ka sorkar jylla, ban kyrshan ia ki kam ka shim bad pyntrei ha kine ki san

snem ban wan na ka bynta ban kyntiew ia ka ioh ka kot ha ka jylla.

Kumba ju long ka Commission ka ju pyllong ia ka jingiamir jingmut

bad ki tnad bad ki kynhun bapher bapher shwa ba kan pynbiang jingkhein ban bei pisa ia ki kam pynroi ha ki jylla bad ka

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Pynthikna ka Finance Commission

ri man ka shisien san snem.

Haba kren sha ki lad pathai khubor mynta ka sngi, u Singh u la ong ka jylla Meghalaya, ka don shibun ki lad ban kyntiew ia ki karkhana ba iadei bad ka rep ka riang, ka rep ka riang kum ka rep soh rep pai, bad kiwei. U la ong ka kam jngohkai ka dei kawei ka pyntha ba ka jylla ka la shim khia ban kyntiew ha kaba ka Commission kan ai ka jingkyrshan hynrei um shym la kumno kan ai pisa namar u ong, ka Commission kan bishar halor kiei kiei shwa ban rai.

"Ban kyntiew ia ka kam jngohkai, ka donkam ban pynbha ia ki lynti synkieng, ki jaka sah ki nongwankai. bad ki lynti suin", u la ong.

Hynrei ha kajuha ka por, u la pynpaw ia ka jingsngew bynniad ia ka jingduna ka jingkiew ha ka ioh ka kot jong ka jylla. U la ong ba ka GDP ka jylla ka kiew sha 30 % kaba dang duna bha haba ianujor bad kiwei ki jylla.

"Ka Meghalaya mynsnem snem, ka jingpynmih bad jingdie ne ka GDP ka kiew 11 % kiew bad 2011 haduh 18, ka long tang 5-6 percent bad kane ka kham rit bad kham duna ia kiwei ki jylla, bad ka donkam ban kiew ban kham pynbha ia ka jingkiew ha ka kot ka kot khnang ban kyrshan hi ialade ym ban shu shaniah nadong shadong", la ong u Singh.

U la bynrap ruh ba ka jingkamai jong uwei u brieve ha ka shi snem ka la duna bha ha ka jylla haba ianujor bad kiwei ki jylla bad ka dei ka bynta ba ka sorkar ka dei ban kham pylleit jingmut.

U Singh u la iathuh ba ka Commission ka la iathir bad ka sorkar jylla ba lam khmat da u Myntri Rangbah u Conrad K Sangma, ki seng sain pyrthei, ki District Council, ki nongkhahi bad kiwei ki kynhun.

Katkum ka jingong u Singh, ka rep ka riang da ka sbob mariang ka dei ka lad kaba ka sorkar jylla ka dang phaikhmat bad kyrmen ba ha kine ki san snem ban wan kan wanrah ia ka jingkylla ban pynkiew ia ka ioh ka kot jong ki paidbah ka jylla.

U la kren ruh ia ka jingdonkam ban pyndonkam bording ha kaba ka sorkar ka la donkam ban phaiphmat da kiwei ki lad ban ym ktah ne pynjot ia ka mariang namar ba khlem ka bording, kiwei ki tnad kim lah ban treikam.

La iathuh ruh ba la pynsngew ban pynlait ia ka sor Shillong na ka jingkhapngiah ha kaba la ai jingmut pha halor kanc bad kawei ka dei ban pynbha ban pynbiang ia ki kam pynroi sha ki district khnang ban pynkiar ia ki paidbah ban kiew tang sha sor.

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More than 1500 crores KHADC put on demand, JHADC still preparing.

Kynduh ka Finance Commission ia ki ADC ka jylla

T.1500 klur tam buh jingtyrwa ka KHADC, dang pynkhreh ka JHADC

Shillong, Jylliew 04

Ka Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC) ka la buh ka jingtyrwa kaba haduh T.1500 klur tam hakmat jong ka Fifteen Finance Commission ba kan theh jingiarap na ka bynta ka bit ka biang jong ka district council katba na ka liang ka Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council (JHADC) pat ka dang pynkhreh ia ka jingtyrwa bad shen kan sa

phah sha ka commission.

Ia kane ka jingtyrwa na ka liang ka KHADC ka la buh hakmat ka Fifteen Finance Commission ha ka jingialang kaba la long ha hotel Pinewood ha ka ngi Ba-ar hadien ba na ka liang ka commission ka la khot jingialang ia baroh 3 tylli ki Autonomous District Council jong ka jylla.

Haba kreni bad u nongthoh ...Pule Sla 9

T.1500 klur tam buh jingtyrwa ka

khuhor hadien ba la dep ban iakynduh ia ki nongialam ka Commission, u Deputy Chief Executive Member ka KHADC u Bah Pyniaid Sing Syiem u la ong ba ha kane ka jingiynduh, na ka liang ka KHADC lyngba ka dorkhas ba la aiti sha u Chairman ka Commission u Nand Kishore Singh ka la tyrwa hakmat ka commission ha kaba iadei bad ka jingmang pisa ha kane ka san snem ha kaba iadei bad ka jinglut jingsep jong ka council.

U la ong ba ka jingtyrwa ba ka council ka la buh hakmat ka commission ka la kot sha ka T.1500 klur tam bad ka khmih lynti ba kan sa ioh ia kane ka song jingiarap.

Ki jingtyrwa jong ka KHADC na ka T.1500 klur tam ki kyntup ia ka jingtyrwa na ka bynta ka building thymmai jong ka council ba la buh kumba T.161 klur. U Deputy CEM u la ong ba lada ka council kan ioh pdiang ia kane ka pisa, yn sa lah ban pynkynriah noh ia ka ophis treikam jong ka council sha kawei pat ka jaka kaba kham kylluid.

Kiwei pat ki kyntup na ka bynta ka jingpyniaid ki kam ki jam (administration) hapoh ka KHADC ba la buh T.250 klur, na ka bynta ki kam pynroi la tyrwa T.300 klur, ka jingtei ia ki iew ha sor bad shnong kyndong la tyrwa T.62.95 klur, na ka bynta ban pynneh ia ki khlaw ki btap la tyrwa T.77 klur, ban pynbit pynbiang ha kaba iadei bad ka Land and Land Management T.24 klur, Water Management T.27.50 klur, halor ka 'Protection and Promotion of Khasi Traditional Medicine' ne ban pynneh pynsah ia ki dawai Khasi khamtam ia ki nongsumar dawai Khasi la buh jingtyrwa T.64 klur, na ka bynta ka 'Urban Management and Establishment of Town Committees' la tyrwa T.250 klur, na ka bynta ki kam jong ki hima bad elaka ia kaba donkain ban shna ia ki suborelinate court ha man la ki hima la tyrwa T.13.50 klur, na ka bynta tnat IT la tyrwa T.54 klur, na ka

Governance kaba iadei bad ka jingbhah ia ka pisa kyrpang ia ka rukom pyniaid shnong pyniaid thaw la tyrwa T.61 klur, na ka bynta ban pynneh ia ka riti dustur ka put ka tem ka riam ka beit la tyrwa T.80 klur bad kiwei kiwei.

U la iathuh ba ha kane ka jingialang, ka council ka la kular ba ha kaba iadei bad ka jingpyndonkam ia ka pisa, yn ialeh ban pynthikna ba kan nym don ka jingpyndonkam bakia ia ka pisa bad kumno kumno hapoh 3 bnai ba ngin lah ban pyndep ia ki kam ba iadei bad ka pisa ba ngin lah ban ioh na ka song jingiarap.

U la ong ba ka council ka don ka jingkyrmen ban ioh ia ka song jingiarap bad na ka bynta kane, ka council ka la trei shitom ban pynbiang ia ki 'Utilisation Certificate' halor ki skhim bapher bapher ba la pyntri lyngba ka song jingiarap na ka Special Assistant Scheme jong ka Sorkar Kamie ba la dep ban ioh, ha kaba na ka liang ka Council ka la dep ban phah haduh kumba 85 ne 90 percent ka UC sha ka sorkar ban pyni ba la pyntri hok ia ka kam.

Katba na ka liang u CEM ka JHADC u Bah Thombor. Shiwat u la ong. "Ngi na ka JHADC kumba long mynta ngi khlem pat buh ki jingtyrwa namar katkim ka shithi ba ka commission ka la phah wan ka khlem ong ban wan ryngkat ki jingtyrwa. Te kumta lada ka dei ka kam ba ki Finance Commission ka lah ban leh, ngi ruh ha kine ki shi ngi ar ngi ngin phah noh ia ka jingtyrwa ka jong ngi."

U la ong. "Ia mynta ngim pat pynbiang ia ki jingkhein jingdiah ba katno kawei ka tnat bad ki jingdonkam jong ka council kan poi bad katno ka jingdonkam, kumta ngin hap ban pynbiang ia ki jingkhein jingdiah baroh bad ngin sa phah noh kdoi. Ngi tip ba ka commission ka ju ai bad iarap, kumta ngi don ka jingkyrmen ba kan iarap ia ngi ka council."

"Kumba ka long mynta, ngi la pynkhreh malu mala hyn-

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Meghalaya ask funds of Rs 82,815 crores from 15th Finance Commission.

Sngewkhia u Chairman ba dura ka ioh ka kot ki paidbah

82,815 klur pan pisa ka Meghalaya na ka 15th Finance Commission

Shillong: Ka sorkar jylla ha ka sngi baar, ka la pan pisa haduh 82,815 klur tyngka na ka 15th Finance Commission, ha ka jing'alang kaba la long ha Pinewood Hotel, Shillong.

Kane ka 82 hajar klur ka kynthup ia ki tnad treikam bapher bapher bad kumjuh ruh ki kam pynroi. U Myntri Rangbah, u Conrad Sangma, haba ai ka jingbatai na ka liang ka sorkar jylla ha kane ka jing'alang bad ka Finance

Bteng Sla 7



U Myntri Rangbah u dang pdiang sngewbah ia u Chairman ka Finance Commission ha Shillong/

82 hajar klur pan pisa ka

Commission kaba la wan hapoh ka jing'alam jong u Chairman, u Nk Singh, u la kdew ba na ka tnad PWD la pan 4956 klur tyngka. Na ka bynta ka tnad ka koit ka khiah 580 klur, Ka tnad umbam umdih 1114 klur, tnad bording elektrik 2476 klur, tnad pule puthi 957 klur, tnad bishar 940 klur, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary 314 klur, Sports bad Youth Affairs 2199 klur, Parliamentary Affairs 100 klur, Transport 50 klur, shongsul shongsaii 1048 klur, Tourism 442 klur, Information and Communications Technology 104 klur, karkhana bad khaai 325 klur tyngka.

La pan pisa ruh na ka bynta ki District Council bad kiwei kiwei de ki bor synshar jong ka jylla 1567 klur.

Haba kren ha kane ka jing'alang, u Myntri Rangbah, u la ong ba ka jingwan ka Finance Commission sha ka jylla ka long kaba donkam haduh katta katta, khamtam ha kane ka jylla kaba riewspah ha ka liang ki jingpynlong ka mariang. "Kaei kaba donkam ka long ka jingseng kam bad ka jingbei pisa ha kine ki lain ka ban long ka jingtarap kaba khraw ia ka jylla", la ong u Conrad.

U la ia thuh ruh ba ka sorkar ka la sdang ban pyntreikam ia kiba bun ki lad pynroi da kaba seng ia ki Mission kum ka Muga Mission, ka Aroma Mission bad Lakadong Mission kiban plié lad ia ki paidbah ban trei ia ki kam pynroi.

U Myntri Rangbah u la kdew ruh hakmat ka Commission ia ka jingktah na ka jingshah khang tih dew'iong, kaba la ktah vm tang ha ka jinglum khajna ka sorkar, hynrei ka la ktah ruh

Haba iadei bad ka koit ka khiah, u Myntri Rangbah u la kdew ia ka jingpyntreikam ia ka Meghalaya Health Insurance Schem bad kumjuh ruh ka jingshimkia kyrpang ia ki jaka sumar bad i ka koit ka khiah ki khynnah bad ki kynthei. Nalorkitei, u Conra u la rah ruh hakmat ka Commission ia ka jingdonkam pisa k jylla ha kaba pynlong ia ka National Games ha u 2022, kaba ha ruh ha ka jingdap 50 snem ka jylla.

Haba iakren bad ki nongthoh khubor hadien ba la kut k jing'alang, u Chairman ka Commission, u la ong ba na k liang kane ka bor treikam jong ka sorkar India kan ialeh katb lah ban iarap iaka sorkar Meghalaya, ha kaba pynurong ia k jingangnud kiba bun na ka bynta ki kam pynroi, khamtam e ha kaba kyntiew ia ka Toh ka kot ki paidbah. "Ka long kab sngewkhia ba ka jing'oh kamai ki nongshongshrong ha kan ka jylla ka long kaba duna shibun, haba ianujor bad kiwei pi ki jylla ba iaryngkat bor bad ka Meghalaya", la ong u Singl Nalorkata u la ong ruh ba Meghalaya kan hap ban trei shitor shuh shuh ha ka liang ka pule puthi ruh.

U la ong ruh ba jylla Meghalaya ka don ki lad ki kab ban nang kiew ha ki kam thung jhur, kam shang pyrthei ba na ka bynta kane ka donkam ban pynbiang iaka leit ka wa lyngba ki surok ne da ki lynti suiit ruh kumjuh.

Ka kyrwoh ba la phah da ka PIB pat ka ong ba na ka lian ka Finance Commission ka la kdew ba ka don ka jingduhnon haduh T 255 klur ha u snem 2014-15 kaba la mih na k jingshah khang diewiong. Ka sorkar jylla ka la antad ruh t la don ka jingduhngong kaba kumba T. 600 klur ba la don jinghiar ha ka jing'oh lum na kiwei kiwei pat ki khajni Hynrei, hadien ba la wan ka GST bad ka jingkieu ka ioh k kot, ka jing'oh khajna ha ka jylla ka la kiew suki sulki.

Ha kaba iadei bad ka Cash-Deposit ratio ha Meghalaya ka la ju long tang 35-40% ha kine ki 10 snem ba la de katba ha ri India baroh kawei pat ka long ka 60%.

Ha kaba iadei bad ka jingtreikam ha ka liang ka koit k khiah, ki jingkhein ki paw ba ki don ki bynta kiba hiar bha t Meghalaya kiba duna shibun ia ka national average kum k jing duna ki khynnah ban khie ban san, ka jingduna snam k ki longmie, ka shiteng pork i khunlung bad kiwei kiwei.

Ha ka liang ka jingdon ki surok, la kdew ba ka jingdon i surok ha Meghalaya ka long tang 401 km n aka 1000 squa km katba ha ka ri India pat ka long 952.8 Km.

Na ki 15 tylli ki PSU ha ka jylla, tang kawei ka SPSU i ka jylla (Forest Development Corporation Meghalay Limited) ka la iohi ia ka jing'ionng haba kut u snem 201-17. Ia kane la pynkhia shuh shuh da ki PSU ba don ha ka Pow sector ha ka jylla. Kine ki power sector SPSU ki la duhnr haduh T 1836 klur, kaba long 6.5 % jong ka GSDP. Hynrei, don 6 tylli ki SPSU kaba kynthup ia kawei ka power sect SPSU kiba la iohngong ha u snem 2016-17. Kane ka jinglor jong ki SPSU ka warrah ia ki jingma ia ka Meghalaya.

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State Government ask 82,815 crores from
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Hap kham trei shitom ka Sorkar: Singh Haduh T.82,815 klur Pan ka Sorkar Jylla na ka Finance Commission

Shillong Jylliew 04:

Ka Sorkar Jylla ka la buh ka jingtyrwa ban pan na ka 15th Finance Commission ban mang pisa T: 82,815 klur na ka bynta san snem (2020-2025), katba ka Commission ka ai jingmut ia ka Jylla ban shim ki lad ki lynti ban kham pynkhlaiñ ha ka liang ka ...Pule Sta 9



U Chairman ka Finance Commission bad ki dhot ha ka jingialang ha ka sngi Ba-ar

Haduh T.82,815 klur Pan ka Sorkar

jinglah ban shaniah nalade ym ban shu shaniah than lyngba ki jingiarap kiba wan lyngba ka Sorkar Pdeng na ka bynta ban kyntiew ia ka ioh ka kot ka Jylla.

Ka Sorkar Jylla ka la leit rah ia kane ka jingtyrwa hakhmat u Chairman ka 15th Finance Commission, u N. K. Singh uba lamkhmat ia ka kynhun kaba la wan sra Meghalaya ban iakynduh ia ki biew ka Sorkar Jylla, District Council, Municipal Board, ki nongialam kiba mihkhmat ia ki seng sain hima bapher bapher bad nongkitkam jong ki kynhun khañ kiba don ha kane ka Jylla.

Ha kang ka jingwan, ka kynhun ka Finance Commission ka la iakynduh ia u Myntri Rangbah ka Jylla u Conrad K Sangma lem bad ka Kynhun Myntri jong u, ki ophisar, ki nongmihkhmat jong ki Autonomous District Councils (ADCs), Municipal Boards, bad ki nongmihkhmat jong ki seng sain hima bad nongkitkam jong ki kynhun khañ ha ka jingialang kaba la long ha Hotel Pinewood ha ka sngi Ba-ar.

Ha kane ka jingtyrwa, ka Sorkar Jylla ka la kdew ia ki jingdonkam kaba kyntiup ia ka jingdonkam kaba kot T. 62,870 klur na ka bynta ka 'pre-Devolution Revenue Gap' na ka jingduna jingiarap pisa hashwa ban treikam ka rukom ai pisa da kaba tasam ia ki khajna hapdeng ka Sorkar Pdeng bad Sorkar Jylla, T. 15,609 klur ka jingiarap na ka bynta ban pyndonkam ha ki tnat treikam ba kham donkam eh jong ka Jylla, T. 300 klur na ka bynta kompani bapher bapher jong ka Sorkar Jylla lane ki 'State Public Sector Undertakings' (PSUs) T. 2,469 klur na ka bynta ban kyntiew kyrdan bad kham pynbha ia ki rukom treikam jong ka Sorkar, bad T. 1,567 klur na

ka bynta ki ADCs, ki shnat treikam kiba peit ia ka bhi ka miat ha sor bad ki nongbah, bad ki Village Employment Council.

Kum ban shu pynkynmaw, ka Sorkar Meghalaya ka la buh jingtyrwa sha ka 14th Finance Commission ban ai ia ka jingdonkam pisa kaba long T. 50,000 klur na ka bynta san snem (2015-2020), katba ka Finance Commission ka la ai ka jingmynjur ban ai T. 27,270 klur

Haba iakren bad ki nongthoh khubor, u Singh u li ong ba ka ioh ka kot jong ka Meghalaya ka dei ban nang kiew bad ka dei ban neh beit ar dak jingkheiti kumba ki long 10.5 per cent ha u snem ba la dep, ha ka liang ka jingkiew ka GDP.

U la ong ba ka Jylla ka dei ban kiew kham shalo khnang ban kham kiew ka kyrdan kaba ka don bad nang kiew ha ka jinglah ban pynmih pisa khnang ban khlaiñ ka jingshaniah halade ym ban shu shaniah ha ka Sorka Pdeng na ka bynta ban kyntiew ia ka ioh ka kot.

Haba kubur ba ki don bun ki diengpyngkiang, hyn rei u Singh u la ong ba ka Meghalaya ka dei ruh kab don ka lad ban pyni bad kiew shaphrang ha kiba bun k liangm, naduh ki kam kam jngohkai pyrthei, ka jingrej ia ki jingthung bym pyndonkam dawai kum u shynra bad kiwei kiwei, ki jingthung naduh ki jhur ki syntiew ki soh ki mar rep bapher bapher.

Ha kajuha ka por u pynpaw ka jingsngewkha halor ka jingchapngiah ka nongbah Shillong bad u ong ba ka Sorkar Jylla ka donkam ban nang pynbha bad pynbian, ia ki jingdonkam ha kiwei pat ki bynta jong ka Jyll khnang ba ka jingtur ki biew sha sor kan kham duna.

Haba iadei bad ka bhah ia kaba la mang 42 na ka 10 da ka Sorkar Pdeng ia ki Jylla bapher bapher kyntiup ia ka Meghalaya lyngba ka jingai jingmut ka 14th Finance Commission, u Singh u la ong ba ia kane, ym lah ban ra mynta ha ka 15th Finance Commission, hynrei u kula ba baroh ki jingsngewkha bad jingud ba ka Meghalay ka pynpaw, kin sa iohlad ban rung ha ka kaiphod ka ba sa pynkreh da ka Finance Commission khnang ban pah sha ka Sorkar Pdeng hashwa ban kut u snem 2015