

MINUTES OF THE REVIEW MEETING TO REVIEW REVENUE COLLECTION OF STATE'S OWN TAX AND NON-TAX REVENUE HELD ON 14/07/2016 AT 5.30 PM (RESCHEDULED TIME) IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, DISPUR

A meeting was held in the Conference Hall of Finance Department to review the 1st quarter revenue collection of State's own tax and non-tax revenues during 2016-17. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Himanta Biswa Sharma, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Assam and was attended by officers of the concerned departments. Shri V.B Pyarelal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department and other officials of the Finance Department were also present in the meeting. The list of the officers present in the meeting is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

2. The meeting discussed the trend of revenue collection of the concerned departments during the 1st quarter of the financial year 2016-17 in comparison with the previous year. Revenue generating departments were asked to make an analysis on improvement of revenue collection.

3. Transport Department had informed about the projected target during 2016-17 for Rs.563.43 crore against the taxes on vehicles and goods and passengers and Rs.8.19 crore for inland water transport.

The department was asked to initiate reform measures so as to control leakages prevailing in the Department and ensure strict enforcement for improving the present condition. Additional Chief Secretary, Transport indicated that some reforms are required in the Department such as issuance of Pollution Free Certificate with Logo to every vehicle, increase in registration fees of every new model of any car launched, increase in the Tax Rate of luxurious two wheelers, issuance of online registration and driving license, introduction of GPS system in ASTC buses, etc.

4. The Hon'ble Finance Minister suggested Revenue Department to initiate measures for augmentation of revenue and asked the Department to give target to Mouzadars to collect revenue and also explore the probability of e-collections. It was also suggested to raise rates of stamp duty after every five years so as to increase the revenue. Revenue Department was also asked to take necessary action for implementation of online payment system, enhanced rate of stamp duty on tender, establishment of e-stamping system etc.

5. Commissioner & Secretary, Excise Department stated that the Department had collected an amount of Rs.799.53cr during 2015-16 against Budget target of Rs. 878.77cr and

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has collected an amount of Rs.187.93cr during first quarter of 2016-17 against projected target of Rs.968.47.

The department was asked to rationalize the number of Dry days keeping the highest limit to twenty days which should be limited to the solemn occasions so as to render a good message to the general public. The Department was asked to declare dry days in the districts as per local requirements. It was suggested that Bottling of country liquor is to be made at bottling plants and not Mohals. Country liquor is to be renamed low cost IMFL and is to be taxed at the manufacturing level. Regarding different tax structure in NE States which leads to revenue loss, the department was asked to constitute a Committee to suggest uniform tax policy in this regard. The department was also asked to move the reform proposals in the next cabinet. Hon'ble Finance Minister requested the Department to initiate efforts so as to increase revenue and suggested to fix target at atleast Rs.1200 cr during 2016-17.

6. Hon'ble Finance Minister observed that all malpractices prevailing in the Department should be stopped at any cost and requested the officials of the Department to sincerely work for the greater interest of the society and the State as a whole. He indicated that despite having huge potential, the Department has miserably failed in giving significant contribution in the State economy.

Environment & Forest department was asked to initiate needful measures in order that sand and stone become easily available for the public. The department was also asked to inform regarding the number of mohals already created and the requirement of new mohals at present.

7. The Finance (taxation) department was asked to initiate strong measures for augmenting revenue collection. The department was asked to take needful measures for revision of Entry Tax and to review on other issues for enhancement of revenue.

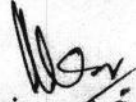
8. Geology & Mining Department informed that during 2015-16 the State obtained royalty for an amount of Rs.1722.76 cr from petroleum, Coal and Limestone against the Budget target of Rs. 3248.40 cr. During 1st quarter of 2016-17, royalty for an amount of Rs.346.37 cr has been raised by the department against the projected target of Rs.1857.60 crore.

The Hon'ble Finance Minister requested all concerned departments to give a suitable para for the budget speech which should be realistic, practicable and impeccable in order that Budget declaration remains sacrosanct. He suggested the department's to enable a

comparative analysis with other States as a part of the exercise to be explored for better revenue generation. 15 (B)

9. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

This has the approval of Hon'ble Finance Minister.


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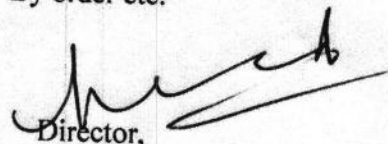
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3. The S.O. to Chief Secretary, Assam for appraisal of Chief Secretary
4. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Finance Department.
5. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Finance Department
6. The Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary / Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Revenue & Disaster Management/ Mines & Minerals/ Environment & Forest/ Finance (Taxation) / Excise / Transport / GDD Department.
7. The Commissioner of Taxes, Kar Bhawan, G.S Road, Ghy-6 / Commissioner of Transport, Paribhawan Bhawan, Jawahar Nagar, Khanapara-22 / Commissioner of Excise, Housefed Complex, Ghy-6 / Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari, Ghy-37 / Director of Land Records, Harabala Path, Ulubari, Ghy-7 / Superintendent of Stamps & Registration, Rupnagar, Ghy-32 / Director, Geology & Mining, Dakhingaon, Kahilipara, Ghy-19 / CEO,GMDA, Bhangagarh, Ghy-5 / Commissioner of GMC, Panbazar, Ghy-1.

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