

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
FINANCE (ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) DEPARTMENT

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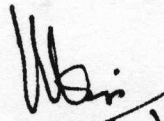
Sub: ReSTART ASSAM: "Restructuring Systems and Technology for Augmentation of Resources for Transformed Assam"

In pursuance of para 5.5 of the White Paper on Assam State Finances tabled in the Assam State legislative Assembly on 03.06.2016, the Governor of Assam is pleased to notify Mission Mode Restructuring Systems and Technology for Augmentation of Resources for Transformed Assam (**ReSTART Assam**). The main objective is to mop up maximum possible State's Own Resources through a coordinated and concerted mission mode programme.

2. In view of implementing the programme "ReSTART Assam" the four-pronged action plans shall be implemented as follows:

- i) Rationalise the revenue collection from VAT, State Excise, MV Tax, Forest and Oil Royalty through reforms and restructuring of policy, legislations, and administration. This includes measures to increase efficiency in tax collection and rationalise the tax structure based on the best models of other progressive states.
- ii) Mobilising additional resources, in a big away, through Externally Aided Projects (EAP). This will be driven in a concerted and coordinated manner by the Finance Department itself through a dedicated cell created by name **LEAPs** (Lead EAPs).
- iii) **ASPIRe- Assam State Public Finance Institutional Reforms Project**, funded by World Bank, as an Externally Aided Project for improving the systems in public finance management and focussing investments in critical sectors inducing growth, development and employment in a post-Planning Commission scenario.
- iv) A large scale IT-enabled systems with "near-zero human interface" and real time monitoring of revenue collection.

3. "ReSTART ASSAM" will be implemented in a Mission Mode with clear goals, action plan and timelines by all revenue earning departments.


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3.1 Overall objective is to generate maximum internal revenue to meet the annual committed liabilities of salaries and pension of the State.

3.2 Finance (Economic Affairs) Department would be the nodal agency to drive the Mission. Director, Finance (EA) Department is designated as Project Director, ReSTART ASSAM.

3.3 Each of the revenue earning department are stakeholders of the Project and integral part of the project. They will prepare a definite action plan and timelines with an objective of strengthening internal mechanisms by restructuring existing systems and technology to augment the resources.

3.4 In order to drive the project, two different committees for ReSTART ASSAM have been constituted as below:

3.5 **Apex Committee of ReSTART ASSAM.**

3.5.1 **Composition:**

Chairman: Hon'ble Chief Minister

Vice-Chairman: Hon'ble Finance Minister

Members:

1. Hon'ble Minsters, Excise/Transport/Forest/Mines and Minerals/Revenue & Registration
2. Chief Secretary, Assam
3. Senior-most Secretary, Excise/Transport/ Forest/ Mines and Minerals/Revenue & Registration/P&D/IT

Member-Convenor: Senior-most Secy of Fin Department

Co-opted Members: As decided by the Chairman

3.5.2 **Functions:**

- a. This committee will consider and approve the high level policy, legislative and regulatory changes needed, both department-wise and inter-departmental.
- b. The Apex Committee will also provide oversight and guidance to the project and will also monitor the progress of action plans prepared and revenue generated.
- c. The committee may meet at least once in every quarter and it can meet as frequently as required with the approval of the Chairman.

3.6 **Executive Committee of ReSTART ASSAM:**


3.6.1 **Composition:**

Chairman: Hon'ble Finance Minister

Vice-Chairman: Senior most Secretary, Finance Department

Members:

1. Commissioner & Secretary, Finance (EA) Department
2. Senior-most Secretary, P&D Department


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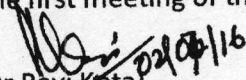
3. Senior-most Secretary, Excise/Transport/Forest/ Mines and Minerals/Revenue & Registration/IT/PWD
4. PS/C&S, Finance (Taxation) Department

Member-Convenor: Director, Finance (EA) Department

Co-opted Members: As decided by the Chairman

3.6.2 Functions:

- a. This committee will approve the action plan and timelines prepared by each of the revenue earning department.
 - b. It will also follow-up on the proposed changes in the structure and technology as regards policy, legislative and regulatory changes needed, both department-wise also cross-cutting issues and convey its approval.
 - c. The Committee will also provide oversight and guidance to the project.
 - d. It will also monitor the progress of the action plans prepared and revenue generated.
 - e. The committee may meet at least once in every month with the approval of the Chairman.
4. Each revenue generating department shall prepare the action plan and timelines for the next three years and for the 2016-17 separately in the enclosed format and submit to Finance (EA) Department within 15.07.2016 so that the first meeting of the EC would be held before 18th July 2016.


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Finance (Economic Affairs) Department

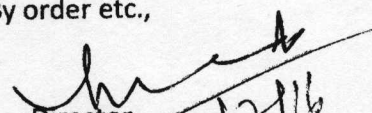
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1. Com & Secy to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
2. Private Secretary to HFM/Private Secretary to all Ministers.
3. Staff Officer to the Chief Secretary, Assam.
4. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Com&Secy/ Secy to the Govt. of Assam -----Department.
5. Finance (Budget)/Finance (Estt-B)/Finance (Estt-A)/Finance (EC I)/Finance (EC II)/Finance (EC III)/Finance (Taxation)/Finance (SIU)/Finance (PRU) Departments
6. All Heads of Revenue generating Departments (CT Assam/Excise Com/Transport Com/DLR/IGR/Director Mines and Geology/PCCF).

By order etc.,


Director,

Finance (Economic Affairs) Department

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