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MINUTES OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 18.03.2011 UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

List of participants is attached.

At the outset, Principal Secretary (Revenue) welcomed Chief Secretary and other participants and thereafter agenda items were taken up for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25.10.2010 were noted and confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2. ACTION TAKEN ON DECISIONS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The action taken on the decisions of the previous meeting held on 25.10.2010 were reviewed as under:-

Item No. 1.2 Forecasting Disaster:

The meeting was informed that one piece of land has been identified at Dharamshala, Distt. Kangra and the IMD office at Shimla has been requested to depute someone to see the suitability of the land. The notification under Section 6 and 7 of the Land Acquisition Act has been issued on 8th December 2010 with respect to land identified at Shimla.

Regarding providing water marks, the I & PH department was again asked to provide the water marks of the major rivers of the State to the Central Water Commission for inclusion in their website.

The Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG) Dehradun has intimated that there is no direct mechanism where the State Government can get updates on seismic activities automatically. However there is a web page of Indian Meteorology Department where all the events that occur in India are listed daily. At the same time WIHG also has a network in Himachal and State Government can request WIHG to put particular departments on the mailing list to give data but that will not be daily because the institute is not receiving the data online. WIHG is in the process of establishing telemeters in all the seismic zones in the State and only then it may be possible to supply the data daily.

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However the seismic hazard zonation map for the State has been published in the Vulnerability Atlas of Himachal Pradesh prepared by the Building Material and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC). The action taken was noted.

The SEC took note of the action taken and it was decided as under:-

- i) That the acquisition proceedings be completed by April 2011.
- ii) The I & PH Department may provide the required information within 15 days.

Item No. 1.3 Capacity building and training to key players:

The release of Rs. 5 lakh to the HP State Council for Science, Technology & Environment to organize TNA workshop was noted. The Principal Secretary (Environment, Science and Technology) informed that the TNA workshop is proposed to be organized in the last week of April 2011.

Item No. 1.5 Development of District Plan:

The meeting was informed that the districts were requested to prepare the district plans and the same have been received from Una, Bilaspur, Sirmaur, Mandi, Lahaul & Spiti, and Hamirpur districts; the remaining districts have been reminded. Regarding appointment of consultant, this is being brought as a separate item. The consultant will be requested to examine/improve the districts plans and wherever required NIDM's assistance will be obtained.

Further the meeting was informed that the draft State Disaster Management Plan prepared by SEEDS India has been circulated to the concerned Administrative Secretaries, HODs and all the Deputy Commissioners for their comments/ views, as was decided in the meeting held on 10.8.2010. Comments on the draft State Management Plan have been received from some departments and reminders to the remaining rest of departments have been issued. It was further informed that the SEEDS India had come up with a revised draft incorporating the suggestions of the departments.

In this context Chief Secretary explained the dictionary meaning of the word 'disaster' and stated that the quality of the District Disaster Management Plans (DDMPs)

