

**Proceedings of the Sitting of Shri Oris Syiem Myriaw , Hon'ble
Member with Principal Secretary (TD&Hills), Manipur on 15.09.2009**

A list of officers present in the Meeting is at Annexure.

Issues

Development of Kangchup – Tamenglong Road (KT Road) to save time and development of Tamenglong district which is most backward and remote corner of the state inhabited by tribal communities.

Background

A representation dated 25.08.2006 was received from Shri Agaak Khumba, Chairman, KT Road Development Demad Committee, Manipur regarding development of KT Road. It was mentioned that development of KT Road is must for the development of tribal communities residing in the Tamenglong district. It was stated that presently the district is connected by land roads via Tamenglong – Khongsang Road measuring 149 KM. British Army had developed and used the KT Road connecting Imphal and Tamenglong via Kangchup which is 75 KM, now it is abandoned.

The matter was taken up by the Commission with Secretary, Department of Road Transport, Manipur. Transport Department further forwarded the matter to Chief Engineer, PWD, Manipur. A number of reminders were also sent to Chief Engineer, PWD, Manipur, but no reply. Then the matter was taken up with the Chief Secretary, Manipur on 30.03.2009, followed by three reminders, but there was no reply from the Govt. of Manipur.

In view of above, Shri Oris Syiem Myriaw, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes decided to have a discussion with Chief Secretary, Manipur on the above issue on 15/09/2009 at 1500 hrs in the Commission.

Discussion

Shri L. P. Gonmei, Principal Secretary, Tribal Development & Hills was authorized by the Chief Secretary, Manipur to attend the discussion on his behalf. A brief of present position of this project and initiatives of Govt. of Manipur was submitted by the Govt. of Manipur.

It was stated that 19 KM from Kangchup to Ejei river is under Sardar Hills Division of PWD of Senapati District and rest from Ejei to Tamenglong District Headquarter is under the State PWD. Govt. of Manipur is in agreement with the fact that development of this Road is necessary for the development of Tamenglong district. At present, it is connected by NH-53 via Khongsang , which is 149 KM. The construction of KT Road via Kangchup will reduce this distance to 83 KM.

At present the road from Kangchup to Ejei river is classified as Ordinary District Road. Road from Kangchup to Kotjang Village (8 KM) has been completed under Special Plan Assistance (SPA) Programme 2008-09 at the cost of Rs 100 Lakhs. Proposal has been submitted by PWD for further development of this portion of road in August, 2009 and the same is under active consideration of the State Govt.

There is a proposal to construct bridge over Ejei River under SPA, 2009-10; On completion of this bridge, KT Road via Haochong would be connected. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur has written a D.O. letter to Hon'ble Minister of Transport and Highways on 07.09.2009 and proposed to take this Road (KT-Road) under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme NE (SARDP-NE).

Recommendation

In view of the above discussion, the Commission noted the initiative taken by the Govt. of Manipur for development of KT Road and recommended that initiatives and efforts should be continued for the development of this Road.

ANNEXURE

The following were present in the sitting on 15.09.2009:

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

1. Shri Oris Syiem Myriaw, Hon'ble Member**In Chair**
2. Shri Vinod Aggarwal, Director

Govt. of Manipur

1. Shri L. P. Gonmei, Principal Secretary (Tribal Development & Hills)