

The growth in the Mizoram area was picking up connectivity has become a major issue : Montek Singh Ahluwalia

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INVC,, Delhi,, The Annual Plan for Mizoram for the year 2011-12 was finalized here today at a meeting between Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia and Chief Minister of Mizoram Shri Lal Thanhawla The Annual Plan was finalized at Rs.1700 crore. Complimenting the State on Plan performance, Mr. Ahluwalia said that the Commission was in the process of finalizing the approach for Twelfth Plan and in this process would be shortly holding regional consultations with the State governments. He said a joint meeting with the North Eastern States was expected in April where Commission would expect response from the State on ongoing social sector programmes as well as roadmap for the next Plan. He said as the growth in the area was picking up connectivity has become a major issue. The State has achieved significant progress in the sectors of Road Transport, Power, Education and Health. While 94.4 per cent of the villages have been connected with approach roads and 61.19 per cent villages have been connected with all weather roads, 81.31 per cent of the villages have been electrified. According to census 2001 the literacy level of 88.80 per cent has placed Mizoram next to Kerala. Though agriculture is the mainstay of economic activity, shifting cultivation with shortened land use cycle and lack of thrust in the potential horticulture sector has been a major factor in the slow pace of development of the State's economy. Capital formation through generation of surplus in the production of goods and services for sustainable economic growth is weak. With the expansion of public administration and other services, the demand for various categories of workers has decreased. Some sectors like transport, education and health have expanded rapidly contributing to the tertiary sector income. Briefing the Commission on the development strategy, the Chief Minister said that transparency and people participation was the basis of development strategy. Apart from elected leaders, prominent citizens, Church leaders and media representatives are being included in the Ethnic Committee formed at the State level to oversee performance of the State administration. He said despite resource constraint technology mission introduced by the Centre had made significant contributions for promotion of horticulture and floriculture. Enthurium flowers are being marketed in domestic market and also exported to UK, UAE, Japan and Australia.

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