

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STATE INNOVATION COUNCIL (SIC) HELD ON 21-01-2012 AT 12-30 PM UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF CHIEF SECRETARY, GOHP.

A meeting of the State Innovation Council was held on 21-1-2012 at 12-30 PM under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of H.P. to take stock of the innovations adopted by the departments and likely areas where innovations could be applied.

The list of participants is at Annexure-"A".

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the participants and conveyed that a half day meeting with State Innovation Councils has been fixed for 23rd February, 2012 by Shri Sam Pitroda, Adviser to Prime Minister. In this meeting initiatives taken by the State Innovation Council would be updated and roadmap for innovations in the State would be prepared. She desired to know the innovations adopted by the departments and the areas where the departments intend innovations.

After detailed discussions the department-wise innovations were compiled as under:-

1. Public Works Department: The E-n-C (PW) informed that from 2010-2011, the department had constructed 117.18 KM of plastic roads by incurring an expenditure of ₹3.28 crore. For this purpose 56.83 MT of plastic waste had been utilized. The department had 34.20 MT of plastic waste as on 31-12-2011. This waste would be used in the coming tarring season. The shredding machines had been procured and were being installed.

2. Industries Department: The department of Industries had made it mandatory for the industrial units set up in the State to have the provision of rain water harvesting tank/structure. Upto 31st December, 2011, 69 such structures had been constructed in the industrial areas of Paonta Sahib, Sansarpur Terrace, Kala Amb and Gwalthai etc.etc.

3. Tourism Department: The department was developing way side amenities on waste land on the curves of National/ State Highways. Way side amenities are of the nature of Tourist Information center, picnic spots, rain shelters, toilets, parking Space, auto-mobile repair

shops etc. In the non tribal districts such way side amenities have been provided at thirty places.

4. Education Department: The water harvesting tanks are being built in educational institutions from school/college building funds. Till 31st December, 2011, 292 tanks have been built in Government Sr. Secondary and Government High Schools.

The re-employment policy of teachers has been introduced in the schools. Under this policy, the teachers retiring in mid session are re-employed till the end of the academic session, so that the studies of the students are not disturbed.

5. Power Department: The State Government has distributed four CFL bulbs to each household in replacement of ordinary bulbs. This arrangement has helped in improving environment by way of reduction of gases/pollution and saving electricity worth Rs. 200 crore per annum.

6. Science, Technology & Environment Department: The use of plastic has been banned in the State. Our State is the first such State in the country which has done it. The use of coal and fossil fuel for heating purposes has also been banned in the Government offices and other institutions in the State to reduce pollution and improve ecology.

7. Rural Development Department: The rain water harvesting tanks have been decided to be built in all the rural households under MGNREGA Programme. It will help meeting water requirements of households to some extent for washing & drinking water to animals.

The Chairperson desired that a small group in each department may be constituted to study the areas for innovations. The departments were requested to keep reporting to Planning Department such innovations from time to time for compilation.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the chair.
