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From

ACS (Planning) to the
GoHP, Shimla-2.

To

} All the Members of
State Innovation Council
(As per list attached)

Dated: Shimla-2, the 6th May, 2019.

Subject: Proceedings of the meeting of State Innovation Council held on 23rd April, 2019 at 3.00 PM under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Sir/Madam,

I am to enclose a copy of proceedings of above referred meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh on 23rd April, 2019, for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Basu Sood)
Adviser (Planning)
HP, Shimla-2
Tel. No. 0177-2621698

Endst. No.: As above. Dated: Shimla-2, the 6th May, 2019.

Copy is also forwarded for information to:

1. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to the GoHP, Shimla-171002.
2. Private Secretary to the ACS (Planning) to the GoHP, Shimla-171002.


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List of Members of the State Innovation Council:

1	Administrative Secretary (Agriculture) to the GoHP
2	Administrative Secretary (Administrative Reforms) to the GoHP
3	Administrative Secretary (I & PH) to the GoHP
4	Administrative Secretary (Rural Dev & Panchayati Raj) to the GoHP
5	Administrative Secretary (Tourism) to the GoHP
6	Administrative Secretary (Public Works) to the GoHP
7	Administrative Secretary (Health) to the GoHP
8	Administrative Secretary (Education) to the GoHP
9	Administrative Secretary (Technical Education) to the GoHP
10	Administrative Secretary (Industries) to the GoHP
11	Vice Chancellor, HP University, Summer Hills, Shimla-5
12	Vice Chancellor, CSK HP Agricultural University, Palampur, District Kangra-176062
13	Vice Chancellor, Dr. Y. S. Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Nauni, District Solan-173230
14	Vice Chancellor, Central University of HP, Dharamshala, Kangra-176215
15	Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi Kamand, District Mandi, HP-175005
16	Director, National Institute of Technology, Hamirpur, District Hamirpur-177005
17	Member Secretary, HP State Council of Environment, Science & Technology, Shimla-9
18	Administrative Secretary (Planning) to the GoHP

Chaired by: Sh. B.K. Agarwal, Chief Secretary to the GoHP
Date : 23rd April, 2019
Time : 3.00 PM
Venue : Committee Room, Eilerslie Building, HP Secretariat

The list of the participants is given at **Annexure-“A”**.

At the outset, Sh. Anil Kumar Khachi, Additional Chief Secretary (Planning) welcomed the Chief Secretary and other participants and apprised the house that said meeting of State Innovation Council was convened to take an overview of various activities being undertaken by the Council for promotion of innovation at State level and also to deliberate on the possible steps which could further be taken to make the Council more effective.

Subsequently, a brief presentation was made by the Adviser (Planning) highlighting the importance of innovation and strategy adopted by State Government through said Council for promoting the innovative ideas (copy of the presentation is appended as Annexure-B). He apprised the house that steps being taken in the past by various departments were individual efforts without any recognition at State level. The State Innovation Council was constituted in 2011 under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh as an apex body to encourage and promote innovations in the State. This Council was being represented by major departments, technical institutes & universities of the State to have benefits of their expertise, competence & caliber.

He further apprised that two pronged strategy was being adopted by the Council through State Innovation Fund & State Innovation Award Scheme for promotion of Innovations at State level. Whereas State Innovation Fund was created to meet the need of gap-funding requirement of government departments for transforming new & innovative ideas into reality, the State Innovation Award Scheme recognized innovative projects initiated & completed by any individual or department/institute. During the last six years, 15 projects amounting to Rs. 289.82 lakh were funded from the said fund. An expenditure of Rs. 26.50 lakh was also incurred from said fund for providing awards & financial incentives to individual innovators & concerned departments for further promoting such ideas at their level. The Council took note of the financial transactions made during last six years. Subsequently, procedure for approving the proposals from the fund, process and criteria for scrutiny of proposals under State Innovation Award Scheme were explained briefly by Adviser (Planning). Thereafter agenda-wise items were taken as under:

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of previous meeting held on 10th May, 2018:

It was apprised by the Adviser (Planning) that the decisions taken in previous meeting had been implemented. Funds for projects approved by SInC from State Innovation Fund during 2017-18 had been released. Awards of various sectors approved by the Council for 2016-17 in its previous meeting had been conferred by Hon'ble Chief Minister, HP on 15th August, 2018. Water Resources & Waste Management sector was also included for inviting nominations under the award scheme for 2017-18 and accordingly revised advertisement was issued by the Planning department. The house confirmed the proceedings of the previous meeting held on 10th May, 2018.

Agenda Item No. 2: Expenditure incurred from State Innovation Fund in 2018-19:

Adviser (Planning) apprised that an amount of Rs. 13.50 lakh was allocated to Department of Environment, Science & Technology for executing their project "Horn Not Ok Awareness Campaign in Himachal Pradesh". Also, four innovations selected under State Innovation Award Scheme for 2016-17 had been awarded with individual cash prize of Rs 1.24 lakh and financial incentives of Rs. 8.00 lakh from said fund. The Council approved said expenditure incurred from State Innovation Fund during 2018-19.

Agenda Item No. 3: More Departments/Institutes to be added to widen the scope of innovative activities and also State Innovation Council:

It was apprised in the house that there were 18 members of said Council with Chief Secretary to the Govt. of HP as its Chairman and Administrative Secretary (Planning) as member Secretary. To make this Council more dynamic & diversified, following Departments/ Institutes were proposed to be included under the purview of State Innovation Council:

1. Urban Development Department
2. Horticulture Department
3. Department of Envir., Science & Tech.
4. Forest Department
5. Transport Department
6. HIPA
7. Aryabhata Geo-informatics & Space Application Centre (AGiSAC) etc.

After detailed deliberations, it was decided to include all the proposed departments at Sr. No. 1-6 as members of State Innovation Council. Besides, it was also decided that Planning Department would explore the possibilities of including members from outside of the State preferably from central organizations like NITI Aayog, ISRO, CSIR, Ministry of Environment Science, GoI etc. under the purview of said Council and would accordingly place a proposal before the Council for its approval.

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Agenda Item No. 4: Prescribing a fixed period for implementation of projects/schemes funded from State Innovation Fund:

Adviser (Planning) apprised the house that there was no mechanism to see actual implementation of any project funded from the fund and no timelines were fixed for executing these projects within a stipulated time period.

After detailed discussions, it was decided to devise/formulate a template for inviting proposals for funding from the fund and all the details alongwith the timeline for executing the proposed activity to be specified in the template itself which would be binding on the executing agencies.

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Agenda Item No. 5: Adding more sectors for HP State Innovation Award Scheme:

Following sectors were proposed to be included under State Innovation Award Scheme:

1. Urban Sector with UD Department as Nodal Department
2. Environmental Conservation with DEST/AGiSAC as Nodal Department
3. Research & Academic Training with HIPA as Nodal Department etc.

After detailed deliberations, it was decided to include two new sectors viz. Sustainable Urban Management and Environment Conservation with Urban Development Department and Department of Environment Science & Technology as respective nodal departments.

Agenda Item No. 6: Mechanism for screening & monitoring of proposals:

Adviser(Planning) apprised that as discussed earlier, a Screening & Monitoring Committee for scrutinizing & ascertaining the eligibility of proposals received for funding from State Innovation Fund had been proposed with following members:

1. Director (Rural Dev.)
2. Director (Urban Development)
3. Director (Environment, Science & Technology)
4. Adviser (Planning) as Convener of said committee.

He further apprised that said committee would also monitor implementation of schemes funded & innovations awarded under award scheme for ensuring their replicability and propagation. As per the requirement of proposals, Committee would also be free to hire services of outside experts on need basis.

The Council gave its approval for constituting such a committee.

Chief Secretary to the GoHP also requested all the members to give their views on improving the functioning of said Council. After obtaining the views of all the members, it was realized that before extending the scope of said award scheme, impact of innovations already awarded in identified sectors should also be reviewed to see the actual replicability of such initiatives at ground level. It was also felt that there might be some problems being faced by the innovators in actual replication of these awarded innovations. Hence, it was decided to explore the possibility of devising a mechanism for associating such innovators with the concerned line departments for propagation and replication of innovative practices.

(Action: Planning Department)

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

List of Participants:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1	Sh. R.D. Dhiman	Additional Chief Secretary (Health & Horticulture)
2.	Sh. Manoj Kumar	Additional Chief Secretary (Industries)
3.	Sh. Onkar Sharma	Principle Secretary (IPH & Agriculture)
4.	Sh. D.D. Sharma	Special Secretary (Finance & IPH)
5.	Sh. Dinesh Malhotra	Secretary (Admn. Reform & Language Art & Culture)
6.	Dr. R.N. Batta	Secretary (Rural Development)
7.	Dr. H.C. Sharma	Vice Chancellor YSP Horticulture University Nauni
8.	Prof. A.K. Sarial	Vice Chancellor, Agricultural University Palampur
9.	Prof. R.S. Chauhan	Pro. Vice Chancellor HPU
10.	Sh. D.C. Rana	Director Environment Science & Technology
11.	Sh. Dinesh K. Sharma	Joint Secretary (Tourism)
Planning Department		
1	Sh. Anil Kumar Khachi	ACS (Finance & Planning) to the GoHP, Shimla-2
2	Dr. Basu Sood	Adviser (Planning)
3	Sh. Surender Paul	Joint Director
4	Sh. Rajiv Sangrai	Research Officer
5	Sh. Hemant Sharma	Assistant Research Officer
6	Sh. Mukesh Kumar	Statistical Assistant