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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STATE INNOVATION COUNCIL (SIC) HELD ON 03-06-2013
IN SHIMLA UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF
CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH.

A meeting of the State Innovation Council was held on 03-06-2013 in Shimla, under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, to discuss the various issues related to Innovations in the State.

The List of participants is given at Annexure- "A".

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the participants and apprised that promoting new innovations in the State is also mentioned in the budget assurance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and we have to work in a focused manner to promote innovations. Following decisions were taken during the meeting -:

Agenda Item 1.

Draft Guidelines for State Innovation Fund

The draft guidelines prepared by the Planning Department for State Innovation Fund were discussed in detail and Adviser (Planning) requested all the concerned Departments to provide their comments / suggestions in writing to the Planning Department immediately so that it could be finalized immediately. The Chairperson conveyed that the fund will be started with an initial outlay of Rs. 5.00 crore, and we should also try to get funding from National Innovation Fund of Govt. of India if we need so.

Agenda Item 2.

Various innovations adopted /being adopted by the departments

The Chairperson desired that some key Departments may be identified who will send their innovative schemes / Projects for funding under the State Innovation Fund.

In the mean time if some departments have already identified innovative ideas/proposals, they may send a detailed Initial Project Report (IPR) to the Planning Department for consideration.

The members suggested some of the innovations in their departments which can be taken up in the State

- On line system for blood banks.- Health Department-
- Power saving techniques initially at the Govt. Buildings -Urban Development /PWD
- Green Building Concept- Urban Development /PWD

The Chairperson directed that the Departments should send their proposals to Planning Department within 15 days and thereafter a meeting of S.I.C. may be called to finalise the same.

Item 3.

ation issues in the manifesto

In the Indian National Congress Party (Himachal) Election Manifesto -2012, which is adopted as a "Policy Document of State Government", it is mentioned that in the coming year, a youth training programme will be started under which all the talented youth pursuing their studies in the field of MBA, MCA and other courses will be given opportunity to work as a trainee in various Departments of the State Government for a duration of 3 to 6 months.

On this issue, it is decided that, Administrative Reforms Department will prepare draft Guideline for this purpose and put up the same before the Council in the next meeting of the council.

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