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Government of Himachal Pradesh
Planning Department

From

Pr. Secretary (Planning) to the
GoHP, Shimla-2.

To

Dated: Shimla-2, the 16th July, 2014

Subject: **Proceedings of meeting of HP State Innovation Council (SInC) held on 27th June, 2014 in Shimla under the Chairpersonship of Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.**

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith proceedings of the meeting of HP State Innovation Council held on dated 27th June, 2014 in Shimla under the Chairmanship of worthy Chief Secretary to the GoHP for taking necessary action on the issues pertaining to your department.

Yours faithfully,

Encls. As above.

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Proceedings of the meeting of HP State Innovation Council, held on 27th June, 2014, under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to the GoHP.

To deliberate on the various issues and initiatives related to innovation in the State, a meeting of State Innovation Council was held on 27th June, 2014 in Shimla under Chairmanship of Sh. P. Mitra, Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

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

At the outset, **Dr. Shrikant Baldi, Pr. Secretary (Planning)** welcomed the Chief Secretary and other participants in the meeting and informed that with a view to encourage innovation to improve service delivery system, Government of Himachal Pradesh has constituted HP State Innovation Council on 7th January, 2011 under the Chairpersonship of Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

He apprised the house that with a view to promote innovation in the State and to encourage departments to try new initiatives, the State Government has constituted a **State Innovation Fund** with an initial outlay of Rs. 5.00 crore in the State Budget for 2013-14. Three projects viz. Manimahesh Yatra Registration Project 2013, Blood Bank Management Information System (BBMIS), Computerization (automation) of the Department of Information & Public Relation activities have been approved for funding from this fund. He also informed that, as per the decision of last meeting of State Innovation Council held in October, 2013, Planning Department has attempted an Innovation Action Plan for 12th Five Year Plan Period and is to be deliberated and approved in this meeting. Thereafter, with the permission of worthy Chief Secretary, detailed discussions on various items of agenda took place and after detailed deliberations, the following decisions were taken:

1. Innovation Action Plan: Draft Innovation Action Plan, to be implemented in the State during 12th FYP period, was discussed and approved.

Action by: all member departments of SInC.

2. Enlarging the Scope of SInC: The members were of the view that presently there is sufficient representation of various departments in the council. Only few technical institutes such as NIT, Hamirpur, Central University and IIT Mandi, may be included in the Council.

Action by: Planning Department.

3. Sub-committees: Departmental Innovation Sub-committees will be constituted by all the departments of the State Government to promote and initiate department specific innovative ideas.

Action by: all member departments of SInC.

4. Innovation centres and clubs: To inculcate the habit of innovation amongst the youth of the state, the importance of Innovation Centres at University level and Innovation clubs at college level was felt. However, the Chairman desired that the institutions should take decision in this regard at their own level.

Action by: Higher Education Department.

5. Award and Incentive Scheme: To promote innovation at State level by fostering an innovation culture and by establishing an environment conducive to innovation, best selected innovation at sectoral level will be awarded. Draft State Award Scheme was discussed and approved with a suggestion that Government sector may be included under this scheme.

Action by: all member departments of SInC.

6. Internship and Training Programme: The State Government through its Election Manifesto-2012 adopted as "Policy Document of State Government" has pledged to start a youth training programme for all the talented youth perusing their studies in the field of MBA, MCA and other courses by giving them an opportunity to work as a trainee in various departments of the State Government for a duration of 3 to 6 months.

As decided in the last meeting of State Innovation Council held in the month of October, 2013, State Education & Technical Education departments will prepare an internship /training programme for such talented youth and implement the same.

Action by: Higher Education & Technical Education departments.

7. State Level Scholarship Scheme for promoting Innovation: On the basis of National Innovation scholarship Scheme, similar scheme at State level will be initiated. Departments of Higher Education and Council for Science, Technology and Environment were designated as the Nodal departments for this purpose and will take further necessary action in this direction.

Action by: Higher Education and Council for Science, Technology & Environment.

8. State Innovation Portal (E-Portal): It was decided a separate portal for innovations is not required at this stage. Innovation done by Departments may be uploaded on the concerned Departmental website.

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

Annexure "A"

List of participants

Sr No.	Name of Officer	Designation & Department
	Mr./Mrs./Ms.	
1	Ajay Mittal	Addl. Chief Secretary (AR) to the GoHP
2	Upma Chawdhary	Addl. Chief Secretary (RD & PR) to the GoHP
3	Narinder Chauhan	Pr. Secretary (Public Works) to the GoHP
4	Ali Raja Rizvi	Pr. Secretary (IT & Education) to the GoHP
5	Amit Kashyap	Special Secretary(Health) to the GoHP
6	A.D.N. Bajpai	Vice Chancellor, HPU, Shimla-5
7	Laxmi Nand Kashyap	Under Secretary (Tech. Education) to the GoHP
8	R.K. Sharma	Engineer in Chief, IPH Department, HP
9	Manoj K. Vaidya	Joint Director, Research
10	P.K. Ahluwalia	Dean Planning, HPU, Shimla-5
Planning Department		
1.	Dr. Shrikant Baldi	Pr. Secretary (Finance & Planning)
2.	K.R. Bharti	Adviser(Planning)
3.	Surender Paul	Deputy Director
4.	Hemant Sharma	Statistical Assistant