

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE THRUST AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTED DURING ANNUAL PLAN, 2006-07.**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The Annual Plan, 2005-06 being the terminal year of the 10<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan, the focus of the State Government will be on completion of the ongoing projects and schemes, consolidation, strengthening and improvement of the achievements made during the 1<sup>st</sup> four years of the Tenth Five Year Plan. Another objective of the State will be to identify areas of development deserving higher emphasis but could not be given the required attention in the past due to several reasons. The State Government will therefore, accord due priority to these areas for developments during 2006-07. The State Government do not envisage of taking up of any new major projects during 2005-06, except some innovative programmes which can be dovetailed in the Department's normal development programmes. One of such programmes is declaring 2006-07 as "The year of Farmers" where the emphasis of the State Government will be to boost the production and productivity of Agriculture and Allied Sectors through various measures and by infusing more funds in the sector.

#### **i. Production and Productivity**

The State will continue to give higher emphasis towards the development of Agriculture and allied sectors for which the projected outlay has been increased from Rs. 57.00.crore during 2005-06 to Rs. 62.00 crore during 2006-07. In percentage terms the step up works out to 8.77% over the outlay of 2005-06.

The State has declared 2006 as the "Year of Farmers" for which adequate provision of funds has been proposed to the tune of Rs.20.00 crore. The programme is aimed at increasing production and productivity of the farmers in general. Higher priorities will be accorded to the identified crops having commercial values for furthering production areas to attain commercial scale production.

#### **ii. Infrastructure Development**

Adequate and efficient infrastructure well employed, not only helps economic growth but facilitate higher standard of living. Nagaland still lacks even basic infrastructures. Hence the State will continue to accord higher priority towards development, upgradation and improvement of the infrastructures. Special emphasis will be given towards Road Networks, enhance generation of Electricity power along with

improvement of distribution and transmission lines, reduction in transmission losses and other economic infrastructures. The State Government will also accord due priority for improvement of Health Care System, improvement of qualitative education by providing the required basic amenities in these sectors.

**iii. Reforms and Restructuring**

The State will continue to give concerted attention towards the reform processes initiated for Communitisation of Public Institutions and Services, implementation of Voluntary Retirement Schemes, non-filling up of vacancies posts, abolition of redundant and non productive post. Under the initiative of Communitisation of Public Institutions and Services attempt will be made to communities all the Govt. Primary Schools, Rural Health Centers. More villages and towns will also be brought under Village Electricity Management and Urban Electricity Management Boards.

**iv. Decentralisation of Planning Process**

Decentralisation of the process of Planning and Development will be continued by transferring more powers to the Local Bodies/Villages Development Boards. The State will also make an attempt to supplement the resources of the Village Development Boards by tying up with the Institutional loans at very minimal rates of interest.

**v. Employment**

Generation of self employment will continue to get high priority during the Annual Plan, 2006-07. Apart from the programmes for employment generation dovetailed in the Plan proposals of the relevant Departments, a separate fund of Corpus for Employment Generation is proposed to be raised to Rs.7.00 crore during 2006-07.

**vi. Rationalisation of CSS Schemes**

In order to give a clear direction to the Departments and to enable them to avail maximum opportunities under the various CSS schemes offered by the various Ministries at the Centre. The Annual Plan 2006-07 has an earmarked projection of Rs.52.97 crore as the State matching share for CSS. The State

Government will continue to pursue with the Planning Commission and GOI to rationalize the numerous numbers of CSS schemes and to standardize the sharing of expenditure the Central Government and the State Government to 90:10. Such standardization will enable the State to fully avail the CSS offered by the various Ministries at the Centre.