

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
DISPUR: GUWAHATI-6**

NOTIFICATION

Dated, Dispur the 1st March'2016

No. PDP 55/2015/Pt-II/54: In accordance with the approval of State Cabinet in its meeting held on 28.02.2016, the following is notified for compliance of all concerned:

1. Government of Assam in recognition of the importance of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets adopted by the United Nations General Assembly by a resolution of 25th September, 2015, decided to implement the SDGs in Assam and take these Goals as the strategy for development of the State and all the sectors in the next 15 years i.e. till 2030 as the SDGs are meant for universal development focusing on overall development of all citizens of the world in an ecologically and environmentally sustainable manner.
2. Accordingly, with the approval of Chief Minister, Assam, Planning & Development Department issued a Government Order vide No. PDP 55/2015/63 dated 28.12.2015 as the pathway for comprehensive and planned development of Assam.
3. The above initiative was widely lauded and Prof. Jaffrey Sachs, Adviser to Secretary General, UN Assembly wrote a letter of appreciation to Chief Minister, Assam.
4. In pursuance of the Government order dated 28.12.2015, an Orientation Workshop was conducted. At the end of the workshop, eight working groups comprising the officers of all departments were constituted to prepare Action Plan against the 17 SDGs.
5. A Centre for SDGs has been set up under Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati. Further, Planning & Development Department has been made as Nodal Department and a separate Cell called, "SDG Cell" has been created within the Department.
6. The Planning & Development Department, with the help of various Departments, organizations and resource persons prepared a Draft Vision Document and circulated to all departments.
7. After receiving the comments of the departments, the final draft Vision Document was released by Chief Minister, Assam in a Partnership Conference organized on 10-11th February, 2016. Representatives of civil society, industry and corporate sector, consultancy service, agencies and academia were also present and Prof. Jeffrey D Sachs, Adviser to Secretary General, UN Assembly participated through Skype.
8. The Draft Vision Document which was released in the above said Conference was placed in the public domain inviting views of all concerned stakeholders. The views received were duly considered and incorporated in the final Vision Document suitably and the final Vision Document was released by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam on 29th February, 2016.
9. ***In the conventional planning process based on Five Year Plan and Planning Commission centric approach, planning has been followed based on the availability of resources. But, in the current approach, keeping the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 as basis, principle of back-casting will be followed keeping the goals and targets of the year 2030 as a basis. It is needless to mention that such exercise requires enormous amount of resources and the State Government would explore the possibility of raising resources through various means including Externally Aided Agencies, PPP and Central funds so that the Annual Plans prepared out of the back-casting approach of planning would accordingly be funded in order to achieve the SDGs. Since Government of India is one of the signatories in the UN Assembly for SDG 2030, the help of Central Government will also be taken.***

10. The above approach needs complete re-orientation of planning and budgeting process by P&D and Finance Departments.

11. It has also been noted that the above approach is only possible, if there is an effective strategy involving appropriate roles and coordination among the three pillars for such approach namely, **People, Partnership and Projects**.

12. Accordingly, with the approval of State Cabinet, it is hereby notified that:

12.1. Vision Document titled "**Vision Assam 2030**" – **Everything For Everyone – Achieve Inclusive and Sustainable Development** shall be the pathway for comprehensive and planned development of the State.

12.2. Planning & Development and Finance Departments will prepare the strategy for implementation for the Vision document and also initiate the process for re-orientation of planning and budgeting process from the year 2016-17 onwards in conformity with the SDG 2030 Vision Document and as per the approach stated at para 9 above.

12.3. All departments shall follow the above strategy in close coordination with and compliance of the directions of Planning & Development Department and Finance Department.

Sd/-

(V.K. Pipersenia)

Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam

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1. The Accountant General, Assam, Maidamgaon, Guwahati-29 for kind information.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur Guwahati-6 for kind information.
3. All Addl. Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Commissioner & Secretaries/ Secretaries _____ Department for kind information.
4. The Principal Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly, Dispur for kind information.
5. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Governor of Assam, Rajbhavan, Guwahati for kind information.
6. P.S to the Hon'ble Ministers/ Parliamentary Secretaries for kind information of Hon'ble Ministers/ Parliamentary Secretaries.
7. S.O to Chief Secretary, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for kind information.
8. All Directors _____ Department for kind information.
9. The Director, Assam Govt. Press, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21 for publication of the notification in the next issue of the Assam Gazette and submit 200 (two hundred) copies of the said notification to this department.
10. The Director, Information & Public Relation, Dispur with request to give wide publicity through media.
11. Guard file

By order etc.,

(Dr. Ravi Kota)

Commissioner & Secy. to the Government of Assam
Planning & Development Department