

**Minutes of the Meeting of Committee of Secretaries (GIS/RS initiative) held on 1-10-2016  
in the Conference Room of Additional Chief Secretary, Planning & Development Department**

Participants: List Enclosed

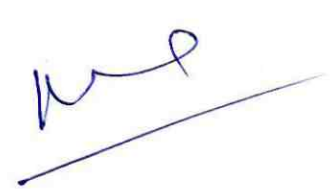
Initiating the discussion Addl. Chief Secretary P & D and Chairman of the Committee requested SRO (IT) P&D to explain the purpose to all the participants present. It was explained that the purpose of the meeting included among other important topics the following-

- Status as regards drafting of data sharing policy for the state (ASTEC under Science & Technology Department is collecting information/policies from different state governments and other agencies).
- Methodology followed in creation of data base, both spatial and non-spatial.
- How can completed projects by different Government departments/agencies be shared for mutual benefit and steps taken for updating the same.

2. The Chairman and other members from Finance, Science & Technology, Information Technology and Planning & Development Departments and the scientists from the ASTEC deliberated on the difficulties faced in carrying forward the GIS and RS initiative in the state. In the absence of a comprehensive data sharing policy, sharing of data both spatial and non spatial continues to create confusion among Government departments. In addition, the nature of data for sharing on a common platform needs to be discussed in particular.

**3. The important issues that emerged during the discussion were:**

- (a) A Central Repository for Data Sharing: Smt. Aruna Rajoria IAS Secretary Government of Assam highlighted the importance of a Central Repository for all state level data already created or to be created by the state government departments/organizations with the help of specialized agencies viz. ASTEC/AMTRON/NIC and the like, for sharing on a common platform. However, the status of the State Data Centre (SDC) to be completed by AMTRON a long time back could not be ascertained from the representatives present on behalf of AMTRON.
- (b) The team of scientists from ASTEC made a comprehensive presentation covering the agenda points. Director ASTEC explained that the BHUVAN PORTAL of the ISRO under Department of Space (DoS) Government of India, has started providing a series of Bhuvan Application Services that are diversified and relevant for many government departments in matters of planning/monitoring and such other purposes. **A State Node of Bhuvan Portal** is likely to be extended to ASTEC by end of November, 2016. This will enable the State Government to upload the Vector/Raster based data on the portal for sharing and other purposes. Commissioning of the State Data Centre (SDC) in near



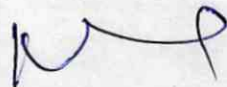
future would be an added advantage as a Central Repository for all data-spatial and non spatial.

- (c) Dr. Ravi Kota IAS Commissioner & Secretary Finance also touched upon the necessity of GIS/RS data in strategic planning and for real time monitoring of projects/schemes.
- (d) Convergence of all completed projects for sharing on a common platform: The Chairman and other members also discussed the eclectic approach of the line departments in data management in the absence of a proper data sharing policy guidelines. While public money is used to create spatial data and the same is not shared with other government departments having the same utility of the created data, the state exchequer is affected as a result of duplication of projects. It is, therefore, desirable that Planning & Development Department as a coordinating department should intervene to streamline the process of data convergence with the help of Science & Technology Department supported by ASTEC.

**4. Action Points:**

- (a) The Chairman after consultation with other members decided that Shri M S Manivannan, Secretary P & D would liaise with all government departments/agencies concerned who are in possession of such spatial data to provide all necessary guidance and support in sharing the same with P & D and finally with Assam Science, Technology & Environment Council (ASTEC) for standardization/validation of data as per guidelines of Government of India. Shri Manijyoti Baruah SRO (IT) P & D will assist Secretary P & D in accomplishing the task of converging all completed GIS/RS based projects done by state government departments/agencies so far for sharing on a common platform.
- (b) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Committee of Secretaries: The Chairman while emphasizing the importance of the agenda at hand, directed that the next meeting of the Committee be held in the second week of November, 2016 with participation of all important stakeholders.

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



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(K V Eapen)

Chairman of the Committee of  
Secretaries(GIS/RS initiative), and  
Addl. Chief Secretary  
Planning & Development Department

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Secretary to the Government of Assam,  
Planning & Development Department and  
Member Secretary, Committee of Secretaries

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**List of Participants**

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1.	Shri K.V. Eapen, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary	Planning and Development Department
2.	Dr. Ravi Kota, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary	Finance Department
3.	Smt. Aruna Rajoria IAS, Secretary	Government of Assam
4.	Shri M. S. Manivannan IAS, Secretary	Planning and Development Department
5.	Smt. B. Baruah Gogoi ACS, Addl. Secretary	Science & Technology Department
6.	Dr. Runu Dutta, Director(PC)	Planning and Development Department
7.	Dr. Arup Kr. Mishra, Director	ASTEC
8.	Shri Utpal Sarma, Scientist	ASTEC
9.	Smt. Nirupama Talukdar, Joint Director	Directorate of Economics & Statistics
10.	Shri Ajit Baruah, Deputy Director	Directorate of Economics & Statistics
11.	Shri Hemanta Nath, Deputy Manager	AMTRON
12.	Shri Mukul Kalita, Deputy Manager	AMTRON
13.	Shri Ajit Kr. Nath, Technical Director	NIC Guwahati
14.	Shri Manijyoti Baruah, SRO	Planning and Development Department