

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT**

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Dated Shillong, the 3rd November, 2016.

From:- Shri. P. R. Marak,
Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Transport Department.

To

Shri. Rocky F.M. Sangma,
General Secretary,
Garo Students' Union (Int.)
Tura-794001.

Subject:- Representation.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your representation and to inform you that the Baljek Airport at Tura still remains non-functional due to the fact that the Airport was conceived as a STOL (Short Taking Off and Landing) airport with a runway of around 1120 meters which is capable of handling only small Aircraft (20 seater) which are no longer operating. However, the Government proposed for upgradation of the Airport to operate ATR-42 type of aircraft (50 seater).

In this connection, the Government has decided to upgrade the Airport and additional land measuring 58 acres that are needed for expansion of the runway has been acquired and an amount of Rs. 3,01,79,775/- was handed over to the Deputy Commissioner, Tura for payment of land compensation to the land owners. Moreover, and separately the State Government has constituted a Committee to fast track the appointment of a Project Management Consultant (PMC) for taking forward the proposal on Public Private Partnership mode for operation of the Baljek Airport.

Meanwhile, the Government of India has drafted a Regional Connectivity Scheme for Viability Gap Funding so that Private investment and operation of 'underserved' (Baljek, Tura) and unserved areas/airports are likely to be catered to.

Yours faithfully,

Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Transport Department.

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Copy to :-

1. Shri. A.K. Dhyani, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Coordination Division, North Block, New-Delhi-110001.
- ✓ 2. The SIO/Sr.Technical Director, NIC, with a request to kindly get the above letter hosted in the Department's website.

By Order etc.,

Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Transport Department.

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