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13th Session of 2nd Thromde Tshogde

Venue: Thromde Conference Hall

Date: 20th February 2021

Time: 9.00 AM

Participants:

Thrompon, Chairperson

Executive Secretary, Member Secretary

Six Thuenmi(s), Members

Division Heads, Spectators

Regional Heads, Spectators

The program started with offering of Zhudrey Phuentsum Tshog and Marchang Ceremony, followed by serving of Suja Dresi.

A book of Tshogde Minutes (compiled from 1st till 12th Session) during the term of the present LG elected members was presented to the Chairperson and the members (Thuemis) by the Executive Secretary as a token of gratitude/achievements for the hard work they have put in for the last five years.

The session inauguration speech was made by Dasho Thrompon, the Chairperson of the Tshogde where he welcomed all the Regional Heads and other spectators who spared their time for this session as invited. He elaborated on the importance of the closing ceremony as it will reflect on their achievements and failures encountered for the last five years. He also expressed his gratitude to the civil servants of Phuentsholing Thromde for rendering their full support to the LG elected members for enhancing their services to the public, as promised during their election campaign. Not only the civil servants of Phuentsholing Thromde, the Regional Offices have been always there for the LG members as their backbone.

Dasho informed the floor that despite their best efforts, there are some areas where they failed to achieve due to the pandemic or some unavoidable circumstances. However, the natural disasters or the pandemic came as a platform for everyone to learn and plan for future sustainability. It also made us to prove our abilities to overcome any kind of obstacles.

It was highlighted that, the present LG members always worked keeping in view of the sustainability of the planned works, that will benefit the public in long-term which of course resulted in failing to ease out all the problems of every individual.



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Dasho credited his and the teams' achievement to His Majesty the King for his timely guidance, support and monitoring. His Majesty has been there for us all the time, be it in celebrating mood or hard times.

Developments have taken place in every nook and corner of the peripheral areas under Thromde though it was all done in bit and pieces as carrying out the works at a time will be an issue for the public in their day-to-day life. Dasho was happy to announce that the Planning phase for every developmental activity are done in detail in consultation with the stakeholders, which as per his opinion is the most vital part in developing the area.

Presentation on Achievements for the Last Five Years by Dasho Thrompon:

- Disasters (flood, flash floods) occurred and the mitigation works carried out through video presentation
- Team work within the regional offices, private sectors, Public, Desuups and Phuentsholing Thromde
- All people had to work day and night to confront the disaster and it was a success
- Dredging & river embankment works were carried out at Amochhu to divert the river as a mitigation measure
- Phuentsholing Township Development Project commenced in 2018

Planning done in view of Phuentsholing Thromde only isn't good enough during the present pandemic time, so we might need to revise/revisit the planning in the benefit of the country as a whole.

- i. Present LG Members set up their office on 26.01.2016 with certification issued by ECB
- ii. First Tshogde conducted on 26th February 2016
- iii. Term of the present LG members end on 26.02.2021

The present LG members kicked off their term in the 11th FYP (FY 2015-2016. 2016-2017 & 2017-2018) and continued in the 12th FYP (FY 2018-2019. 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 Mid). As an information to the floor, Dasho presented the approved budget for every financial year and the activities carried out against the approved budget. Though the approved budget for FY 2019-2020 was 472.691M, most of the budget was put into SASEC project, which affected the planned works in the constituencies.

Major achievements;

1. Community Centre at Pasakha
2. Thromde Office Building
3. Multi-Level car Parking
4. Emergency Operating center
5. Mini-Dry Port
6. Integrated Vegetable Market
7. Integrated Sports Complex (land provided by Thromde and built by PSA)
8. Affordable Housing Units (500 units- land leased out by Thromde and houses constructed by NHDCL)



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Major Projects Achievements:

1. NAPA II Project (Highest allocated budget for PT): NAPA II Project focused on construction of disaster mitigation works
2. SASEC Project: mainly for construction of roads.
3. Phuentsholing Chamkuna 4 Lane Highway
4. Phuentsholing Township Development Project
5. Integrated Check post

Major Problems faced by Residents of Thromde:

1. Urban Access Road
2. Water
3. Housing
4. Traffic Congestion
5. Storm Water Drainage system
6. Cleanliness
7. Security and Safety

Way Forward in solving the problems:

1. Urban Access Road: Numerous roads were constructed in the constituencies based on priority need of the area/public
2. 4 Lane Roads: SASEC 4 Lane Roads, Phuentsholing-Chamkuna 4 Lane Road and Pasakha by-pass road
3. Water: Constructed 12 new reservoir in different locations, increased 2 MLD and 2 MLD are on-going. Three water flagship programs are initiated and on-going
4. Housing: All LAPs reviews are completed and released for development works, provided land to NHDCL for construction of affordable housing for the public and as of now Thromde has approved 117 building for constructions (174 are under construction, 143 not yet started due to pandemic)
5. Traffic Congestion: Numerous initiatives were instituted to ease the traffic like construction of by-pass roads, development of new parking lanes, construction of MLCP and etc.
6. Storm Water Drainage: Thromde studied the issue and started construction of road side drains, out-sourced the construction of new storm water drains and improved the existing storm water drainage systems.
7. Cleanliness: Initiated beautifying the town, Urban designs carried out for core town, plant nursery is set up, parks are developed, collection of waste has been increased and segregation of waste is also carried out and encouraged.

Achievement in softer components:



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- QMS, RAMIS, Asset Digitalization Recording, G2C, ICT Clustered, Geo-Tech study carried out. Topo-Survey of LAPs completed and Omchhu Detailed Project Review done.

Other Initiatives:

- Phuentsholing entered as self-sustainable office in 2016
- Equipped and improved Management system
- Introduce Thromde Annual Picnic including teachers
- Launched Thromde Coordination Football Tournament with the other Thromde Offices.

Safety and Security:

- Security to be entailed within the communities by initiating PPPP
- CCTV to be installed in every possible area for safety and security of the people/properties

Once again, Dasho expressed his gratitude to the Dungkhag Administration, Royal Bhutan Police, Regional Heads and Phuentsholing Thromde for the cooperation rendered and working as a team/family during any kind of disaster in Phuentsholing. With every year, the team work has been further enhanced as a result, we have succeeded in combating every disaster, including the current unseen pandemic (noble COVID 19).

Lastly, Thromde Management has played the role of the backbone to the LG members in fulfilling their manifestos presented to the public during the campaign times. Without the support of the Thromde Management, the LG Members will be at failure further causing embarrassment in front of the public. Dasho ended the presentation of the achievements by wishing all a successful future endeavor and extended the wishes to the next LG members too.

Vote of Thanks:

Mrs. Chunku Dawa, Thuemi of Phuentsholing Mead gave the vote of thanks for the session. She expressed her appreciation to the support extended by the LG colleagues, Thromde Management and all Regional Offices during the last five years of their tenure.

The Final Tshogde ended with serving of lunch to the attendees.

(Uttar Kumar Rai)
Chairperson.

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