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Governor for more welfare measures for ex servicemen

Itanagar, Sept.22: The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh General (Retd) J.J. Singh attended a meeting of State Managing Committee to review the initiatives taken up for the welfare of ex-servicemen in the State at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 22nd September 2012, **reports PRO to Governor.**

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that the ex-servicemen (ESM) are disciplined and professional people and State Government needs to utilize this pool of talented human resource. He advised the members to start small, grow more.

Appreciating the idea of setting up of an ex-servicemen Corporation, a self sustaining organization to fulfill the need and aspiration of the ex-servicemen and their dependents, former Chief of Indian Army said that it will help in channelizing employment opportunities to retired personnel and give them a rightful place in the society. With right persons and with proper advice such organization will definitely help the ex-servicemen to avail Government of India welfare schemes and programmes, which are kept for them

Referring to tourism potential of Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor said that the ex-servicemen have huge scope for jobs as guides, instructors and in security establishments. He added that these abled retired personnel also have huge opportunities for employment in hydropower and road projects, which are coming up in the State. He expressed his hope that disciplined organization of the ESM will help in tapping employment opportunities for their former associates in a better way.

Finance and Home Commissioner Ramesh Negi, Secretary to Governor and Secretary Planning Ankur Garg, Special Secretary (Finance) Swati Sharma, Special Secretary (Home) Shalini Goel, Deputy Commissioner Capital Complex Sanjay Goel, Director Disaster Management YW Ringu and officials from Disaster Management, labour and employment also took part in the broad discussion.

Wing Commander Gyati Kago and Hony. Captain Lobsang Monpa, President ESM Association participated in the deliberations.

Earlier, Brigadier (Retd) Ramesh Bhatia gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposal for formation a State Government Ex-Servicemen Corporation in the line of Uttarakhand Purv Sainik Kalyan Nigam Ltd (UPNL).

Giving a brief background, Brigadier Bhatia said that a very large number of ex-servicemen (ESM) who are highly disciplined and well-trained proceed on retirement, every year in order to maintain a youthful profile of the Armed Forces. Earlier these persons were exploited to work at low wages by unscrupulous placement agencies. To check this trend the Government of India established an Inter Service organization as the Director General of Resettlement (DGR), functioning directly under the Department of ESM Welfare Ministry of Defence. The DGR had requested all State Governments to form their respective State Government Corporations. But till year 2003, seven states only, namely Punjab, HP, UP, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal formed their corporations.

Brigadier Bhatia, who has been with UPNL since its inception further said that in year 2000, when Uttarakhand became a separate State, it decided to establish its own ESM Corporation but it took the State Government nearly 04 years to commence its operations. UPNL was established on 1st March 2004 under the Central Govt. Companies Act 1956 and empanelled with the DGR, MOD, New Delhi as a Security Agency.

Sharing his experience, Brigadier Bhatia informed that UPNL commercially operates as a placement company on behalf of the State Government and bids for security and allied services in CPSUs, State PSUs and in private sector as well. The jobs are provided on contractual basis only to the ESM & other youth of Uttarakhand State. Since the jobs in Uttarakhand are limited, UPNL seeks contractual jobs outside the State as well. Volunteer potential job seekers who wished to proceed outside the State on higher wages are encouraged.

Brigadier Bhatia emphasized that focus is on providing employment and welfare measures rather than profit making.

As token of love and appreciation from people of Arunachal Pradesh, a Khadha and an Apatani shawl to Brigadier (Retd) Bhatia were presented by Director Disaster Management Ringu.

Sd/- Ome Tayeng, Asst. PRO