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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

No.B.11011/5/97-TRP, the 25th May, 2000. A Toy Train (Children's Train) is to be gifted by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Railways to the children of Mizoram free of cost. The matter has been pending for sometimes because of delay in selection of a suitable site.

With a view to speed up the project of Toy Train (Children's Train), the Govt. is pleased to constitute a Committee as follows :—

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| (1) Commissioner, Transport, Sport & Youth Services etc. | — Chairman |
| (2) Director of Transport | — Member-Secretary |
| (3) Director of Sports & Youth Services | — Member |
| (4) Director of Tourism | — " |
| (5) Dy. Secretary, Transport | — " |
| (6) C.E. PWD (Zone-I) | — " |
| (7) Director of Social Welfare Deptt. | — " |

The Committee may co-ordinate implementation of the project of Toy Train and get it established at Tuirial Airfield.

The following decisions have also been taken with the approval of Chief Minister and the concerned Ministers and Chief Secretary for immediate action :

- (1) Considering all aspects, it has been decided that the project of Children's Train (Toy Train) will be implemented at the Tuirial Airfield. The tracks for the train at the periphery of the air field will be laid without affecting the run-way and other air craft landing facilities. Similarly the Director of Sports and Youth Services will implement the project of the Sports Deptt. Without affecting the air field in the space available after providing space for laying of tracks for the Toy Train.

(2) It has also been decided that the activities of the Sports Deptt, and the scheme of operating Toy Train will be suitably integrated for the benefits of Children and the Youths.

(3) The Directorate of Social Welfare will earmark an approx. amount of Rs. 20 lakhs in two years, i.e., Rs. 10 lakhs in the current year and remaining amount next year to meet the expenditure involved in laying track, signalling and Stations will be constructed at two opposite ends of the tracks.

(4) Ministry of Railways will bear the cost of Diesel Railway engine and two bogies.

(5) The Children's Train once installed will be operated on day to day basis by the Social Welfare Deptt.

(6) The Transport Deptt. will look after the maintenance and repair of the Diesel Railway engine and bogies. P.W.D. will look after maintenance of track and civil structures.

(7) As per the schematic pattern, the track will be got constructed through the agency of Railways, as per the scheme.

As the project is getting delayed, all concerned Department may give due importance for implementation of the project.

B.V. Selvaraj,
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