

## Interactive Discussion with Mr. Ratnakar Gaikwad, IAS, Chief Secretary, GoM

On the occasion of 50th Annual General Meeting, Maharashtra Economic Development Council (MEDC) has organized interactive discussion with Mr. Ratnakar Gaikwad, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra on '**Development Priorities & Policies by Maharashtra State**'.

Welcome remarks were delivered by Mr. Vithal Kamat, President, MEDC. In his speech, he raised some of the issues given below :

- Need for Skill Development
- Vocational Education
- Governance
- Agriculture & Water
- Raising Agricultural Production & Productivity
- Agro based Industries
- Urbanisation

### Points discussed by Mr. Ratnakar Gaikwad, IAS, Chief Secretary, GoM

Maharashtra would like to focus on few key areas:

1. NREGA
  - This scheme started in 2005
  - The current year target for employment generation is Rs 5000 Crore.
  - Out of 28,000 villages, 21,000 villages work have started when the scheme was introduced and by October 2011 the work will be started in all the grampanchayats.
  - Target: 60,000 toilets to be constructed in next 3 years
2. Skill Development Program
  - India needs Skill Development
  - Our target is to train 50 million people by 2021
  - India will have to do skill upgradation
  - Every year 5 million people needs to be trained
  - 1000 ITIs Govt as well as Private
  - There are tremendous gap in Skill Development
  - If there is proper tie up between Govt. & Industry, then we can train people with the help of corporate/industry
3. Child Labour
  - We have around 7 lakh child labour in Maharashtra. Some Child labourers are in hazardous industries
4. Tourism
  - We have lots of resources but we need good agencies to develop it. Maharashtra is blessed with 720 km coast line where we need to develop tourism.
5. Sericulture
  - Earlier Maharashtra has 2 tons of silk production, whereas Karnataka had 4000 tons and now it is 200 tons in Maharashtra and we have to take it to 1000 tons
  - Sericulture will be used to generate employment opportunities
6. Open Defecation Free Cities – (ODFs)
  - Make Mumbai Slum Free



Mr. Ratnakar Gaikwad, IAS Chief Secretary, GoM, is addressing the Meeting Others from L to R are : Mr. D.M. Sukthankar, IAS (Retd), Mr. Ravi B. Budhiraja, IAS (Retd) Director General Mr. Vithal Kamat, President & Cdr. Dipak Naik, Vice - President, MEDC and Sharad Kale, IAS (Retd)

7. Port Development
  - 6 ports are coming up
8. Domicile Certificate
  - Elimination of corruption
  - Procedure & simplification of Domicile Certificate
9. Collection and Disposal of Solid Wastes
  - Work started at Taloja
10. E-governance
  - We have the Online Development Commission
  - The system should improve
11. Malnutrition
  - SAM & MAM cases
12. Forest cover
  - Effective 10%
  - Developing 33% within next 5 years
  - Rs 100 crore plants every year
13. Mumbai Sanitation
  - People should have 24/7 water supply
  - Sewage treatment should be 100%
  - 8000 toilet seats constructed in Pune during 1 year
14. Water Quality
  - Flouride in many parts of the state
  - Core group set up for social development, tribal development etc.
15. Old age Policies
  - It will be approved by the Govt.
16. Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor & Delhi Freight Corridor
  - DMIC are of top priority
17. Removal of encroachments
  - Reduce the gap of Demand & Supply
18. To make Mumbai Global Financial Capital
19. Redevelopment of Old Building
20. Modernisation of MSRTC Bus Depots
21. SEZ Policy (announcement of SEZ Policy) by Govt. is needed as early as possible
22. 60 odd sites identified for port development

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## Questions & Answers



Audience at the Meeting

### Mr. Krishnan Khanna

- Itt Kharagpur used their land for agriculture purpose and with the use of advanced techniques they are able to reduce water consumption.
- Adivasi Land / Nagrana Land

### Mrs. Meenal Modikar

- MSMEs schemes which are available on Gol website. But we are not getting it.

### Ms. Vinda Wagh

- Evacuation of containers, which are going to increase after the completion of new terminal
- Is Maharashtra Govt thinking investment in Solar Sector?

### Ms. Neela Khandge

- Reluctance of Government officials to listen carefully on what industry says – as experienced by Bankers.
- Virus on Maharashtra Govt. Website. So need to improve the website

### Mr. Ashish Pednekar

- No discrimination should be made on Port issues between major & non-major port
- Road conditions are bad
- Website of Maharashtra Govt should be user friendly

### Mr. V.Y. Tamhane

- In the development of Seri culture, cotton requires lot of attention. There is tremendous demand for cotton. (Cotton production 500 kg per hectore)

### Mr. Rajan Vaidya

- Migration of industry units/plants to other states is very serious problem which Maharashtra is facing.

### Mr. Vivek Sharma

- Need for Low cost housing.
- Development of tourism is needed.

### Mr. Rajiv Patil (Vasai-Virar)

- Rise in Illegal Housing
- Facing lot of Social Problems.
- MHADA should construct provide Low cost houses
- Lease renewal of 1500 acre land at Vasai-Virar District
- Sewage Problem. Only 10% area covered

- Need gas Pipeline
- Vasai fort should be developed as tourist destination
- We have good churches, temples. Jivdani Mandir is one of the famous temple in Mumbai. People come to visit from all over Mumbai
- We are blessed with 34 kms coast line
- We are thinking of developing snake park, Aquamarine park, Botanical Garden etc.
- We target to plant 2 lakh plants

### Mr. Datar

- There is a need for traffic management & traffic calming in Mumbai
- If SEZ Act applied in MIDC notified area then what will happen?
- We have to look up CRZ Rules while developing (720 km coast line)
- Job created versus job lost data should be available on Maharashtra website
- Regarding traffic management issues, UMTA has to be activated

### Answers given by Mr. Ratnakar Gaikwad, (IAS) in response to questions asked

- He has taken a note of Skill Development, E-Governance, MSMEs, Port Development Issues.
- Private participation requirement of construction and maintenance of toilet blocks (seats).
- A Mega Solar Project is coming up in Dhule.
- Solar project attract investment in State. No other state than Maharashtra gives VAT refund in case of cash incentive. But, the projects should be affordable to the State.
- Think Tank should be set up for Port Development
- TUFS – give 5 lakh people employment in Maharashtra
- 100 Mega Projects – net addition to employment
- Lots of mega projects is coming in Maharashtra
- The districts where NREGA is not require inform the Govt. State

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