

Press release from PHED

Namchi, August 07: A 'Public Awareness cum Consultative Meeting' was organised on August 06, 2025, at Town Hall Namchi for Setting up of piped Sewerage System for the Urban Local Bodies.

The public consultation was organised in line with the directives of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to actively engage with the esteemed public of the area to address all issues before finalising the DPR.

The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Minister UDD Shri. Bhoj Raj Rai, co-chaired by Hon'ble MLA Namchi Singithang Shri Satish C. Rai and Hon'ble Chairman NMC Shri Ganesh Rai as special guest. The meeting had the presence of a large number of land owners, stake holders, elected representative like Hon'ble Councilors and Hon'ble Panchayats, a large number of public and ADC Namchi, MEO NMC and PHED Team. The programme was compered by DE PHED Namchi Shri Yadav Adhikari.

To start the programme, Chief Engineer PHED Shri J. B. Basnet welcomed the august gathering after which a power point presentation was made by Secretary PHED Shri Sailendra Sharma explaining the need and necessity to migrate from the septic tank system to piped network system and its environmental benefits. PPT included the indicative piped network and proposed location of STPs.

This was followed by open house interaction where the general public and stakeholders were invited and encouraged to express their doubts, reservations, opinions and questions on the proposal.

The meeting saw active participation from a large number of members of the public, who voiced their apprehensions, doubts, and queries.

Clarifications and answers were presented by the Chair, co-Chair and the Secretary PHED.

The Department reiterated its commitment to improving public health and assured that all STPs will operate in strict compliance with the Environmental Protection Act. The performance of these STPs is regularly monitored by the National Green Tribunal, the Central Pollution Control Board, and the State Pollution Control Board to ensure adherence to prescribed standards.

Consequently, the public can be assured that there will be no deterioration in air quality or the surrounding environment near the proposed STP sites, it was informed.

The meeting concluded with address by both the Hon'ble Minister UDD and Hon'ble MLA Namchi Singithang and Vote of Thanks by Shri Sanjiv Rai PCE PHED, followed by light refreshments.