

**Government of Nagaland
Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department
(Administrative Reforms Branch)**

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

No.AR-13/12/78 (PT)

Dated Kohima, the 7th Dec' 1999.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that certain misconceptions have been created on Constitution of Boards of Committees by the Government where often officer presiding over the meeting happens to be junior to some of the officers attending the said meeting drawing higher scale of pay etc. Objections have been raised from certain quarters on such issues.

It has now been clarified by the Government that the Commissioners & Secretaries/ Secretaries is the Head of the Department and as such the Constitution of any Committee would take into account of this position irrespective of the pay drawn by other officers. For any meeting where a Department is the sponsoring agency, the Commissioner/Secretary of the Department will be the Chairman/Chairperson of such Committees or Boards. The Warrant of Precedence shall not apply to such functional aspects of governance.

Sd/- A. M. GOKHALE
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Nagaland