

to the public, the press and any citizen or authorized representatives of any organization, group of citizen, who may attend and be heard on any subject matter properly in view;

- (b) seek inputs from the relevant statutory bodies as the commissioner may determine;
- (c) consider and reflect as may be deemed appropriate the input of the bodies and persons referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section.

17.(1) The commissioner shall before the end of the second quarter of each financial year, present the Medium -Term Expenditure Framework to the State Executive Council for consideration and endorsement.

Time limit for presentation

(2) The medium -Term Expenditure Framework as endorsed by the State Executive Council shall take effect upon approval by a resolution of the House.

(3) The Medium - Term Expenditure Framework as approved by the House shall be published in the Gazette.

18.(1) Subject to Sub-Section (2) of this Section, the Governor may cause adjustment to be made to a Medium Term Expenditure Framework.

Governor to cause adjustment

(2) Any adjustments to the Medium Term Expenditure Framework shall be limited to:

- (a) the corrections of manifest error; and
- (b) changes in the fiscal indicators which in the opinion of the Governor are significant.

19. Local Government which so desires shall be assisted by the State Government to manage its fiscal affairs within the Medium Term Expenditure Framework.

Assistance to Local Governments

#### **PART VI – THE ANNUAL BUDGET**

20.(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Law or any other Law, the Medium Term Expenditure Framework shall be the basis for the preparation of the estimates of revenue and expenditure required to be prepared and laid before the House under Section 121 (1) of the Constitution.

Medium term expenditure framework to be basis for preparing estimates

(2) The Sectoral and compositional distribution of the estimates of the expenditure referred to in Sub- Section (1) of this Section shall be consistent with the medium term developmental priorities set out in