ANNEXURE - II

SUGGESTED PARKING POLICY FOR SHILLONG URBAN AGGLOMERATION

Parking is one of the major urban problems of Shillong Urban agglomeration today. The increase in population and high rate of vehicle ownership are the major cause of parking problem and traffic congestion. Since organised parking is practically not found in the region - it is of paramount importance to suggest a practical car parking policy for this hill town. As inadequate traffic and parking facilities not only involve loss of time but also losses of different nature. Such as heavy fuel consumption, wear and tear of vehicles, tyres, and other equipment which ultimately affect the price structure of the various articles manufactured by the industry. Hence on the basis of field study, following parking proposals are made:-

1. Double storey parking lot at Mawlonghat - It is suggested to set up a double storey parking lot with provision for parking thirty five light vehicles and ten heavy vehicles. The parking capacity cannot be increased because of the unavailability of space. The parking facilities in this site will eliminate the serious congestion faced at the immediate vicinity of the market. This site should also have the provision of loading and unloading of goods from the vehicles.

2. Two-tier Bus and Truck terminus opposite Anjalee Cinema - It is suggested to set up a two-tier parking lot opposite to Anjalee Cinema where the present parking of trucks are being done. The site may be extended to the delapidated Jowai bus stand of MSTC and the first tier may serve as the terminus for regional buses and trucks and the ground floor may function as the MSTC bus station. This will prevent the parking of Regional and State Transport buses along the road and will also take care of unloading and loading of trucks.
3. **Two-tier Bus and Taxi terminus at Barabazar Point** - The existing city bus terminus is ideally located from the point of view of accessibility of passengers, however it is suggested to improve the site and make provision for additional buses by going for a two tier terminus. The upper tier can act as both a taxi and bus terminus and the lower tier for city buses only.

4. **Three-tier parking lot at Plot No.23 of the Shillong Cantonment** - It is proposed to set up a three-tier parking lot at the Shillong Cantonment Board near Plot No.23. The above land could be taken up for the construction of a three-tier parking lot keeping the two tiers for light vehicles and the lower tier for Mini Buses which can totally solve the problem of parking of private vehicles in the southern portion of Barabazar area and also serve as a mini bus terminus for the area. The area being commercially viable.

5. **Three tier parking lot at Mawkhar Main Road** - The present site of the Inspector of Schools building at Mawkhar Main Road which is a very old building may be shifted to other suitable places and can be used for the construction of a three storey parking lot. Two storeys could be used for the parking of light private vehicles which will accommodate the present vehicles parked on the northern side of Barabazar area. One storey can serve as a taxi stand and it is also suggested that the present taxi stand at Mawkhar Point may be shifted to the new site.

6. **Truck terminus and loading and unloading centre at Gari Khana** - It is suggested to set up a truck terminus with loading and unloading facilities at the junction of the Lukier Road and G.S. Road and opposite the Ganesh Temple. The site which is more of a valley remains vacant at present and under the Cantonment Board. This site, if developed, would considerably reduce the high rate of parking of heavy vehicles along the Lukier Road and also at the Garikhana area where we find a number of whole sale foodgrain shops.
7. Two tier parking lot opposite Apex Bank - A high rate of traffic is generated by the State Bank, G.P.O. Meghalaya State Assembly and Shillong Club and other establishments located along this road. In absence of any organised parking spaces, on-street parking is being allowed along major parts of this road. To eliminate this problem, it is suggested to set up a double storey parking lot opposite to the Apex Bank and at the land adjoining Shillong Club. The ground floor could serve as a parking lot while the top floor could be developed as a restaurant with a view of the Wards' Lake. This will provide a unique entertainment facilities to the citizens and tourist.

8. Three tier parking lot at the Police Bazar - Since it is the most heavily congested area, it is suggested that the outdoor department of the Ganesh Das Hospital along with the residential quarters be shifted from Police Bazar point to the present site of the Earle Santoriam and a three-tier parking lot should be constructed at the site. The area seems ideal for parking of vehicles for shopping purposes in the Police Bazar area which incidentally happens to be the posh shopping centre of the city. Two storeys could be used for parking purposes and the additional storey could be rented out for commercial activities. Parking facilities created at this site can totally eliminate on-street parking, which is very rampant today in the Police Bazar area.

9. Laitumkhrah Parking lot - Laitumkhrah today has developed as the second most important commercial centre in the city and the area is developing day by day. The area does not have adequate parking facilities. Except near the bazar, there is no other organised parking space for private vehicles in Laitumkhrah. It is suggested that an organised parking space should be created somewhere near Laitumkhrah main road which can totally stop the on-street parking being done all along the road today. The place most ideal for such parking lots has to be considered.

10. Dhanketi Parking lot - With the coming up of a number of establishments in Dhanketi considerable activity has been generated and has led
to the need for the creation of a parking lot. It is proposed to set up a parking lot over the stream and just behind the Regional Office of the State Bank of India which acts more like a garbage dump today. This parking lot can accommodate the needs of a number of commercial, financial and educational establishments which have come up in and around Dhanketi recently.

11. Parking lot at Polo Bazar area - The Polo Bazar area has developed into a commercial centre with the coming up of a number of commercial establishments and also a municipal market. In this area, parking of private vehicles and taxis are commonly being done right at the Polo Bazar point in the absence of any organised parking area. To eliminate this problem, it is suggested that a single level parking lot along the stream and just opposite the Kali temple may be constructed which will serve parking of both private and public vehicles.

12. City Bus terminus at Nongthymmai - In Nongthymmai area, there are no serious problems of parking of private vehicles but there is an urgent need for the creation of a city bus terminus as the North Eastern Hill University is located here, which generate sufficient volume of traffic.

13. City Bus terminus at Mawlai - It is suggested to set up a city bus terminus at Mawlai and opposite the Polytechnic College. This will help in creating rural urban link and development of trade and commerce for the Umsning village.