

a danger of bird-hit to the aeroplanes. This aspect needs to be examined before taking a final decision on mangroves near the airport.

It can thus be seen that the present developmental activity is passing through a skewed phase. On the one hand, we want progress and industrial development, which requires power. On the other hand, all new projects coming up in various parts of country are being opposed.

Uranium, a radioactive material, is required in atomic power plants. It is available in the NE region near Shillong. The Government wants to start mining of radioactive material in Meghalaya, which is also being opposed.

It is requested that some leading sociologists, economists and social scientists examine the present situation from a social angle; and technocrats, engineers and scientists examine it from a scientific

point of view, and that they come up with some viable and practical approach for need-based development. This will help in sufficient power being available in the country.

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