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MINUTES OF THE 22nd MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MULTI-SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR MINORITY CONCENTRATION DISTRICTS OF GOALPARA (ASSAM), DAKSHIN DINAJPUR AND KOLKATA (WEST BENGAL), AND REVISED PLANS OF MEWAT, SIRSA (HARYANA) AND BARABANKI (U.P.).AT 10.30 A.M. ON 23rd, OCTOBER, 2009 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

A list of members and officials present in the meeting is annexed.

2. At the outset, the Chairman of the Empowered Committee stated that multi-sectoral development programme (MsDP) for minority concentration districts was now a flagship programme of the Central Government and the progress of implementation was reviewed on quarterly basis by the Delivery Monitoring Unit (DMU) in PMO. It was further stated that details of the status of implementation of multi-sectoral development (MsD) plans has also been placed on the Ministry's web-site. The details consisted of status of submission and approval of MsD plans and revised plans to the Ministry by the States, funds released to the States, progress of expenditure, number of work completed, in progress and yet to be started etc. Placing such details in the public domain would provide information to all and facilitate social audit. It was therefore imperative that the State Government implement the programme properly as per schedule and also have it reviewed and monitored regularly and closely. State Government should particularly ensure that there were no delays in the sanction and release of funds to the districts and by the districts to the implementing agency.

3. The Chairman of the Empowered Committee explained the background for identification of minority concentration districts (MCDs) and the scheme of a multi-sectoral development programme (MsDP) designed to address the 'development deficits' of such districts. The baseline survey carried out as envisaged in the programme not only brought out the updated position in respect of the relevant parameters used for identification of such district, but also ranked deficits in order of the extent of deprivation in the district. It was expected that the MsD plan submitted by the State Government would address the identified development deficits in order of priority so that the various MsD programme interventions would result in the improvement of the backwardness parameters of a minority concentration district and bring it at par with the national average. In case a deficit, ranked higher in the

order of deprivation, was not proposed to be addressed by the plan, it would be incumbent on the part of the District Level Committee and the State Level Committee to bring out the reasons for not doing so.

4. The Chairman stated that the fact that these districts were not just MCDs, having a substantial minority population, but were also districts comprising of other communities who suffer from the same backwardness and deprivation, should not be lost sight of. It was important to keep in mind that the large presence of minorities may have resulted in the identification of such districts for appropriate developmental intervention, but the scheme, while giving priority to villages/areas having a substantial minority population, was intended to benefit the district as a whole. Improving the relevant backwardness indices upto national averages was the primary mandate of the scheme for social inclusion. The programme envisages providing additional resources to various existing Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) which were already addressing national concerns with time-tested guidelines and implementation mechanism especially those included in the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities, for saturating them in MCDs. As envisaged in the programme, the States/UTs were advised to ensure that topping up Centrally Sponsored Schemes, wherever appropriate, could be proposed in the MsD plan as these were established schemes and could be implemented with ease without setting up new structures for implementing them. The Chairman emphasized that deviations from the existing guidelines of Centrally Sponsored Schemes was not permitted under the MsDP.

5. It was important to ensure that fund given for supplementing the resources for CSS under MsDP was to be treated as an additionality and the existing level of resources allocated under various CSS to the district was not to be reduced. To prevent diversion of funds from MCDs, the flow of fund to the district concerned in the previous year would be taken as a benchmark. It was crucial that basic requirements like primary and secondary education, skill development, safe drinking water, housing etc. were addressed first. The responsibility for eliminating duplication of work and avoiding double counting of a scheme under two funding sources vested with both the district authority and the State Government. It was stressed by the Chairman that accounts under MsDP should be maintained separately. The provision in para 19 of the scheme of MsDP requiring display of a board containing information of the date of sanction of the project, likely date of completion, estimated cost of the project, source of funding i.e. MsDP (Government of India), contractor(s) name and the physical target was pointed out. The State Government was advised to put up a permanent display on completion of each project.

6. The provision in para 15.1 of the scheme of MsDP laying down seven conditions to be fulfilled by the State Government/UT Administration for releasing fund and provision

for avoiding duplications were also pointed out. The representative from Haryana and West Bengal Government stated that these conditions have been fulfilled and were agreed to with the exception of setting up a dedicated IT enabled cell, which would be set up soon. The advice of the Ministry has been received and a proposal for sanctioning dedicated cells for the districts and State department would be sent immediately. In respect of UP Government too all condition were agreed, and a proposal has been received in the Ministry recently for setting up IT dedicated cells. The representative from the State Governments then confirmed that the process of preparation of the MsD plan, consultation, recommendation and approval as laid down in the scheme of MsDP has been followed.

7. The Empowered Committee, which also has the function of an Oversight Committee, reviewed the progress of implementation of MsD projects approved for the districts of Haryana and UP. The status of expenditure and progress made were reported as follows:

MCD	Schemes	No. of units completed	No. of units for which work is in progress	Balance number of units for which work is yet to be started	Likely date of completion of the project	Expenditure till date (Rs. in lakh)
	Haryana					
Mewat	Strengthening of Mewat model schools (6)	Nil	06	Nil	31/12/10	120.00
	Construction of PHCs (5)	Nil	05	Nil	31/12/10	Nil
	Construction of CHC (1)	Nil	01	Nil	31/12/10	Nil
Sirsa	One unit of ACRs in schools (33)	Nil	22	11	Dec. 2009	20.31
	Two units of ACRs in schools (28)	Nil	20	8	Dec. 2009	33.00
	Three units of ACRs in schools (2)	Nil	2	Nil	Dec. 2009	4.76
	Construction of anganwadi centres (71)	Nil	41	30	Dec. 2009	61.50
	IAY houses (0000)	Nil	2000	Nil	Dec. 2009	309.90
	Uttar Pradesh					
Barabanki	IAY houses (6000)	--	3000	Nil	31 st Oct.,09	787.50
	PHSCs (15)	Nil	Nil	15	31 st Dec.,09	Nil

8. The Empowered Committee considered the multi-sectoral development plans for the districts of **Goalpara (Assam), Dakshin Dinajpur and Kolkata (West Bengal), and revised plans of Mewat, Sirsa (Haryana) and Barabanki (U.P.)**. The conclusions that emerged, after a power point presentation by the Deputy Commissioner/District officers concerned, for each district considered, clarifications and confirmation of the status and fulfillment of conditions of the guidelines by representative of Govt. of Assam, West Bengal

and UP, comments/clarifications from the members of the Empowered Committee and the representatives of Ministry/Department, were as follows:-

Item No. 1 Goalpara (Assam)

Goalpara was a category ‘A’ district having minority population 61.61%. It has socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. An amount of Rs 5760.00 lakh has been allocated for Goalpara District. The 8th Empowered Committee had given an administrative approval for installation of hand pumps etc. However, the said proposal was dropped by Government of Assam. Subsequently the Govt. of Assam submitted a fresh plan for Goalpara district which was considered in the 22nd meeting of EC.

A. Project approved:

(a) Indira Awas Yojana:

Households having pucca walls were ranked 2nd in the order of deficit in the baseline survey. It was informed by the representative of the State Government that total nos. of waitlist of BPL families was 1, 09,237. Out of that only 24158 would be given IAY houses by the year 2011-12 under the IAY Scheme leaving a gap of 85079. The proposal was for construction of 7500 IAY houses at a total cost of Rs. 2887.50 lakh. As the amount proposed for IAY houses was almost 50% of the total tentative allocation for Goalpara district, the Empowered Committee approved 5000 IAY houses to set aside funds for addressing other development deficits in the district.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 5000 IAY houses for a total cost of Rs.1925.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.1732.50 lakh and Rs. 173.25 lakh as State share as per the funding pattern of IAY between Centre and State in the ratio of 90:10 for North East States. The list of Gram Panchayat with percentage of minority population was provided by the State Govt. It was stressed by the Committee that BPL families should be selected in order of their serial number in the approved wait list for IAY houses irrespective of whether they belong to minority communities or other communities. The IAY houses constructed under MsDP would be reported to the State Rural Development Department and the Ministry of Rural Development. The following approval was accorded:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (90%)	State Share (10%)	Total cost
(Lakh Rs.)						
1	Construction of IAY houses	5000	0.385	1732.50	173.25	1925.00

Release of 1st Instalment: The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

(b) Construction of Sub-centres and Labour Room:

15.02% of the deliveries in the district was institutional delivery against 38.7% of all India. There were 69 numbers of sub-centres which were functioning in the rented houses in Goalpara. Of these, 34 numbers of sub-centres funded by the 12th Finance Commission Award were under construction and another 13 was scheduled to start shortly, leaving a gap of 22 sub-centres. It was informed that the existing labour rooms were only makeshift arrangement and there was a need to attach labour rooms with peripheral health centres. State Govt. proposed for construction of 22 Sub-centres @ Rs. 7.50 lakh and 15 nos. of labour rooms @ Rs. 6.00 lakh at a total cost of Rs. 216.75 lakh (central share). The Empowered Committee approved the proposal on the condition that the State govt. will ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification, design and unit cost is in accordance with the guideline in this regard and approved by the State mission director/department concerned. It shall be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost approved under all sources of central funding. Besides, the estimates would be approved by the competent engineering department of the State government. Villages /areas having the highest minority population would be given preference for implementation of the project and the district administration will indicate that centres located in villages/areas with the highest minority population have been selected. A list of villages/areas of minority population, where the project is to be implemented will be submitted to the Ministry. To avoid duplication, the State Mission director will ensure that the units constructed under MsDP funds were recorded in the requisite records and also report the achievement made under MsDP to the M/o Health and Family Welfare. It was confirmed that land and staff were available and the design, specification and cost have been approved by the State NRHM Director. The Empowered Committee approved the proposal as per NRHM funding norms in the following manner:-

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (85%)	State Share (15%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	Construction of sub-centres	22	7.50	140.25	24.75	165.00
2	Construction of labour room	15	6.00	76.50	13.50	90.00
	Total			216.75	38.25	255.00

Release of 1st Instalment: The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total central share.

(c) Construction of additional Female Wards for MPHC/SHC/SD/BPHC/PHCs:

15.02% of the deliveries in the district were institutional delivery against 38.7% of all India. The State representative informed that adequate female wards were not available and these health centres were located in villages with high minority population. State Govt. proposed for construction of 35 additional Female Wards @ R. 7.00 lakh at a total cost of Rs.

208.25 lakh (central share). It was clarified by the State Govt. representative that the proposal for construction of additional Female Ward was for MPHC/SHC/SD/BPHC/PHCs. It was confirmed that the proposed female wards for MPHC/SHC/SD/BPHC/PHCs were in minority concentration areas and the list of villages/areas covered by each centres/units along with percentage of minority population would be provided. Land and staff were available and the design, specification and cost have been approved by the State NRHM Mission Director. The Committee approved the proposal as per NRHM funding norms in the following manner:-

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (85%)	State Share (15%)	Total cost
(Lakh Rs.)						
1.	Construction of female ward	35	7.00	208.25	36.75	245.00

Release of 1st Instalment: The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total central share.

(d) Upgradation of high, higher secondary school and Madrasa Schools:

Total literacy and female literacy rate in the district were 70.00% and 64.84% respectively in the base line survey of the district. It was stated by the representative of Assam Govt. that these high schools, higher secondary schools and high Madrasas proposed to be upgraded were all functioning under Govt. of Assam. The Principal, Head Masters and Superintendent with staff of the school were drawing salary from Govt of Assam. It was informed that demand under elementary education has been saturated and that there was high dropout in high/higher secondary levels. One of the reasons cited for high dropout was shortage of class rooms. The representative of State Government confirmed that these schools and Madarasa were Government schools and clarified specifically that the Madrasa were teaching modern subjects and were a regular school except that one subject on spiritual matters was taught. The students of these Madrasa schools were taking the examinations of the State Secondary Board. Proposal was for the construction of 258 Additional Class Rooms (ACRs) in high, higher secondary schools and Madrasa schools at a total cost of Rs. 657.90 lakh @ Rs. 2.55 lakh.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 217 Additional Class Rooms (ACRs) on the condition that the State Government would provide a list of villages /areas having the highest minority population which would be given preference for implementation of the project and the district administration will indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected. Additional Class Rooms for 15 schools (minus-41 ACRs) were not approved by the Committee as they were not located in the area having more than 15% minority population. The following approval was accorded as per Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)/ Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) funding norms:-

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (90%)	State Share (10%)	Total cost
(Lakh Rs.)						
1.	Additional class rooms in High, higher secondary schools and Madrasas	217	2.55	498.01	55.34	553.35

Release of 1st Instalment: The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

B. In-principle approval

(a) Upgradation of New ITI at Goalpara:

Total work participation and female work participation have been ranked as 10th and 6th respectively in the baseline survey of the district. The proposal was for upgradation of an ITI at Goalpara at a total cost of Rs. 101.13 lakh. It was stated by the Deputy Commissioner that the proposal has been proposed as per the guidelines for skill training and was cleared by the State Technical Education department. The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval to the proposal subject to the condition that State Government would provide a detailed project report prepared in consultation with the State technical education/labour department undertaking to provide staff, land and recurring cost, etc and provide the percentage of minority population covered by the institute. The State Government should include in this DPR, the capacity of enrolment in the institute, subject/courses taught and the status of the institute as to whether it was NCVT or SCVT recognized ITI. In-principle approval was accorded in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. Units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total Cost
(Lakh Rs.)						
1	Upgradation of ITI at Goalpara	1	101.13	101.13	-	101.13

The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total central share as 1st instalment after the comments on the DPR are received and proposal cleared by the concerned Ministry/Department.

C. Proposal to be resubmitted to the Ministry:

The proposal for assistance to handloom weavers for an amount of Rs. 62.98 lakh and construction of common facility centres for upliftment of handloom weavers for Rs. 156.78 lakh was considered by the committee. The committee advised the representative of the State Govt. to submit Detailed Project Reports based on the scheme of Integrated Handloom Development Programme (IHD) of the M/o Textiles so that the same may be forwarded to that Ministry for appraisal and comments.

Summary of projects of Goalpara (Assam) district approved by the Empowered Committee:

Sl no	Name of the project for Goalparar district (Assam)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
Rupee in lakh								
Administrative Approval								
(a)	Construction of IAY houses	90:10	5000	0.385	1732.50	173.25	1925.00	866.25
(b)	Construction of subcentres	85:15	22	7.50	140.25	24.75	165.00	70.13
(c)	Construction of labour room	85:15	15	6.00	76.50	13.50	90.00	38.25
(d)	Construction of Female wards	85:15	35	7.00	208.25	36.75	245.00	104.13
(e)	Additional class rooms in high/higher secondary schools and Madarasa schools	90:10	217	2.55	498.01	55.34	553.35	249.00
Sub-total					2655.51	303.59	2978.35	1327.76
In-principle approval								
(a)	Upgradation of New ITI at Goalpara	100:00	1	101.13	101.13	-	101.13	50.57
Grand Total					2756.64	303.59	3079.48	1378.33

General observations of the Empowered Committee: Tentative allocation for Goalpara was Rs.5760.00 lakh. Hence the balance amount available would be Rs.3003.36 lakh. The State Government representative was advised to work out a revised plan for the balance fund available in accordance with the guidelines of the MsDP keeping in view the proposals which have already been approved under MsDP for Assam and other States/UTs. The revised plan was advised to be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority. Wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be sent with the commitment that recurring costs including staff requirement would be met fully by the State Government.

Item No. 2 Dakshin Dinajpur (West Bengal)

Percentage of Total minority population was 25.51%. Dakshin Dinajpur was a category 'A' district i.e., it has socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. An amount of Rs 3570.00 lakh has been allocated for Dakshin Dinajpur District.

(i) Project approved:

(a) Construction of Additional Class Room (ACR) in High Schools:

Total literacy and female literacy rate has been ranked 5th and 6th in the base line survey of the district. Total numbers of primary and upper primary schools were 1359 in the district and 16 Govt. Madrasas. Gram Panchayats (GP) having population of 24.02% or above has been considered as minority concentration GP. Proposal was for the construction of 46 Additional Class Rooms (ACRs) in primary/upper primary and high schools at a total cost of Rs. 230.00 lakh @ Rs. 5.00 lakh. The representative of State Government confirmed that these schools were Government schools. The Empowered Committee considered the proposal and felt that the unit cost was not based on the approved unit cost for ACRs under SSA for West Bengal and that the issue of avoiding duplication of ACRs for primary and upper primary schools could not be clarified by the representative from the State Govt. However, ACRs for high schools could be considered as this was funded under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) which has been launched recently.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for the construction of 7 ACRs in high schools @ Rs. 3.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs. 21.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs. 13.65 lakh and Rs. 7.35 lakh would be the State share in the ratio of 65:35 as per the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) funding pattern. The Empowered Committee approved the proposal on the condition that the State government would provide a list village along with their minority population and percentage of minority population where these class rooms were to be constructed. The State Govt. will ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification, design and unit cost was in accordance with the guidelines in this regard and obtain approval of the mission director/department concerned. It should also be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost approved under any other sources of central funding. Besides, the estimate should be approved by the competent engineering department. The ACRs constructed under MsDP would be reported to the State RMSA Mission Director who will include it in the relevant details and report to the Ministry of Human Resource Development. For remaining 39 additional class rooms proposed to be constructed in primary/upper primary schools, it was advised by the Committee to ascertain whether these were not covered under SSA. The following approval was accorded:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (65%)	State Share (35%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	Additional class rooms in High schools	7	3.00	13.65	7.35	21.00

Release of 1st Instalment: The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

(b) Construction of building for anganwadi centres (AWCs):

84.2% are fully vaccinated children which were above the national average of 43.5%. However, it was informed by the State representative that there were 3207 functional centres out of which 156 have their own buildings. Funds have been received for construction of 334 aganwadi centres from other funding sources. The gap was 126 AWCs. The availability of land and staff was confirmed. It was clarified by Deputy Commissioner concerned that around 35 to 40 AWCs were funded under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) annually. The proposal was for construction of 42 anganwadi centres at a total cost of Rs.210.00 lakh @ Rs. 5.00 lakh. The proposal was revised upward by the representative of State Govt. and the Deputy Commissioner and the number proposed was raised to 126 AWCs. State Govt. representative agreed to provide a list of villages along with the percentage of minority population where anganwadi centres were proposed to be constructed. The Empowered Committee clarified that the unit cost recommended by the M/o Women and Child Development was Rs.3.00 lakh , subject to the condition that the centres would be constructed as per the design, specification and norms of the M/o Women and Child Development and centres would have a kitchen, store room, toilet and playing space and in addition a crèche/day care centre. The State Government will ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification, design and unit cost is in accordance with the guidelines in this regard and approved by the State's department concerned.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 126 anganwadi centres @ Rs. 3.00 lakh per unit for a total cost of Rs. 378.00 lakh on the condition that the villages /areas having the highest minority population will be given preference for implementation of the project and the district administration will indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected. The anganwadi centres constructed under MsDP will be reported to the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The Empowered Committee approved the proposal as follows:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	Construction of anganwadi centres	126	3.00	378.00	--	378.00

Release of 1st Instalment: The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

C. Proposal to be resubmitted to the Ministry:

(i) Indira Awas Yojana:

The information relating to waitlist BPL families was not available. The proposal for construction of 1444 IAY houses under MsDP was based on the list of BPL families belonging to the minority communities which was contrary to the guidelines of the programme. The Deputy Commissioner was advised that MsDP was a programme for intensive development and benefits for the whole district and all communities. The guidelines of CSS in this regard were to be kindly followed. The committee advised the representative of State government to provide data on BPL waitlist and if this gap was not covered by the allocation of Ministry of Rural Development, a proposal may be made in the revised district plan for the balance fund available for the district.

(ii) Installation of Mark-II Tube well:

While considering the proposal, the representative from the D/o Drinking Water Supply stated that there was a risk of duplication and the representative of State Government was advised to consult and obtain the approval of State PHED to the proposal and provide a letter from the State PHED that there would be no duplication of work and the proposal may be considered for approval and sanction under MsDP. The proposal could be resubmitted for consideration in case it is recommended by State PHED.

Summary of projects of Dakshin Dinajpur (West Bengal) district approved by the Empowered Committee:

Sl no	Name of the project for Dakshin Dinajpur district (West Bengal)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
				Rupee in lakh				
Administrative Approval								
1	Additional class rooms in High schools	65:35	7	3.00	13.65	7.35	21.00	6.83
2	Construction of anganwadi centres	100:00	126	3.00	378.00	--	378.00	189.00
	Total				391.65	7.35	399.00	195.83

General observations of the Empowered Committee: Tentative allocation for Dakshin Dinajpur was Rs.3570.00 lakh. Hence the balance amount available would be Rs.3178.35 lakh. The State Government representative was advised to work out a revised plan for the balance fund available in accordance with the guidelines of the MsDP keeping in view the proposals which have already been approved under MsDP for West Bengal and other States/UTs. The revised plan was advised to be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority. Wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be sent with the commitment that recurring costs including staff requirement would be met fully by the State Government.

Item No. 3 Kolkata (West Bengal)

Total minorities population was 21.63%. Kolkata was a category 'B-1' district i.e., it has socio-economic parameters below the national average. An amount of Rs 2340.00 lakh has been allocated for Kolkata District. It was stated by the representative from Kolkata Municipal Corporation that they have constitute a district level committee for preparation, consideration, and approval of the district plan under MsDP. The project proposal has been cleared by the committee. The proposal has been made only for those areas which have semi-rural characteristics.

(i) Project approved:

(a) Construction of anganwadi centres:

There are 12 ICDS project areas in Kolkata under which 1470 Anganwadi centres are operational. All centres are without building. The proposal was for the construction of 100 anganwadi centres in minority concentration areas where separate land or land within the premises of a school was available for a total cost of Rs. 300.00 lakh @ Rs. 3.00 per unit.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 100 anganwadi centres @ Rs. 3.00 lakh per unit for a total cost of Rs. 300.00 lakh, subject to the condition that the centres would be constructed as per the design, specification and norms of the M/o Women and Child Development and centres would have a kitchen, store room, toilet and playing space and in addition a crèche/day care centre. The State Government will ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification, design and unit cost is in accordance with the guidelines in this regard and approved by the State's mission director/department concerned. A list of 100 localities with percentage of minority population where the AWCs would be constructed by the State Govt.will be provided.

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	Setting up of anganwadi centres	100	3.00	300.00	-	300.00

Release of 1st Instalment: The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

(b) Construction of new Urdu schools:

Percentage of total literacy and female literacy rate has been ranked 3rd and 4^h in the 2001 Census of the district. At present 50 schools with urdu medium of instruction which were functioning in the District. Around 12,000 BPL children from minority communities have been identified as out of school children as per Kolkata Municipal Corporation BPL survey. Out of 25 Urdu schools proposed under MsDP, only list of 15 schools has been given and remaining 10 would be provided later. Of this, location of only 7 school's location has been given in the district plan. It was clarified by representative from the Kolkata Municipal Corporation that these urdu schools are like primary schools upto the level of class-V standard. Unit cost was not given in district plan. It was informed by the State representative that the schools are recognized by District Primary School Council. Funds have not been given for these schools under SSA. It has been proposed to to construct two ACRs per school and the rate suggested was Rs. 5.00 lakh per ACR considering the construction and labour cost in the semi rural area. State share would be provided by the State Govt./Municipal Corporation.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for the construction of 23 new Urdu schools @ Rs. 10.00 lakh per school for a total cost of Rs. 230.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs. 149.50 lakh and Rs. 80.50 lakh would be the State share in the ratio of 65:35 as per the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan(SSA) funding pattern subject to the condition that the cost and design should be approved by the competent authority and localities/areas having the highest minority population will be given preference for implementation of the project and the municipal administration will indicate that localities/areas with the highest minority population have been selected. A list of localities along with the percentage of minority population will be provided. Two schools were not approved as they were not located in the area having a substantial minority population.

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (65%)	State Share (35%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	Construction of new Urdu Schools	23	10.00	149.50	80.50	230.00

Release of 1st Instalment: The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

(ii) In-principle approval

(a) Setting up Ward Health Units (WHU)

Kolkata Municipal Corporation's ward health unit provides preventive health care facilities as well as testing facilities for a broad range of diseases. Presently, KMC has health units in 110 wards. Ward Health Units (WHU) functions like PHCs in the urban areas. A list of Ward nos. (Without location/areas) of proposed WHU along with percentage of minority BPL and BPL population has been given. The representative from the M/o Health and Family Welfare stated that the National Urban Health Mission was under consideration for approval and advised that the proposal would need to be examined in that Ministry. It was noted that out of 15 proposed, 4 WHUs were having a substantial minority population.

The Empowered Committee considered and accorded in- principle approval to the proposal for the setting up 11 Ward Health Unit @ Rs. 36.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs. 396.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs. 336.60 lakh and Rs. 59.40 lakh would be the State share in the ratio of 85:15 as in the NRHM funding norms subject to the condition that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) may be prepared and forwarded to the Ministry for having it appraised and cleared from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. A list of locations and the minority population along with percentage of population covered by these centres would be provided.

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (85%)	State Share (15%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
a	Setting up Ward Health Units	11	36.00	336.60	59.40	396.00

The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total central share as 1st instalment after the comments on the DPR are received and proposal cleared by the concerned Ministry/Department.

(b) Construction of Community toilets:

It was submitted that construction of Community toilets in minority dominated areas would facilitate improved sanitation in these areas. These toilets could be run by Kolkata Municipal Corporation on nominated Neighbourhood Committees (NHCs) of the local community. Alternatively, KMC may also consider running this in partnership with a private player. A list of villages/areas for the proposed community toilets along with percentage of minority population would be given.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for construction of 150 community toilets at a unit cost of Rs. 1.40 lakh at a total cost of Rs. 210.00 lakh on condition that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) may be forwarded to the Ministry with the approval of Department of Housing and Poverty alleviation/Urban Development in the

State. It should be certified by the State Department that the estimate cost does not exceed the cost approved under the community toilet scheme. The DPR would be sent to the D/o HUPA for approval and clearance. The committee accorded approval in the following manner:-

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
a	Construction of Community toilets	150	1.40	157.50	52.50	210.00

The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total central share as 1st instalment after the comments on the DPR are received and proposal cleared by the concerned Ministry/Department.

C. The proposal to be resubmitted to the Ministry:

(i) Set up Tube wells :

Kolkata Municipal Corporation has proposed to install 200 tube wells in 20 ward with high concentration of minority population at a total cost of 1.6 crore based on Kolkata Municipal Corporation cost schedule. It was stated that this would ensure that the people get water that was not contaminated and would lead to improved health amongst the minority communities in these wards. These tube wells would supplement the existing pipe water supply in these areas.

The Committee considered the proposal and advised the representative of State government to obtain the approval of State PHED and a letter to the effect that there would be no duplication of work. A DPR may be submitted to the Ministry of Minority Affairs for obtaining the approval and clearance of the Department of Drinking Water Supply.

D. Proposal turned down:

IAY Houses: The proposal for construction of IAY houses was declined, as besides the non applicability of a rural housing scheme for such area, it was felt that availability of land would be an issue.

Summary of projects of Kolkata (West Bengal) district approved by the Empowered Committee:

Sl no	Name of the project for Kolkata district (West Bengal)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
Rupee in lakh								
Administrative Approval								
1	construction of anganwadi centres	100:00	100	3.00	300.00	-	300.00	150.00
2	Construction of new Urdu Schools	65:35	23	10.00	149.50	80.50	230.00	74.75
	Total				449.5	80.5	530.00	224.75
In-principle approval								
3	Setting up Ward Health Units	85:15	11	36.00	336.60	59.40	396.00	168.30
4	Construction of Community toilets	75:25	150	1.40	157.50	52.50	210.00	78.75
	Total				494.10	111.90	606.00	247.05
	Grand Total				943.60	192.40	1136.00	471.80

General observations of the Empowered Committee: Tentative allocation for Kolkata was Rs.3570.00 lakh. Hence the balance amount available would be Rs.1396.40 lakh. The State Government representative was advised to work out a revised plan for the balance fund available in accordance with the guidelines of the MsDP keeping in view the proposals which have already been approved under MsDP for West Bengal and other States/UTs. The revised plan was advised to be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority. Wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be sent with the commitment that recurring costs including staff requirement would be met fully by the State Government.

Item No. 4: Barabanki (UP)

The fund allocated for the MsDP plan for Barabanki district of UP was Rs 51.70 crore. District plan of Barabanki was considered in the 2nd Empowered Committee (EC) meeting held on 9th Sept., 2008. The **administrative approvals were given for Rs.1679.29 lakh (central share)** for the (i) IAY (ii) construction of Primary Health Sub-Centres (PHSCs) **and in principle approval for Rs. 157.00 lakh (central share)** for strengthening and upgradation of Govt. ITI were accorded by the 2nd Empowered Committee. In total, Empowered Committee has approved projects for **Rs.1836.29 lakh (central share)** out of the tentative allocation of Rs.5170.00 lakh, leaving a **balance of 3333.71 lakh**. The first instalment of Rs.8,39,64,000/- was released to the Government of UP for Barabanki for the IAY and PHSCs. District Plans for balance fund were considered by 22nd Empowered Committee Meeting held on 23.10.2009.

(i) Project Approved:-

(a) Construction of Anganwadi Centres (2nd Phase) :-

Only 31.40 % of children was fully vaccinated against 44.00% of all India. 2726 Anganwadi Centres have been sanctioned for the district. Out of 2726 Anganwadi Centres, 328 Anganwadi Centres have already been constructed and functioning from Govt. building and the remaining 2398 Anganwadi Centres are attached with Government Primary Schools, Panchayat Bhawan and other public places. The proposal was for construction of 233 Anganwadi Centres at a unit cost of 2.95 lakh of total cost of Rs.687.35 lakh. These were functional and land, staff and recurring cost were available. State Govt. will also provide a list of villages along with the proportion of minority population where the anganwadi centres were proposed to be constructed. It was assured by the State representative that the executing agency would be the ICDS Dept. and construction would be completed within one year.

The Empowered Committee clarified that the unit cost recommended by the Ministry of Women and Child Development was Rs.3.00 lakh for construction of an anganwadi Centre. The unit cost of Rs.2.95 lakh was found acceptable. The State Govt. will ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification design, and unit cost is in accordance with the guidelines in this regard and approved by the State Department concerned. It should also be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost approved under all other source of Central funding. Besides, the estimate should be approved by the competent engineering Department of the State Government. Villages with highest minority population where anganwadi centres are located would be given preference for implementation of the project. A list of villages/location with percentage of minority population, where the project is to be implemented will be submitted to the Central Government. District Administration will indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected. Anganwadi Centres constructed under MsDP will be reported

to the M/o Women and Child Development. The Empowered Committee approved the proposal as follows:-

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
(Lakh Rs.)						
1.	Construction of anganwadi centres	233	2.95	687.35	-	687.35

Release of 1st Installment: Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

(b) Construction of primary Health Sub-Centre (HPSCs) 2nd phase:-

Health indicator i.e. percentage of institutional deliveries of 12.72 % were below the national average of 48.7%. There was 353 health sub-centre in the district. Out of which 135 sub centres are working in the departmental building. 114 sub-centre had already been proposed under NRHM. The remaining 104 sub-centres was proposed at a unit cost of Rs. 8.18 for a total amount of Rs. 850.72 lakhs.

Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of building of 104 Primary Health Sub Centres (PHSCs) at unit cost of Rs. 8.18 Lakh for a total cost of Rs. 850.72 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs. 723.11 lakh and Rs. 127.61 lakh would be State share (85:15 between centre and state as per NRHM scheme). The proposal was approved on the condition that the proposal in terms of specification, norms, design and unit cost approved were in accordance with the guideline in this regard and approved by the State Mission Director/Department concerned. It shall be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost approved under all sources of central funding. Besides, the estimates should be approved by the competent engineering department of the State Government. A list of villages/areas of minority population, where the project is to be implemented will be submitted to the Ministry. To avoid duplication, the State Mission director will ensure that the units constructed under MsDP funds were recorded in the requisite records and also report the achievement made under MsDP to the M/o Health and Family Welfare. It was confirmed that land, recurring cost and staff were available and the design, specification and cost have been approved the State NRHM Director. Empowered Committee approved the proposal as follows:-

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (85%)	State Share (15%)	Total cost
(Lakh Rs.)						
1.	Construction of building of Primary Health sub-centre	104	8.18	723.11	127.61	850.72

Release of 1st Installment: Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

(c) Construction of additional class rooms (ACRs) in Government Primary and Junior High Schools.

Literacy rate (total) and female literacy rate have been ranked 6th and 7th in the baseline survey of the district respectively. There were 1915 primary and 724 Junior high schools in the district of which 07 Junior high school and 86 Primary Schools were not in good condition. The representative of State Govt. informed that the schools were 7 to 8 years old. The SSA scheme does not have provision for reconstruction of class rooms. Proposal was for construction 250 of additional class rooms at a unit cost of Rs.2.01 lakh for a total cost of Rs 502.50 lakh.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for the construction of 250 units at the rate of Rs. 2.01 Lakh in Government primary and Junior high schools for a total cost of Rs 502.50 lakh. Central share under MsDP would be Rs. 326.625 lakh and Rs.176.625 lakh would be the State share as per SSA funding pattern in the ratio 65:35. The State Government will ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification, design and unit cost is in accordance with the guidelines in this regard and obtain the approval of the State's mission director/department concerned. It should also be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost approved under all other sources of central funding. Besides, the estimate should be approved by the competent engineering department of the State Government. Villages with the highest minority population will be given preference for implementation of the project. A list of villages/locations with the percentage of minority population, where the project is to be implemented will be submitted to the Central Government. District administration will indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected. To prevent duplication, the Government of Uttar Pradesh would ensure that the ACRs funded under MsDP were reflected in the registers/data base maintained for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) by the SSA Mission Director and information sent to the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (65%)	State Share (35%)	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)		
1.	Construction of additional rooms	250	2.01	326.625	176.625	502.5

Release of 1st Installment: Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

(ii) Project approved in-principle:-

(a) Construction of Government inter college:

The proposal was for construction of Government College at a unit cost of Rs. 189.53 lakh and it was stated by the State Govt. representative that this rate is approved by the engineering department and the design, specification, norms, standard has been provided by the State education department. These are new colleges. State Government representative assured that the staff, land and recurring cost would be provided. These

colleges would be co- educational and would also be located in the minority populated areas. There were 13 government colleges in the district and all were functioning. Barabanki district has 15 blocks. As per the policy of Government of Uttar Pradesh at least one inter college was to be set up in each block of the district.

Empowered Committee supported the proposal for construction of three inters colleges to boost higher education in the district. Empowered Committee accorded in-principle to the construction of three inter colleges at a unit of Rs. 189.53 lakh for a total of Rs. 568.59 lakh. The approval was given with the condition that State Government would provide a detailed project report (DPR) prepared in consultation with the State education department undertaking to provide staff, land and recurring cost; etc with copies to the effect sanctioned by the State Government enclosed, and locate it in areas having the highest minority population. The State Government should include in the Detailed Project Report (DPR) the capacity of enrolment in the college, subject/courses taught and a list of villages indicating the percentage of minority population covered by the college. The in-principle approval was accorded as per Rastriya Madhayamik Siksha Abhiyan (RMSA) funding pattern in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. of units	Unit cost	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	Construction of Govt. Inter College	03	189.53	426.4425	142.1475	568.59

The Empowered Committee approved the release of 50% of the total central share as 1st instalment after the comments on the DPR are received and cleared by the concerned Ministry/Department.

(b) Strengthening of government polytechnic colleges:

Work participation and female work participation have been ranked as 4th and 2nd respectively in the base line survey of the district. The proposal was for construction of computer centre with 50 computers for training of students and equipments (like CRO, TV, Demonstrators, Model kit, color TV/Black and white TV and VCR etc) for vocational training at a total cost of Rs. 78.00 lakh. Members of the Empowered Committee pointed out that the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has an information and communication technology (ICT) scheme for providing computers to high and higher secondary schools. It was felt that the non-recurring cost worked out for the ICT scheme of the Department of School Education & Literacy would be adopted for this propose. This scheme permitted 10 computers only. However, a multiple of 5 times could be used for this proposal for providing 50 computers.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle to the proposal based on the ICT scheme funding pattern subject to the condition that State Government would provide a Detailed Project Report prepared in consultation with the State department concerned undertaking to provide staff, land and recurring cost, etc and provide the proportion of

minority population covered by the institute. The State Government should include in the Detailed Project Report (DPR), the capacity of enrolment in the institute, subject/courses to be taught, a certification, affiliation of institute etc. and the percentage and minority population covered by the institute. The in-principle approval was accorded in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1	Strengthening of Govt. Polytechnic;	1	43.00	43.00	--	43.00
	A-Construction of computer building					
	B-Installation of computer	50	0.60	30.00	--	30.00
	C-Supply of equipments	1	5.00	5.00	--	5.00
	Total			78.00	--	78.00

The Empowered Committee approved the release of 50% of the total central share as 1st instalment after the comments on the DPR are received and cleared by the concerned Ministry/Department.

(iii) Proposals requiring project details/profile for appraisal and comments of the Ministry/ Department concerned in case the State Government desired to pursue the proposal:

(a) Training of weavers (handloom cluster programme): The State Government was advised to prepare detailed project profile/DPR as per the specification and cost of handloom cluster development programme and training programme for weaving, dyeing & designing of Ministry of Textiles or scheme of vocational training programme of Ministry of Labour and Employment for obtaining the advice of the Ministry concerned.

(b) Computer System for training of Government Inter-college students and Government Students:- The State Government was advised to prepare detailed project profile/DPR as per the specification and cost of Ministry of Human Resource Development, D/o School Education and Literacy for ICT scheme.

(iv) Proposals declined by the Empowered Committee as they were declined/not identified as priority items in the baseline survey/not envisaged in the programme:

(a) Installation of Deep Bore hand Pumps: Availability of safe drinking water has been ranked 8th in the baseline survey of the district. The proposal was for the installation of 750 units of hand pumps with the unit cost of 0.3827 lakhs of total of Rs.136.62 lakh. It was clarified by District Magistrate that deep bore hand pumps were required for 323 quality problem villages and 357 were required to be installed in Anganwadi Centres, Health sub-centres and madarasas located in villages with minority concentration. The representative of D/o Drinking Water Supply pointed out that deep bore pumps were not being encouraged for quality problems villages as leaching of ground water from the

higher levels would contaminate all surrounding ground water sources. The Committee turned down the proposal based on the advice of representative of Department of Drinking Water Supply.

- (b) Construction of school building for disabled children:- State Government was advised that such project was not envisaged under MsDP.

(v) Summary of projects of Barabanki district approved by the Empowered Committee:-

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
					Rs. In Lakhs			
Administrative approval								
1	Construction of anganwadi centres	100:00	233	2.95	687.35	-	687.35	343.68
2	Construction of building of Primary Health sub-centre	85:15	104	8.18	723.11	127.61	850.72	361.56
3	Construction of additional rooms	65:35	250	2.01	326.625	176.625	502.50	163.31
	Sub-total				1737.085	304.235	2040.57	868.55
In-principle approval								
5	Construction of Govt. Inter College	75:25	03	189.53	426.44	142.15	568.59	213.22
6	Strengthening of Govt. Polytechnic	100:00	-		78.00	-	78.00	39.00
	Sub-total				504.44	142.15	646.59	252.22
	Grand Total				2241.525	446.385	2687.16	1120.77

General observations of the Empowered Committee: Taking into consideration the approvals given in the 2nd EC Meeting of Rs.1836.29 lakh (central share) and the instant approval of Rs. 2241.52 lakh in 22nd EC meeting the total approved amount to Rs.4077.81 leaving a balance of Rs.1092.19 lakh. The State Government was advised to make out a revised plan for the balance fund available in accordance with the guidelines of the MsDP keeping in view the proposals which have already been approved under MsDP for UP and other States/UTs. The revised plan was to be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority. Wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be sent with the commitment that recurring costs including staff requirement would be met fully by the State Government.

Item No. 5 Mewat (Haryana) (III phase)

An amount of Rs. 3420.00 lakh has been allocated for Mewat district. District plan of Mewat was considered in the 1st and 5th Empowered Committee (EC) meeting. In the 1st Empowered Committee meeting, **administrative approval for Rs. 1200.00 lakh (central share)** for Strengthening of Mewat Model Schools was accorded. The district plan of Mewat was considered in 5th EC meeting and the proposal of construction of PHC and CHC with equipment and furniture fixture was considered and approved for a total cost of Rs. **1512.67 lakh (central share)**. In total the EC approved projects for **Rs. 2712.67 lakh (central share)** out of the tentative allocation of Rs. **3420.00 lakh**, leaving a **balance of Rs. 707.33 lakh**.

(i) Project approved:

(a) New Residential Mewat Model Schools for girls at Village Khanpur Ghati (Nagina) and Singar:

Total and female literacy rate has been ranked as 5th & 3rd respectively in the baseline survey of the district. The Mewat Development Agency (MDA) was managing six schools in the name of Mewat Model Schools at Nuh, Tauru, Nagina, Hathin, Punahana & F.P. Zhirka and these schools were affiliated to CBSE. More than 6000 students have been enrolled in these six schools. To improve quality education especially for girls in block Punhana and Nagina, proposal was for the construction of two new residential Mewat Model Schools for girls at villages Khanpur Ghati (Nagina) and Singar (Punhana) for the total cost of Rs.648.00 lakh(including 2 girls hostels). The cost of 2 school building was Rs. 434.00 lakh and the cost of 2 girls' hostels including furniture was Rs. 214.00 lakh. These model schools would be setup for academic activities from 6th to 12th level. Representative from Govt. of Haryana stated that the proposal has been made as per Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) scheme and would be managed by the Mewat Development Authority (MDA) and staff and recurring cost would be provided. However, for ensuring equitable distribution to other sector, it was decided by the Empowered Committee that some fund should be set aside for other sectors.

The Empowered Committee accorded approval of one residential Mewat Model Schools for girl including hostel for a total cost of Rs.324.00 lakh as per KGBV funding ratio at village Khanpur Ghati (Nagina). The proposal would be subject to the condition that the State Government would ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification, design and unit cost was in accordance with the guidelines in this regard and approved by the State education department. It should also be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost approved under all other sources of central funding. Besides, the estimate should be approved by the competent engineering department of the State Government.

The Committee accorded approval in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total cost
(Lakh Rs.)						
1.	New residential Mewat Model Schools for girls at Village Khanpur Ghati(Nagina)	1	324.00	243.00	81.00	324.00

Release of 1st Instalment: The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

Summary of projects of Mewat (Haryana) district approved in the revised MsD Plan for Phase-III by the Empowered Committee:

Sl. no	Name of the project for Mewat district (Haryana) approved in Phase-III	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
Rupee in lakh								
Administrative Approval								
(a)	New residential Mewat Model Schools for girls at Village Khanpur Ghati(Nagina)	75:25	1	324.00	243.00	81.00	324.00	121.50

General observations of the Empowered Committee: Taking into consideration the approvals given in the 1st EC meeting of Rs. 1200.00 lakh (central share), 5th EC meeting of Rs.1512.67 lakh and the instant approvals of Rs.243.00 lakh (Central share) in 22nd meeting of EC the total approved amount to Rs.2955.67 lakh leaving a balance of Rs.464.33 lakh. The State Government representative was advised to work out a revised plan for the balance fund available in accordance with the guidelines of the MsDP keeping in view the proposals which have already been approved under MsDP for Haryana and other States/UTs. The revised plan was advised to be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority. Wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be sent with the commitment that recurring costs including staff requirement would be met fully by the State Government.

Item No. 6 Sirsa (Haryana) (II phase)

An amount of Rs. 1500.00 lakh has been allocated for Sirsa district. District plan of Sirsa was considered in the 5th Empowered Committee (EC) meeting. In the 5th Empowered Committee meeting, the **administrative approval for Rs. 900.90.00 lakh (central share) and in-principle approval for Rs.450.00 lakh** was given. In total the EC has approved projects for **Rs. 1350.90 lakh (central share)** out of the tentative allocation of **Rs. 1500.00 lakh**, leaving a **balance of Rs. 149.10 lakh**.

(i) Project approved in-principle:

Skill development for 8th pass students from BPL minority families: Total work participation and female work participation rate in the district is 38.2% and 19.1% against national average of 38% and 21.5% respectively. Proposal was for providing skill development training for approximately 5000 beneficiaries for the total cost of Rs.50.00 lakh. Representative from district stated that the training was for short term courses of 6 months and would be provided in Govt. /Govt. aided polytechnics. Batch size would be for 20 students and admission would be twice in a year, 1st week of January, and 1st week of July State board of technical education would be the certifying agency. The skill Development Initiative Scheme (SDIS) based on Modular Employable Skills (MES) of the Director General of Employment & Training in the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India was a scheme which could be implemented.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for providing skill development training for approximately 5000 beneficiaries for the total cost of Rs.50.00 lakh. This would, however, be subject to the condition that the State Government should provide a Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared as per the specification, design, norms, modern courses/trades and standard laid down by the ‘Modular Employable skill (MES); locally relevant, modern trades and trades suitable for women would be included and DPR submitted to the Ministry of Minority Affairs for having it examined and cleared by the Ministry of Labour & Employment. DPR should also have information in respect of criteria for selection of student, earmarking for girls, details of course content, duration of course, information on the employability prospects after successful completion of training, the approved rates for the courses as contained in the MOU between State Government and training providing agency etc. State board of technical education should indicate that they have no objection to the use of Govt. ITI and polytechnics premises for the said training.

The Committee accorded in-principle approval in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1	Skill development for 8 th pass students from BPL minority families	5000	-	50.00	-	50.00

The Empowered Committee approved the release of 50% of the total central share as 1st instalment after the comments on the DPR are received and cleared by the concerned Ministry/Department.

(ii) Proposals requiring project details/profile for appraisal and comments of the Ministry/ Department concerned in case the State Government desired to pursue the proposal:

Drinking water supply scheme: The State Government was advised to prepare detailed project profile/DPR as per the specification and cost of ARWSP and obtain clarification from the State Public Health Department (PHED) that there is no such type of proposal being implemented or being proposed from other source of funding to avoid duplication. If proposed, the DPR would be sent to the D/o Drinking Water Supply for appraisal and clearance.

Summary of projects of Sirsa (Haryana) district approved in the revised MsD Plan for Phase-II by the Empowered Committee:

Sl. no	Name of the project for Sirsa district (Haryana) approved in Phase-II	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
Rupee in lakh								
In-principle approval								
	Skill development for 8 th pass students from BPL minority familiesm	100:00	5000	--	50.00	--	50.00	25.00

General observations of the Empowered Committee: Taking into consideration the approvals given in the 5th EC meeting of Rs.1350.90 lakh(Central share) and the instant approvals of Rs.50.00 lakh (Central share) in 22nd meeting of EC the total approved amount to Rs.1400.90 lakh leaving a balance of Rs.99.10 lakh. The State Government representative was advised to work out a revised plan for the balance fund available in accordance with the guidelines of the MsDP keeping in view the proposals which have already been approved under MsDP for Haryana and other States/UTs. The revised plan was advised to be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority. Wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be sent with the commitment that recurring costs including staff requirement would be met fully by the State Government.
