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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

MINUTES OF THE 23<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MULTI-SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR MINORITY CONCENTRATION DISTRICTS OF LEH - LADDAKH (J & K) AND REVISED PLANS OF NICOBAR (A & N ISLANDS), SOUTH 24 PARGANAS (WEST BENGAL), KARIMGANJ (ASSAM) AND DPR OF IN-PRINCIPLE APPROVED PROJECT FOR ITI AT LILONG, THOUBAL (MANIPUR). AT 10.30 A.M. ON 27<sup>TH</sup>, NOVEMBER, 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 has made information available to all and would facilitate social audit. It was therefore imperative that the State Governments/UT Administrations 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, both Centre and State share (wherever applicable), 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 the order of priority ranked by a baseline survey so that the various MsD programme interventions would result in the improvement of the backwardness

parameters of a minority concentration district and bring the relevant parameter at par with the national averages. 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 as it is a special area development programme. 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 and Central Ministry concerned informed of assets created in respect of Centrally sponsored schemes topped up under MsDP. 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 Empowered Committee considered the multi-sectoral development plans for the districts of **Leh-Ladakh (Jammu & Kashmir), revised plans for balance fund of South 24 Parganas (West Bengal), Karimganj (Assam), Nicobar (Andaman & Nicobar Island) and DPR of in-principle approved project for ITI at Lilong, Thoubal (Manipur)**. Power point presentation has made for the fresh plan of by the Deputy Commissioner/District officers concerned. The Deputy Commissioner of Nicobar district, Andaman & Nicobar Island, made presentation via video conferencing before the Empowered Committee. Leh clarifications and confirmation of the status and fulfillment of conditions of the guidelines was taken from the representative of Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir, Assam, West Bengal and Andaman & Nicobar Island. The conclusion that emerged in the meeting of the Empowered Committee, were as follows:-

**Item No. 1: Leh (Ladakh) (Jammu and Kashmir)**

The district is rural in character as 75.5 percent of the population lives in rural areas. Total minorities population was 91.80%. Leh (Ladakh) was a category 'B2' district i.e., it has basic amenities parameters below the national average. An amount of Rs 1500.00 lakh has been allocated for Leh (Ladakh) District.

**(i) Project approved:**

**(a) Construction of building for Anganwadi Centres (AWCs):**

Health indicator i.e. vaccination to the children of 76.07% was above the national average of 43.50%. It was submitted that there were 400 AWCs sanctioned in district and 346 AWCs are functional at present. It was also submitted that recently the district has constructed on trial basis 12 AWCs buildings from pre-fabricated bamboo structure approved by the National Bamboo Board and accepted by the Central Government. The state government has proposed for construction of 40 Anganwadi Centres @ Rs. 4.40 lakh at a total cost of Rs. 176.00 lakhs.

Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 40 Anganwadi Centres @ of Rs. 4.40 lakh per unit for a total cost of Rs.176.00 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. Considering the high cost of the building material & contractor at Leh, per unit cost of ICDS Centres was approved as Rs. 4.40 lakh as against the normal rate of Rs. 3.00 lakhs per unit. 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. 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 highest population of minorities other than the minority community in majority in the State should be given preference for implementation of the project. A list of villages/locations with percentage of minority population, where the project is to be implemented would be submitted to the Central Government. District administration will indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected. A list of anganwadi centres constructed with MsDP funds would be sent by the State Government to the Ministry of Women & Child Development for creating a data base and avoiding duplication. 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	40	4.40	176.00	-	176.00

**Release of 1<sup>st</sup> Installment:** The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

**(b) Water supply schemes for slipped back habitations, installation of Mark- II Tubewell, Solar Sub-mersible Pump in Educational Institutions & Solar Sub-Mersible Pumps in Habitations:**

Availability of safe drinking water has been ranked as 1<sup>st</sup> in the order of deficit in the baseline survey of this district. According to the survey the present percentage of household with access to safe drinking water in the district is 67.90% as compared to the national average of 87%. Proposal was for (i) 6 Water supply schemes in 6 slipped back habitations for the total cost of Rs.244.51 lakh, (ii) Installation of 60 hand Pumps for the total cost of Rs.120.00 lakh @ Rs.2.00 lakh, (iii) 12 Solar submersible Pump in Education/Health Institution for the total cost of Rs.102.00 lakh @ Rs.8.50 lakh and (iv) 4 number of Solar Submersible Pump in habitations for the total cost of Rs.64.00 lakh @ Rs.16.00 lakh. It was stated by the district officer that total number of habitation is 286 out of which 234 habitations are fully covered, 45 are partially covered and 7 habitations are covered.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal (i) 6 Water supply schemes in 6 slipped back habitations for the total cost of Rs.244.51 lakh, (ii) Installation of 60 hand Pumps for the total cost of Rs.120.00 lakh @ Rs.2.00 lakh, (iii) 12 Solar submersible Pump in Education/Health Institution for the total cost of Rs.102.00 lakh @ Rs.8.50 lakh and (iv) 4

number of Solar Submersible Pump in habitations for the total cost of Rs.64.00 lakh @ Rs.16.00 lakh subject to the condition that the estimates should be approved by the State PHED and duplication avoided in consultation with the PHED. 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'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 highest population of minorities other than the minority community in majority in the State would be given preference for implementation of the project. A list of villages/locations with percentage of minority population, where the project was to be implemented will be submitted to the Central Government. District administration would indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected. The PHED should also be consulted in all stages of implementation. The drinking water supply facility constructed under MsDP should be reported to the State PHED/State share would be provided. The Committee accorded approval in the following manner:

S. No.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central share (90%)	State share (10%)	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)		
1.	Water supply schemes in 6 slipped back habitations	6	--	220.05	24.46	244.51
2.	Installation of hand Pumps	60	2.00	108.00	12.00	120.00
3.	Solar submersible Pump in Education/Health Institution	12	8.50	91.80	10.20	102.00
4.	Solar Submersible Pump in habitations	4	16.00	57.60	6.40	64.00
	<b>Total</b>			<b>477.45</b>	<b>53.06</b>	<b>530.51</b>

**Release of 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment:** The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total central share.

**(c) Infrastructure development in residential schools/hostels:**

Total literacy and female literacy rate in the district is 70.1% and 63.9% respectively in the base line survey of the district. Proposal was for the construction of solarised ACRs in 12 residential schools, furniture (desk, bench, table & chairs etc.), construction of dormitories with wooden flooring, furnishing items and beddings, dining hall with provision of wooden flooring, furniture and furnishing provision (dining table ,chair and carpet), recreation hall with provision of wooden flooring, furniture and furnishing provision (Dish TV, carpet and Chair etc), solarised bathroom in residential hostels, solarised kitchen for residential hostels, construction of toilet, construction of solarised room for warden, furniture and finishing provisions (carpet and table chair, Almira) for the total cost of Rs.694.12 lakh.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of solarised ACRs in residential schools for the total cost of Rs. 98.52 lakh, construction of dormitories with wooden flooring for the total cost of Rs.178.67 lakh, dining hall with provision of wooden flooring for the Total cost of Rs.30.63 lakh, recreation hall with provision of wooden flooring for the total cost of Rs.87.57 lakh, solarised bathroom in residential hostels for the total cost of Rs.72.00 lakh, solarised kitchen for residential hostels for the total cost of Rs.12.24 lakh, construction of toilet for the total cost of Rs.56.50 lakh, construction of solarised room for warden for the total cost of Rs.56.50 lakh subject to the condition that the proportion of minority population covered other than there is majority in the State by each school would be submitted and the State education department would ensure that the design and specification fit the prescribed norms for such schools. 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'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 highest minority population other than there is majority in the State would be given preference for implementation of the project. A list of villages/locations with percentage of minority population, other than there is majority where the project was to be implemented would be submitted to the Central Government. District administration would indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected State share would be provided. Approval was accorded in the following manner:

S. No.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central share (90%)	State share (10%)	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)		
1	Construction of solarised ACRs in residential schools	15	--	88.66	9.86	98.52
2	Construction of Dormitories with wooden flooring	6	--	160.80	17.87	178.67
3	Dinig hall with provision of wooden flooring	3	--	27.56	3.07	30.63
4	Recreation hall with provision of wooden flooring	3	--	78.81	8.76	87.57
5	Solarised bathroom in residential hostels	48	--	64.80	7.20	72.00
6	Solarised kitshen for residential hostels	-	--	11.01	1.23	12.24
7	Construction of toilet	-	--	50.85	5.65	56.50
8	Construction of solarised room for warden	7	--	50.85	5.65	56.50
	<b>Total</b>			<b>533.34</b>	<b>59.29</b>	<b>592.63</b>

**Release of 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment:** The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total central share.

**(ii) Project approved in-principle:**

**(a) Upgradation of ITI:**

Total work participation and female has been ranked as 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the base line survey of the district. The State Government has proposed for the upgradation of existing ITI at a total cost of Rs. 254.44 lakhs which includes construction of hostel building, workshop and classrooms at a cost of Rs. 204.44 lakh and machinery, equipment for new trades at a cost of Rs. 50.00 lakh.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval to the proposal for the upgradation of existing ITI at a total cost of Rs. 254.44 lakhs, subject to the condition that the proposal for construction of ITI hostel should be made in consultation with State labour/Technical Education department. The State Government would 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. 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 Detailed Project Report (DPR) may be forwarded to the Ministry containing all relevant details and information. The estimates should have been approved by State PWD and information/data, the number of students enrolled in ITI and the number of approved trades, whether NCVT or not should form part of the DPR. The proposed management arrangement for the hostel in the ITI, in terms of boarding, food, security, availability of staff such as warden, chowkidar and maintenance should be clearly brought out in the DPR. 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 existing ITI (Hostel building, workshop and classroom)	1	204.44	204.44	-	204.44
2.	Machinery, Equipment for New Trades	1	50.00	50.00	-	50.00
	<b>Total</b>			<b>254.44</b>	-	<b>254.44</b>

**Release of 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment:** The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share after the DPR to be submitted by the State Government was appraised and cleared by the line Department/Ministry concerned.

**(b) Upgradation of Polytechnic:**

Total work participation and female has been ranked as 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the base line survey of the district. The State Government has proposed to upgrade Polytechnic of Leh. The proposal includes new diploma courses in Electrical Engineering and Electronics & Communication Engineering; and construction of classrooms, Lecture Rooms, Toilet Blocks, Laboratories & Equipments at a total cost of Rs. 120.00 lakhs. The District Magistrate stated that the annual intake was 45 and AICTE approval for these courses will be obtained during April-May'2010.

The Empowered Committee accorded 'in-principle' approval for construction of classrooms, Lecture Rooms, Toilet Blocks, Laboratories & Equipments for starting two new trades in Electrical Engineering and Electronics & Communication Engineering at a total cost of Rs. 120.00 lakhs. The State Government 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 approved by 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. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) may be forwarded to the Ministry containing all relevant details and information. The estimates should have been approved by State PWD, the number of students enrolled in polytechnic and the number of approved trades, should be the part of the DPR. 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 polytechnic	1	120.00	120.00	--	120.00

**Release of 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment:** The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share after the DPR to be submitted by the State Government was appraised and cleared by the line Department/Ministry concerned.



**Summary of projects of Leh-Laddakh (Jammu & Kashmir) district approved by the Empowered Committee:**

Sl no	Name of the project for Leh-Laddakh (Jammu & Kashmir) district	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 <sup>st</sup> instalment amount to be released	
				<b>Rupee in lakh</b>					
<b>Administrative Approval</b>									
a	Construction of Anganwadi Centres	100:00	40	4.40	176.00	-	176.00	88.00	
b	Water supply schemes in 6 slipped back habitations	90:10	6	--	220.05	24.46	244.51	110.02	
	Installation of hand Pumps	90:10	60	2.00	108.00	12.00	120.00	54.00	
	Solar submersible Pump in Education/Health Institution	90:10	12	8.50	91.80	10.20	102.00	45.90	
	Solar Submersible Pump in habitations	90:10	4	16.00	57.60	6.40	64.00	28.80	
c	Construction of solarised ACRs in residential schools	90:10	15	--	88.66	9.86	98.52	44.33	
	Construction of Dormitories with wooden flooring	90:10	6	--	160.80	17.87	178.67	80.40	
	Dinig hall with provision of wooden flooring	90:10	3	--	27.56	3.07	30.63	13.78	
	Recreation hall with provision of wooden flooring	90:10	3	--	78.81	8.76	87.57	39.40	
	Solarised bathroom in residential hostels	90:10	48	--	64.80	7.20	72.00	32.40	
	Solarised kitshen for residential hostels	90:10	-	--	11.01	1.23	12.24	5.50	
	Construction of toilet	90:10	-	--	50.85	5.65	56.50	25.42	
	Construction of solarised room for warden	90:10	7	--	50.85	5.65	56.50	25.42	
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>1186.79</b>	<b>112.35</b>	<b>1299.14</b>	<b>593.37</b>	
<b>In-principle approval</b>									
a	Upgradation of existing ITI (Hostel building, workshop and classroom)	100:00	1	204.44	204.44	-	204.44	102.22	
b	Machinery, Equipment for New Trades	100:00	1	50.00	50.00	-	50.00	25.00	
c	Upgradation of polytechnic	100:00	1	120.00	120.00	--	120.00	60.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>374.44</b>		<b>374.44</b>	<b>187.22</b>	
<b>Grand total</b>					<b>1561.23</b>	<b>112.35</b>	<b>1673.58</b>	<b>780.59</b>	

## **Item No. 2: Karimganj (Assam) (II Phase)**

The fund allocated for the MsDP plan for Karimganj district of Assam was Rs. 49.50 crore District plan of Karimganj was considered in the 14<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee (EC) meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2009. The **administrative approvals was given for Rs.2777.90 lakh (central share)** for the construction of IAY houses, leaving a **balance of 2172.10 lakh**. The first instalment of Rs.1388.95 lakh was released to the Government of Assam for Karimganj for the construction of IAY houses.

### **(i) Project approved:**

#### **Construction of building for anganwadi centres (AWCs):**

64.60% are fully vaccinated children which were above the national average of 43.5%. However, there were 1207 functional centres out of which 748 have their own buildings. 459 anganwadi centres are not having their own building. Out of these 314 are in the minority concentration areas having 70% to 80% of minority concentration in the 7 ICDS blocks. The proposal was for construction of 314 anganwadi centres at a total cost of Rs.580.90 lakh @ Rs. 1.85 lakh.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 314 anganwadi centres @ Rs.1.85 lakh per unit for a total cost of Rs.580.90 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 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's department concerned. The villages /areas having the highest minority population 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. 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	314	1.85	580.90	--	580.90

**Release of 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment:** The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

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

Sl no	Name of the project for Karimganj district (Assam)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 <sup>st</sup> instalment amount to be released
<b>Rupee in lakh</b>								
<b>Administrative Approval</b>								
a	Construction of anganwadi centres	100:00	314	1.85	580.90	--	580.90	290.45

**General observations of the Empowered Committee:** Taking into consideration the approvals given in the 14<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting of Rs.2777.90 lakh (central share) and the instant approval of Rs.580.90 lakh in 23<sup>rd</sup> EC meeting the total approved amount to Rs.3358.80 lakh leaving a balance of Rs.1591.20 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 Assam 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, senior/senior secondary schools, 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: South 24 Parganas (West Bengal) (II Phase)**

District plan of South 24 Parganas was considered in the 16<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee (EC) meeting. The **administrative approvals for Rs. 3147.00 lakh (central share)** for the construction of IAY houses and anganwadi centres and in principle approval for Rs.125.00 lakh (central share) for construction of ITI at Baruipur and supply of instruments were accorded by the EC. In total EC has approved projects for **Rs. 3272.00 lakh (central share)** out of the tentative allocation of Rs. **8200.00** lakh, leaving a **balance of Rs. 4928.00 lakh**. An amount of Rs. **1573.50** lakh was released to the State Govt. on 18/09/2009.

**(i) Project approved:**

**(a) Construction of IAY houses:** Administrative approval was accorded for the construction of 10000 IAY houses for the total cost of Rs.2625.00 lakh in the 16<sup>th</sup> EC meeting and Rs.1312.50 lakh has already been sanction and released to the Government of West Bengal. District officer clarified that IAY wait list would be saturated by the normal allocation of Ministry of Rural Development during the 11<sup>th</sup> five year plan. The State Government proposed to reduce the number by 5000 IAY house from already approved

10000 IAY houses. It was agreed by the Empowered Committee that the approval may be modified as follows:-

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	Construction of IAY houses	5000 (instead of 10000)	0.35	1312.50	437.50	1750.00

This will result in saving of Rs.1312.50 lakh in the proposals approved in the 16<sup>th</sup> EC meeting. An additional amount of Rs. 1312.50 lakh will now be available for sanction of other proposals for south 24 Parganas district.

**(b) Construction of Additional Class Room (ACR) in secondary/senior secondary schools/madarsas:**

Total literacy and female literacy rate has been ranked 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in the base line survey of the district. Proposal was for the construction of 600 Additional Class Rooms (ACRs) in secondary/senior secondary schools/ madarsas at a total cost of Rs.1200.00 lakh @ Rs. 2.00 lakh. The Secretary of the State Government confirmed that these schools/ madarsas were Government schools/ madarsas. 500 ACRs are to be constructed in Secondary Schools/ Senior Secondary Schools and remaining 100 in governmental madarsas.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for the construction of 600 ACRs in secondary/senior secondary schools/ madarsas @ Rs. 2.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.1200.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.900.00 lakh and Rs.300.00 lakh would be the State share in the ratio of 75:25 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. State share would be provided. The Empowered Committee approved the proposal as follows:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total cost
(Lakh Rs.)						
1.	Secondary/senior secondary schools/ madaras	600	2.00	900.00	300.00	1200.00

**Release of 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment:** The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

**(c) Construction of laboratory room and equipments in Govt. secondary/senior secondary schools:**

Total literacy and female literacy rate has been ranked 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in the base line survey of the district. Proposal was for the construction of 45 laboratory rooms at a total cost of Rs.90.00 lakh @ Rs.2.00 lakh in Govt. secondary/senior secondary schools and for purchase of 15 units of lab equipments at a total cost of Rs.45.00 lakh @ Rs. 3.00 lakh. The revised unit cost of equipments of Rs, 4.00 lakh was submitted by the State Government in the meeting. The representative of State Government confirmed that these schools and madaras were Government schools.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for the construction of 45 laboratory rooms in Govt. secondary/senior secondary schools @ Rs. 2.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.90.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.67.50 lakh and Rs.22.50 lakh would be the State share and for purchase of 15 units of lab equipments @ Rs. 4.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.60.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.45.00 lakh and Rs.15.00 lakh would be the State share in the ratio of 75:25 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 schools were located. List of equipments were also to be provided by the State Government. The State Govt. 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 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 laboratories constructed under MsDP would be reported to the State RMSA Mission Director who would include it in the relevant details and report to the Ministry of Human Resource Development. State share would be provided. The Empowered Committee approved the proposal as follows:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total cost
(Lakh Rs.)						
1	Construction of laboratory room for Phy., Chem. and Biology (3 room each (one each for one school for Phy, Chem. and Bio)	45	2.00	67.50	22.50	90.00

	for each school					
2	Equipments	15	4.00	45.00	15.00	60.00
	<b>Total</b>			<b>112.50</b>	<b>37.50</b>	<b>150.00</b>

**Release of 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment:** The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

**(d) Construction of Health Sub-Centre (HSCs):-**

Health indicator i.e. percentage of institutional deliveries of 30.90% were below the national average of 38.70%. District officer proposed for the construction of 74 health sub centres @ Rs.12.50 lakh for the total cost of Rs.925.00 lakh before Empowered Committee and it was agreed by the Empowered Committee. Representative of State Government stated that at present these sub centres were functioning in rented buildings and land was available for the construction of health sub centres.

Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 74 health sub centres building at unit cost of Rs. 12.50 lakh for a total cost of Rs.925.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.786.25 lakh and Rs.138.75 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 was to be implemented would be submitted to the Ministry. To avoid duplication, the State Mission Director would 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. 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 Health sub-centre building	74	12.50	786.25	138.75	925.00

**Release of 1<sup>st</sup> Installment:** Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

**(e) Solar Lantern:**

Households with electricity ranked 1<sup>st</sup> priority in the baseline survey of the district. There is necessity to use solar electricity system as normal electricity distribution system is not developed there due to geographical bottleneck. State Government has proposed 500 solar lantern at a total cost of Rs.160.00 lakhs @ Rs. 0.32 lakh. It was

informed by the representative of State Government that Solar Lanterns are now available @ Rs. 1500. This was confirmed by representative of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. He also informed that 10% cost is to be borne by the beneficiary or the State Government. The State Government agreed to bear this cost. The Empowered Committee approved the proposal in following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (90%)	State Share (10%)	Total cost
(Lakh Rs.)						
1	Solar Lantern	5000	0.015	67.50	7.50	75.00

**Release of 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment:** The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

**(f) Computers for High/Senior Madarsas**

The districts of South 24 Praganas has 50 high and Senior Madarsas, affiliated to the West Bengal Board of Madarsas Education. These high and senior Madarsas were government madarsas and were needed to be provided with computer for up-gradation of learning process. The proposed was submitted by the State Government in the meeting itself. It was proposed to provide one computer for each Madarsa at the cost of Rs. 50000 at a total cost of Rs 1.00 crore. The Empowered committee approved the proposal in the following manner on the pattern of RSMA subject to the condition that information about number of computers for each Madarsa will be provided by the State Government and approval of mission Director of the concerned department of the State Government will be obtained for the proposal. State share would be provided.

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total cost
(Lakh Rs.)						
1	Computers for High/Senior Madarsas	--	--	75.00	25.00	100.00

**Release of 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment:** The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

**(ii) Project approved in-principle:**

**(a) Establishment of ITI in Diamond Harbour (Mograhat) and Baruipur sub-divisions**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Phase):** Total work participation and female work participation were ranked as 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively in the baseline survey of the district. In the 16<sup>th</sup> EC meeting in-principle approval was accorded for the Baruipur ITI for the total cost of Rs.125.00 lakh. District officer clarified that approved cost for Baruipur ITI was very low. Therefore, the same ITI in Baruipur sub-division was proposed in revised plan for balance fund at the revised cost. Based in the estimates prepared by the directorate of technical training, Government of West Bengal. Proposal was for the establishment of ITI in Diamond Harbour (Mograhat) and Baruipur sub-divisions for a total cost of Rs.1620.00 lakh @ Rs.810.00 lakh. The M/o Labour & Employment had been recommending that the building design, specification, etc should be as per the standards of the 'National Council

for Vocational Training' (NCVT) as it would facilitate NCVT recognition and provide better employment prospect to the students.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for the establishment of ITI in Diamond Harbour (Mograhat) and Baruipur sub-divisions for a total cost of Rs.1620.00 lakh @ Rs.810.00 lakh. The in principle approval in respect of ITI at Baruipur was in modification of the in-principle given for the same project in the 16<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee meeting. 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 'National Council for Vocational Training' (NCVT); 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 proportion of minority population around proposed site for the ITI and The State Government should confirmed that land, trainers, staff and recurring cost were available. 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	Establishment of ITI in Diamond Harbour (Mograhat) and Baruipur sub-divisions	2	810.00	1620.00	--	1620.00

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

**(b) Construction of Government polytechnic colleges:**

Work participation and female work participation have been ranked as 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively in the base line survey of the district. District officer proposed for the construction of 2 government polytechnic colleges @ Rs.12.30 lakh for the total cost of Rs.24.60 lakh before Empowered Committee and it was agreed by the Empowered Committee. Cost for the construction of polytechnic colleges is based on the estimate prepared by the directorate of technical education, Government of West Bengal. It was clarified by the district officer that land is available, staff and recurring expenditure would be provided by the directorate of technical education, Government of West Bengal.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for the construction of two Government polytechnic colleges for a total cost of Rs.24.60 lakh @ Rs.12.30 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, laid down by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD)/Labour & Employment and DPR submitted to the Ministry of Minority Affairs for having it examined and cleared by the Ministry of HRD)/Labour & Employment. DPR should also



have information in respect of proportion of minority population around proposed site for the polytechnic. The State Government should confirmed that land, trainers, staff and recurring cost were available. 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.)			
	Construction of Government polytechnic colleges at Diamond Harbour (Mograhat), and Raidighi	2	12.30	24.60	--	24.60

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

**Summary of projects of South 24 Parganas (West Bengal) district approved by the Empowered Committee:**

Sl no	Name of the project for South 24 Parganas district (West Bengal)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 <sup>st</sup> instalment amount to be released
				<b>Rupee in lakh</b>				
	<b>Administrative Approval</b>							
a	Secondary/senior secondary schools/ madarasas	75:25	600	2.00	900.00	300.00	1200.00	450.00
b	Construction of laboratory room for Phy., Chem. and Biology (3 room each (one each for one school for Phy, Chem. and Bio) for each school	75:25	45	2.00	67.50	22.50	90.00	33.75
	Equipments	75:25	15	3.00	33.75	11.25	45.00	16.87
c	Construction of Health sub-centre building	85:15	74	12.50	786.25	138.75	925.00	393.12
	Solar Lantern	90:10	5000	0.015	67.50	7.50	75.00	33.75
	Computers for High/Seniro Madarasas	75:25	--	-	75.00	25.00	100.00	37.50
	<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>1930.00</b>	<b>505.00</b>	<b>2435.00</b>	<b>964.99</b>
	<b>In-principle approval</b>							
a	Establishment of ITI in Diamond Harbour and Baruipur sub-divisions	100:00	2	810.00	1620.00	--	1620.00	810.00
b	Construction of Government polytechnic colleges	100:00	2	12.30	24.60	--	24.60	12.30
	<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>1644.60</b>		<b>1644.60</b>	<b>822.30</b>
	<b>Grand total</b>				<b>3574.60</b>	<b>505.00</b>	<b>4079.60</b>	<b>1787.29</b>

**General observations of the Empowered Committee:** The approvals of Rs.3147.00 lakh (central share) was given in the 16<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting. However, in the 23<sup>rd</sup> EC meeting it was informed by the State Govt. that the requirement for the IAY houses has been reduced to 5000 units whereas the approval was given for 10000 units in 16<sup>th</sup> EC meeting. Therefore,

the actual amount for the project sanctioned in the 16<sup>th</sup> EC meeting works out to be Rs.1834.50 lakh. Taking in to consideration the approval of Rs.1834.50 lakh in 16<sup>th</sup> EC meeting and the instant administrative approval of Rs.1930.00 lakh and in-principle approval of Rs.1644.60 lakh in 23<sup>rd</sup> EC meeting the total approved amount works out to be Rs.5409.10 lakh, leaving a balance of Rs.2790.90 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 Assam 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, senior/senior secondary schools, 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: Nicobar (Andaman & Nicobar Island) (II Phase)**

District plan of Nicobar was considered in the 9<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee (EC) meeting. The administrative approvals for Rs. 229.95 lakh (central share) for construction of 35 anganwadi centres and in-principle approval for Rs. 37.50 lakh (central share) for providing modern teaching aid and capacity building of formers, traders, entrepreneurs on scientific coconut cultivation & processing technology were accorded by the EC. In total, EC has approved projects for Rs. 267.45 lakh (central share) out of the tentative allocation of Rs. 1500.00 lakh, leaving a balance of Rs. 1232.55 lakh. It was mentioned by the UT Administration representative that the funds sanctioned by the 9<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee meeting have not yet been received by UT Administration. Chairman of the Empowered Committee directed that the issue of funds transferred to UT Administration should be resolved at the earliest.

#### **Project approved:**

##### **Construction of ITI building at Car Nicobar:**

Total work participation and female work participation were ranked as 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively in the baseline survey of the district. Proposal was for the construction the ITI building at Car Nicobar for a total cost of Rs.995.38 lakh. The M/o Labour & Employment had been recommending that the building design, specification, etc should be as per the standards of the 'National Council for Vocational Training' (NCVT) as it would facilitate NCVT recognition and provide better employment prospect to the students.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for the construction construction the ITI building at Car Nicobar for a total cost of Rs.995.38 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 'National Council for Vocational Training' (NCVT); 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 contain information in respect of proportion of minority population around proposed site for the ITI and The State Government should confirmed that land, trainers, staff and recurring cost were available. 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	Construction of ITI building at Car Nicobar	1	995.38	995.38	--	995.38

**Release of 1<sup>st</sup> Installment:** Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

**Summary of projects of Nicobar district (Andaman & Nicobar Island) approved by the Empowered Committee:**

Sl no	Name of the project for Nicobar district (Andaman & Nicobar Island)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 <sup>st</sup> instalment amount to be released
				<b>Rupee in lakh</b>				
<b>Administrative Approval</b>								
a	Construction of ITI building at Car Nicobar	100:00	1	995.38	995.38	--	995.38	497.69

**Item No. 5: Thoubal (Manipur) (III Phase)**

District plan of Thoubal was considered in the 7<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee meeting. The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for the construction and opening of ITI at Lilong for the total cost of Rs.400.00 lakh. This approval was accorded 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 'National Council for Vocational Training' (NCVT); commitment to provide land, trainers, staff, recurring expenditure etc. for obtaining the comments of the Ministry of Labour & Employment. Government of Manipur submitted DPR on which comment were obtained from Ministry of Labour & Employment. The Ministry of Labour & Employment has supported the proposal for construction of ITI at Lilong at the cost of Rs.791.25 lakh with the following conditions (i) the expenditure is to be incurred towards civil works, equipment, machinery, tools and furniture (ii) the civil work is to be executed by the Govt. agency as proposed (iii) the state Govt. is to ensure availability of three phase electricity supply of 35 kilowatt (aprox) and (iv) staff for proposed ITI and procurement of machinery & equipment be as per Standard Toll List (STL) after observing purchase procedure. It was also mentioned in the DPR that land has been identified and earmarked for setting up of ITI.

**Recommendation of Empowered Committee for in-principle approved project:  
Construction of ITI at Lilong (Thoubal):**

As per the guidelines of the MsDP, the DPRs technically appraised by the concerned line Ministry/ Sectoral Technical Committee with or without modifications would be put up before the Empowered Committee for its recommendations. The Empowered Committee considered the DPR and approved the project at the revised cost of Rs.791.25 lakh subject to the above mentioned conditions stipulated by Ministry of labour & Employment and further subject to the condition that the recurring cost of Rs.227.68 lakh is to be incurred by the State Govt. 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	Construction of ITI building at Lilong	1	791.25	791.25	--	791.25

**Release of 1<sup>st</sup> Installment:** Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

**Summary of approval of ITI at Lilong, Thoubal district (Manipur) approved by the Empowered Committee:**

Sl no	Name of the project for Thoubal district (Manipur)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 <sup>st</sup> instalment amount to be released
				<b>Rupee in lakh</b>				
<b>Administrative Approval</b>								
a	Construction of ITI building at Lilong	100:00	1	791.25	791.25	--	791.25	395.62

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