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

**MINUTES OF THE 36<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF EMPOWERED COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE REVISED PLAN FOR BALANCE FUND FOR THE DISTRICTS BIRBHUM, COOCH BEHAR, MURSHIDABAD, MALDA, NORTH 24 PARGANAS, SOUTH 24 PARGANAS, UTTAR DINAJPUR AND DAKSHIN DINAJPUR, HOWRAH OF WEST BENGAL UNDER MULTI-SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN MINORITY CONCENTRATION DISTRICTS HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2010 AT 11.00 A.M. UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS.**

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

2. At the outset, the Chairperson of the Empowered Committee stated that Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) for Minority Concentration Districts (MCD) was now an iconic programme of the Central Government. The progress of implementation was reviewed on quarterly basis by the Delivery Monitoring Unit (DMU) in PMO and the status of implementation of multi-sectoral development (MsD) plans in MCDs are placed on the web-site of the Ministry every quarter. The details consists 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, including photographs, have made information available to the public and facilitated social audit. It was, therefore, imperative that the State Governments/UT Administrations implement the programme properly as per schedule, and monitor and review the performance regularly and closely. State Governments/UT Administrations should particularly ensure that delay does not take place and funds, both Central and State share (wherever applicable), are released to the districts within one month of receipt from the Centre. The districts in turn should release to the executing agencies at the earliest so that work is started and completed within the scheduled period. The Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) format for MsDP comprehensively covers all important aspects of implementation of the programme and in the context of presenting the latest data and information accurately on the website, the States/UTs should ensure that QPRs with all its columns filled properly are submitted to the Ministry for every quarter ending within the stipulated date.

3. The Chairperson of the Empowered Committee explained the background of identification of 90 MCDs as backward and why the scheme of MsDP was launched for addressing the 'development deficits' of such districts. He added that the baseline survey reports for MCDs, 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 the development deficits in order of the extent of deprivation in the district. It was expected that the MsD plans submitted by the States/UTs would address the identified development deficits in the order of priority ranked by baseline survey so that the various interventions by MsDP would result in improvement of the backwardness parameters of the minority concentration district concerned and bring the relevant parameters at par with the national average. It was therefore important to ensure that, 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 do so or bring out the reasons for not doing so.

4. The Chairperson 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, and that the identification of the district as backward was also based on four parameters which was for the whole district, 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. Villages/locations with the highest proportion (percentage) of minorities should be selected for location of projects/assets so that the minorities enjoy the locational advantage of deriving maximum benefit from the assets provided. In respect of Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), the entire number of units sanctioned under MsDP would be given to BPL households, from minority communities as well as other communities, in order of the serial number in the approved wait list without making separate allocation for Scheduled Castes (SC) or Scheduled Tribes (ST). Improving the relevant backwardness indices upto national averages was the primary mandate of the scheme for inclusive growth. 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 CSS, wherever appropriate, could be proposed in the district plan as these are established schemes and could be implemented with ease without setting up new structures for implementing them. The Chairperson emphasized that deviations from the existing guidelines of CSS were not permitted under the MsDP.

5. The Chairperson stated that it was important to ensure that funds given under MsDP are to be treated as additionality for supplementing the resources for CSS and the existing level of resources allocated annually under various CSS to the district is 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 on priority, depending upon their deprivation ranking. The responsibility for eliminating duplication of work and avoiding double counting of a scheme under different funding sources vested with both the district authority and the State Government. It was stressed by the Chairperson that accounts under MsDP should be maintained separately and Central Ministry concerned informed of assets created in respect of CSS topped up under MsDP.

6. It has been noticed that in some cases that the States/UTs have taken much time in releasing funds to the district/implementing agency. All sanction letters stipulate that funds should be released to the district/implementing agency within a month's time. Representatives from the States were advised to ensure this in the interest of timely completion of work.

7. It was emphasized by the Chairperson that quality control was to be ensured through regular and frequent field visits and by testing samples of the construction work. National Level Monitors have been appointed for each MCD and they have already started field visits to report on the quality of assets and the outcome/impact of the assets created. Further, Members of Parliament have been included in the State and district level committees for implementation of the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities which also serves as the committee for MsDP. It was therefore important that the States give the highest priority in ensuring that the programme is implemented properly.

8. The provision in para 19 of the scheme of MsDP requiring erection or displaying a plate on a 'display board' was pointed out, which should have– Name of the project/scheme printed followed by “**Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP), Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India.**” For projects with longer construction period, in addition to above, the name of implementing agency, date of sanction of the project, likely date of completion and estimated cost of the project should be printed on the display boards. Representatives from the States were advised to put up a permanent display on completion of each project.

### **General conditions applicable to projects approved by the Empowered Committee**

9. For approvals given by the Empowered Committee, including in-principle approvals, the Principal Secretary/Secretary of States/UTs and the District Collectors/representatives were advised to note that the following conditions would apply to all projects under MsDP and compliance with these was to be ensured by the State Government/UT administration concerned, if not given already.

- (i) Approval of the State department/Mission Director for Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) concerned specifically confirming that -
  - (a) there is a need for having the proposal sanctioned under MsDP;
  - (b) duplication has been ruled out;
  - (c) the proposal is as per norms, specifications, layout design and funding norms of the CSS guidelines concerned;
  - (d) the proposal has been prepared as per the unit cost/norms prescribed for the CSS concerned;
  - (e) the estimates have been prepared as per Schedule of Rates (SOR) of the State Government and have been approved by a competent engineering department of the State Govt;
  - (f) separate accounts for schemes under MsDP will be maintained and details sent to the Central Ministry concerned for maintaining proper record of assets and avoiding double counting and duplication;
  - (g) staff is available in respect of a functioning unit or staff would be provided in respect of a new unit;
  - (h) recurring expenditure would be provided by the State Government; and
  - (i) land is available and/or will be provided by the State Government
- (ii) The State Government representative should confirm, if not indicated already in the minutes of the State level committee held for recommending the district plans, that :-
  - (a) State share, wherever applicable for CSS, would be provided as per its funding pattern by the State Government;
  - (b) funds under MsDP will not be used for purchase of land, repairs, maintenance, staff and running of the scheme; and
  - (c) villages/locations with the highest proportion (percentage) of minority population will be selected for location of project/assets. A list of such villages/locations along with the proportion (percentage) of minority population of each village/location would be provided.

### **Review by Oversight Committee**

10.1 The implementation of projects approved earlier by the Empowered Committee (EC) for the districts of (i) Birbhum, (ii) Cooch Behar, (iii) Murshidabad, (iv) Malda, (v) North 24 Parganas, (vi)

South 24 Parganas, (vii) Uttar Dinajpur and (viii) Dakshin Dinajpur, (ix) Howrah of West Bengal was reviewed by the Oversight Committee. It was advised that, wherever more than a year has lapsed, 100% expenditure was required and utilization certificate to that effect furnished for claiming release of 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment. For releases made less than a year back, it was advised that efforts should be made to send the UCs immediately. It was stated by the State Secretary that work in respect of IAY houses has not started in some cases as the rates of IAY houses has been enhanced from April, 2010 by the Ministry of Rural Development and the beneficiaries have indicated their desire that they should be given the enhanced rate. It was clarified in the meeting that this was not possible as the sanction was made in 2009-10 and if the Ministry of RD has revised their sanction of 2009-10 to bridge the gap, a copy of the same should be made available. The status of implementation stated by the State Secretary of Minority Welfare of State Govt., Deputy Commissioner/representative of district concerned was as below:-

**(i) Birbhum**

**Status of projects approved in 2<sup>nd</sup> EC Meeting held on 09.09.2008( 1<sup>st</sup> phase):-** All works are executed by BDOs and Panchayati Samiti except for the work of BHPC which is executed by PWD. Construction work of 307 units of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) out of 411 has been completed and expenditure is Rs.616.50 lakh (100%) of 1<sup>st</sup> instalment. Work is under progress in remaining 104 units of AWCs and expenditure is Rs.334.50 lakh (54.25%) of 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment released and work will be completed by end of September, 2010. The total expenditure for AWCs is Rs.951 lakh. In respect of Primary health sub-centre (PHSC), work is completed in 10 units of and expenditure is Rs.115.60 lakh (100%) of 1<sup>st</sup> instalment released. Work is in progress in 22 units of PHSC and expenditure is Rs.13.73 lakh (11.88%) of 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment and these will be completed by end of September, 2010. State share of Rs.40.80 lakh has been released and an equal amount of 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment is to be released now by the State Government. Central funds released will be two years in September, 2010 and it was important to note that 100% expenditure in the Utilisation Certificate (UC) would be required to be submitted for projects where funds were released more than a year back.

**Status of projects approved in 19<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 10.09.2009 (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase):** Work of 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase projects in 157 AWCs, 21 PHSCs (Primary Health Sub-Centres) and 145 ACRs (Additional Class Rooms) in primary schools and 56 ACRs in upper primary schools are in progress and are expected to be completed by end of November, 2010. The release of Central funds will be one year in September, 2010 and it was important to note that 100% expenditure in the Utilisation Certificate (UC) would be required to be submitted for projects where funds were released more than a year back.

**Status of projects approved in 28<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 19.02.2010 (3<sup>rd</sup> Phase):-** Funds has been received by the District authority in May, 2010 and work is expected to be completed in 35 AWCs, 5 ACRs for high schools by end of January, 2011. Construction of 2 ACRs in Kabi Najrul college, lecture hall in Hiralal Bhakat college and 4 ACRs in Turku Hansda LH Mahavidyalaya will be completed by end of February, 2011. Installation of tube well in Hiralal Bhakat college will be completed by end of November, 2010.

**(ii) Cooch Behar**

**Status of projects approved in 16<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 28.07.09:-** All works are executed by the BDO and Panchayati Samiti. Construction work of 19 units of ACRs in primary schools, 16 units in upper primary schools and 8 units of AWCs is completed and the expenditure is Rs.56.00 lakh

(64%), Rs.55.00 lakh (55%) and Rs.62.37 lakh (32%) respectively. Work is under progress in the 48 units of ACRs in primary schools, 60 units in upper primary schools and 58 units of AWCs and work is expected to be completed in the end of December, 2010. State share of Rs.47.60 lakh and Rs.53.90 lakh has been released for ACRs in primary schools and ACRs in upper primary schools respectively and an equal amount of 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment is to be released now by the State Government after the second instalment is released by the Centre. Request for release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment can be sent only after UC for 100% expenditure of the 1<sup>st</sup> instalment is furnished by the State Government.

**Status of projects approved in 28<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 19.02.2010 (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase):-** All works are executed by the BDO and Municipality. Tenders for ACRs in primary schools and upper primary schools, AWCs, health sub-centres, PHCs and BPHCs have been initiated and construction of these assets will be completed by end of June, 2011.

### **(iii) Murshidabad**

**Status of projects approved in 2<sup>nd</sup> EC Meeting held on 09-09-08:-** Except for IAY houses, all the works in Murshidabad are executed by the block authority. Construction work is completed in 2970 units of IAY houses and 180 units of AWCs and expenditure is Rs.772 lakh (99%) and Rs.540 (90%) respectively. The entire State share of Rs.262.50 lakh has been released by the State Government. Work in 30 units of IAY houses and 20 units of AWCs is under progress and these will be completed by end of September, 2010. Completion certificate along with UC should be submitted once the remaining work of IAY and AWCs is completed.

**Status of projects approved in 19<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 10.09.09 (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase):-** Construction of 35 units of health sub-centres and 500 units of AWCs have been completed and expenditure is Rs.186 lakh (70%) and Rs.750 lakh (50%) respectively. Work is under progress in 15 units of HSC and will be completed by end of September, 2010. State share of Rs.46.07 lakh has been released by the State Government. Work is under progress 500 units of AWCs, and 300 and 200 of these are expected to be completed by end of September and October 2010 respectively. UC should be submitted for release of 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment for health sub-centres and AWCs.

**Status of projects approved in 28<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 19.02.10 (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase):-** Construction work of 50 units of HSCs is in progress, and 30 and 20 of these would be completed by end of September and October, 2010 respectively. State share of Rs.46.07 lakh has been released by the State Government. Construction work of 500 units of AWCs is in progress and would be completed by end of October, 2010. Work in respect of IAY houses has not started as the rates has been enhanced from April, 2010 by the Ministry of Rural Development and the beneficiaries have indicated their desire that they should be given the enhanced rate. It was clarified in the meeting that this was not possible as the sanction was made in 2009-10 and if the Ministry of RD has revised their sanction of 2009-10 to bridge the gap, a copy of the same should be made available. It was advised that implementation should not be delayed as the request cannot be entertained.

### **(iv) Malda**

**Status of projects approved in 2<sup>nd</sup> EC Meeting held on 09.09.08:-** All the works in Malda are executed through the BDOs. Out of 700 AWCs the construction of 361 AWCs has been completed and the expenditure is Rs.1050 (100%) of the 1<sup>st</sup> instalment released. Work in the remaining 339

AWCs is under progress and an expenditure of Rs.96 lakhs has been spent (54.59%) of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment released. Work is expected to be completed by end of October, 2010. Total expenditure is Rs.1146 (55%).

**Status of projects approved in 28<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 19.02.10 (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase):-** The construction work of 2000 units of IAY houses and construction of 120 units of HSC has started and would be completed by end of November, 2010. State share of Rs.87.50 lakh and Rs.112.50 lakh has been released for IAY and HSC respectively by the State Government.

**(v) North 24 Parganas**

**Status of projects approved in 16<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 28.07.09:-** All works are executed by the Panchayati Raj institutions except construction of ACRs which is executed by the DPO, SSM. Construction work in all 2005 units of IAY houses is completed and expenditure is Rs.526.32 lakh (100%) of both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> instalments released. State share of Rs.87.715 lakh has been released and an equal amount of 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment is to be released now by the State Government. Construction work in 100 AWCs, out of the 370 AWCs has been completed and expenditure is Rs.300 lakh (55%). Construction work in remaining 270 units of AWCs is in progress and will be completed by September, 2010. Construction work of 22 units of Sub-health Centres (SHCs) has been completed and expenditure is Rs.273 lakh (81%). State share of Rs.59.515 lakh has been released by the State Government. Work is in progress in the remaining in 47 units and will be completed by end of September, 2010.

**Status of projects approved in 28<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 19.02.2010 (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase):-** Out of the 1500 units of IAY houses, construction of 755 units has been completed and expenditure is Rs.125.90 lakh (64%). State share of Rs.65.63 lakh has been released by the State Government. Work in 745 units of IAY is in progress and will be completed by end of August, 2010. Construction of HSC has not started. State share of Rs.33.66 lakh has been released for HSC by the State Government. Construction of 115 units of ACRs in high schools and high Madarsas is completed and expenditure is Rs.115 lakh (70.99%). State share of Rs.54 lakh has been released by the State Government. Work of 101 ACRs in high schools and high Madarsas is yet to start. Construction of health sub-centres is yet to start. State share of Rs.33.66 lakh has been released by the State Government.

**(vi) South 24 Parganas**

**Status of projects approved in 16<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 28.07.09:-** Out of the 174 units of AWCs, construction of 83 units executed by ICDS Cell has been completed and expenditure is Rs.195.37 lakh (75%). Work in 61 units is under progress and is expected to be completed by end of September, 2010. Work in 30 AWCs has not started due to non-availability of land. It was suggested that AWCs could be located within the premises of schools. The State Secretary was advised to look into this matter and have it sorted out with the authority concerned. Construction work in 30 units of AWCs has not yet started. Expenditure is Rs.195.37 lakh (75%).

**Status of projects approved in 23<sup>rd</sup> EC Meeting held on 27.11.09 (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase):-** All the works in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase are executed by BDO. Out of 45 units of Lab rooms, construction of 20 units of Lab rooms has been completed and the expenditure is Rs.30.05 lakh (89%), work is in progress in 20 units and will be completed by end of September, 2010. Work in remaining 5 units has not started. Procurement of equipments for 10 units out of 15 units is under process and will be completed by end of September, 2010. The expenditure is Rs.15.09 lakh (89%). Out of the 74 units of health sub-centres, construction of 47 units of health sub-centres buildings has been completed and the expenditure is Rs.129.79 lakh (29%). Work is in progress in 4 units and will be completed by end of September, 2010. Work has not started in 27 units of HSC due to non-availability of land. The State Secretary was advised to look into this matter and have it sorted out with the authority concerned. Procurement of 1000 units of solar lantern, out of 5000 units, is under process and expenditure is Rs.30.25 lakh (90%). Procurement of solar lanterns and distribution to beneficiaries would be completed by end of August, 2010. Construction work of all the 600 units of secondary/senior secondary schools/madarsas, which was reported to have not started and was cancelled, was reported by the District Magistrate to have started and work was under progress. Procurement of computer for high/senior schools has also started. The details of adjustments on account of the changed situation are discussed below in the recommendation of the EC for the district.

**(vii) Uttar Dinajpur**

**Status of projects approved in 16<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 28.07.09:-** Construction for upgradation of 2 high schools is in progress. The State Government has released State share of Rs.3 lakh. Expenditure reported in respect of the project IAY (units 2300) is Rs.21.17 lakh (7%). State share of Rs.100.63 lakh has been released. Out of the 400 units of AWCs, construction in 132 units executed by BDO has been completed and expenditure is Rs.396 lakh (66%). Work in 48 units is under progress and is expected to be completed by end of August, 2010. Work has not started for 220 units of AWCs.

**Status of projects approved in 28<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 19.02.2010 ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase):-** All works in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase is executed by the District Magistrate. Out of 150 units of ACRs, construction of 74 units has been completed and expenditure is Rs.111 lakh (49%). Work is under progress in remaining 76 units and is expected to be completed by end of December, 2010. State share of Rs.56.25 lakh has been released for ACRs by the State Government. Construction of 15 units for upgradation of Primary Health Centres is under progress and is expected to be completed by end of January, 2011. State share of Rs.84.375 lakh has been released for PHCs by the State Government. Out of 21 units of Sub-Health Centres (SHCs), 4 have been completed and expenditure is Rs.50 lakh

(38%). Construction work in remaining 17 units is under progress. State share of Rs.19.685 lakh has been released by the State Government. Installation of 1470 units of Mark II tube wells has been completed and expenditure is Rs.399 lakh (60%). State share of Rs.165.375 lakh has been released by the State Government.

**(viii) Dakshin Dinajpur**

**Status of projects approved in 22<sup>nd</sup> EC Meeting held on 23.10.09:-** All 7 units of ACRs in high schools have been completed and expenditure is Rs.7.83 lakh (100%). State share of Rs.3.67 lakh has been released. Construction of 21 AWCs, out of 126 units has been completed and expenditure is Rs.31 lakh (11%). Construction of 82 units of AWCs is in progress and is expected to be completed by end of March, 2011. Construction work in remaining 23 units has not started.

**Status of projects approved in 28<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 19.02.2010 (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase):-** Out of 567 units of AWCs, construction of 67 units has started and construction in remaining 500 units is yet to start. Funds for IAY houses have been transferred to the BDOs and cheques will be disbursed by August, 2010. State share of Rs.96.73 lakh for IAY has been received by the district authority. Out of 441 units of Mark II tube wells for fresh drinking water, installation of 400 units has been completed and expenditure is Rs.90.40 lakh (68%). State share of Rs.44.10 lakh has been released. Work for construction of 25 units of ACRs has started and will be completed by March, 2011. State share of Rs.7.18 lakh has been received by the district authority Tender for construction of 25 HSC has been completed and work is expected to be completed by March, 2011. Tender for construction of 2 hostels for girls is under process.

**(ix) Howrah**

**Status of projects approved in 4<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 14.10.08:-** Out of 30 units of AWCs, construction of 13 units executed by EE, RD has been completed and expenditure is Rs.38.64 lakh (86%). Construction of remaining 17 units is under progress and will be completed by end of October, 2010. Out of 300 Hand Pumps, 252 units have been installed by the Zilla Parishad and expenditure is Rs.154.17 lakh (85.65%). Work is under progress in the remaining 48 units and will be completed by end of October, 2010. Construction of 6 units of health centers is under progress and expenditure is Rs.10.25 Lakh (41%). Work will be completed by end of October, 2010. Teaching aids supply to 40 SSKs/MSKs, executed by Sishu Siksha Mission and Managing Committees of schools, has already been provided and expenditure, out of Rs.2.00 lakh (Rs.1.30 lakh as Central share and Rs.0.70 lakh as State share) is Rs.1.00 lakh.

**Sample testing and quality control**

10.2 Need for ensuring quality control by having samples tested was emphasized. The Ministry will provide the expenditure required for this purpose from the administrative cost provision under MsDP. The State officials were informed to send proposals for release of funds for this purpose. It was clarified that there would be no separate allocation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for IAY units sanctioned under MsDP and the entire IAY units would be given to BPL families in the order their names appear in the IAY approved wait list even if they belong to non-minority communities. However, to ensure that minorities get the maximum number of benefits, it was reiterated that villages/localities having the highest proportion (percentage) of minority population should be selected.

**Photographs**



10.3 Photographs of work in progress and completed should be placed on the website of the district, State and the Ministry. The photos in digital format may be sent to the **email address of Dr. Pardeep Kumar, Research Officer in the Ministry** [p.kamboj@nic.in](mailto:p.kamboj@nic.in)

### **Preparation of revised district plan**

10.4 After consideration of the district plan by the Empowered Committee meeting, in case there was still balance funds available, it was advised for consideration of the committees at the State and district levels that the revised plan may be prepared to address the identified development deficits of the district and may include proposal for construction of hostels in secondary/higher secondary schools from class IX to XII where there is no residential school facility for girl and boy students. Girl students from rural areas passing out from KGBV may not be in a position to continue their studies at secondary/higher secondary level as there may be no hostel facility after class VIII. Boy students may require such facility from upper primary school level onwards as KGBV type of residential schools are not provided for them. Construction of hostels could be proposed and the conditions required to be kept in view are at **Annex-A**.

Further, additional class rooms as per SSA norms for upper primary school could be considered and proposed for KGBVs where class rooms also serve as dormitory for girl students.

Inter college/secondary/higher secondary school could be constructed under MsDP as per the scheme of D/o School Education & Literacy for setting up of 6000 model schools at block level under Kendriya Vidyalaya School (KVS) norms in conformity with the KVS/Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) pattern. Requirement/conditions in this regard is at **Annex-B**

The availability of ITIs/capacity of existing ITIs for skill education in the district, creation of facilities for Modular Employable Scheme would need to be considered and proposed for catering to students who, for various reasons, are unable to continue school education. In case the govt. is ready to give commitment for meeting the recurring expenditure including staff provision and provide land, construction of ITI along with hostel facility and machinery requirement as per NCVT norms could be proposed. The conditions required to be kept in view are at **Annex-C**.

### **Recommendations of the Empowered Committee (EC)**

**11.** The Empowered Committee considered the revised district plans for balance funds of (i) Birbhum, (ii) Cooch Bihar, (iii) Murshidabad, (iv) Malda, (v) North 24 Parganas, (vi) South 24 Parganas, (vii) Uttar Dinajpur and (viii) Dakshin Dinajpur, and (ix) Howrah of West Bengal. The Secretary of State Government and District Collector/representative concerned clarified and confirmed the status and fulfillment of conditions in the guidelines of MsDP as well as those given in para 9 above and assured that the list of villages/locations along with percentage of minority population would be sent to the Ministry of Minority Affairs. It was advised that specific details would need to be provided by the State Government for all such cases which are recommended for approval by the Empowered Committee. The conclusions that emerged in the meeting of the Empowered Committee are given below.

## Item No. 1 Birbhum

Birbhum is category 'A' district having socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. Birbhum is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in terms of concentration of minority population in the state of West Bengal. Fifteen blocks out of nineteen blocks have minority population over 25%. Tentative allocation for the district is Rs.54.80 crore for 11<sup>th</sup> plan.

### **A-Projects Approved:**

#### **(i) Construction of anganwadi centres ( Phase-IV):**

Health indicator i.e. vaccination to the children of 66.52% was above the national average of 43.50%. The Empowered Committee has already been approved total of 841 units of AWCs (411+260+170) in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> E C meetings as it was submitted that availability of buildings for AWCs would improve the delivery of services and nutrition for women and children. When the proposal for construction of 170 AWCs was proposed in 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting, it was submitted that 3816 anganwadi centres were operational in the district out of which 698 have their own building and rest were without their own buildings. The proposal for consideration is for approving additional number of 100 AWCs at a unit cost of Rs.3.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.300.00 lakh in villages/localities having a high proportion of minority population. This will raise the number of AWCs to be constructed under MsDP for this district to 941 units. Land and staff were confirmed to be available. Maintenance will be carried out by the state Government.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of additional units of 100 AWCs @Rs.3.00 lakh at a total cost of Rs.300.00 lakh, subject to the conditions that the centres would be constructed as per the design, specification and norms of the M/o Women and Child Development and list of villages along with minority population would be provided. The conditions stated at para 9 above would also apply.

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. Units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1	Construction of anganwadi centres (Phase-IV)	100	3.00	300.00	--	300.00

**Release of 1<sup>st</sup> Installment:** EC approved for release of 50% of the total central share as 1<sup>st</sup> instalment.

**(ii) Construction of Additional Class Rooms (ACRs) in Govt. Primary Schools (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase):** Literacy rate (total) and female literacy has been ranked as the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> deficit in the district respectively. The 19<sup>th</sup> EC approved construction of 1020 units of ACRs (291 ACRs for primary schools, 100 ACRs for upper primary schools and 629 ACRs for primary schools & upper primary schools) @ Rs.2.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.2040.00 lakh (Rs.582 + Rs.200 +Rs.1258 lakh). Central contribution from MsDP was Rs.1326.00 lakh and Rs.714.00 lakh was the State share in the ratio of 65:35 as per the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) funding pattern. Now the instant proposal was for the construction of an additional 156 units of ACRs in primary schools @ Rs.3.10 lakh for a total cost of Rs.483.60 lakh. According to the State Secretary, who submitted a zone-wise estimate for ACRs in West Bengal after the EC meeting, stated that Birbhum is under Hot Zone classification and the unit cost was Rs.3.10 lakh per ACR. The

proposal was made as the number of students in the government primary schools has increased and more space was needed for them. Land and staff were stated to be available.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for the construction of 156 units of ACRs in primary schools and @ Rs.3.10 lakh for a total cost of Rs.483.60 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.314.34 lakh and Rs.169.26 lakh would be the State share in the ratio of 65:35 as per the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) funding pattern. Villages with highest percentage of minority population will be given preference for implementation of the project and a list of villages/locations with percentage of minority population covered by the school would be furnished to the Ministry. With this approval the numbers of ACRs for primary and upper primary schools approved for this district was now 1176 units. Conditions in para 9 above would also be applicable. The approval was given in the following manner:

The approval was accorded in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (65%)	State Share (35%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	Construction of ACR in primary schools	156	3.10	314.34	169.26	483.60

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

**Balance available:-** The tentative allocation of the district is Rs.54.80 crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. Of this fund, the Empowered Committee has already approved projects amounting to Rs.4705.15 lakh (Rs.1464.20 lakh in 2<sup>nd</sup> EC, Rs.2430.62 lakh in 19<sup>th</sup> EC and Rs.810.33 lakh in 28<sup>th</sup> EC). With the approval of Rs.614.34 lakh in the instant 36<sup>th</sup> EC meeting, total approved amount would now be Rs.5319.49 lakh. Taking into account Rs.10.33 lakh kept for administrative cost for 2010-11 and 2011-12, there would still be a balance fund of Rs.150.18 lakh. This was the fourth meeting of the EC for consideration of plans for the district and it was felt that the balance could be exhausted by enhancing projects already approved projects for the district. The State Secretary felt that the option for construction of IAY houses could be considered.

(iii) **Construction of IAY houses:** Households with pucca walls was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> priority among the development deficits identified by the baseline survey of the district. The proposal was for 446 units of IAY houses for the total cost of Rs.200.70 lakh @Rs.45,000 per unit would exhaust the balance fund available. The district authorities assured that villages/localities with the highest percentage of minority population would be selected. As provided in the guidelines for IAY, efforts will be made by the State Government to bring about convergence for sanitary toilets under Total Sanitation Campaign and provide electricity under RGGVY to the IAY houses constructed under MsDP

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of additional 445 units of IAY houses for a total cost of Rs.200.25 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.150.18 lakh and Rs.50.07 lakh as State share as per the funding pattern of IAY between Centre and State in the ratio of 75:25 subject to the condition 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 and list of beneficiaries would be provided. Villages with the highest proportion of minority population

would be selected. Conditions in para 9 above would also be applicable. The following approval was accorded:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1	Construction of IAY houses	445	0.45	150.18	50.07	200.25

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

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

Sl. no.	Name of the Project for Birbhum 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>Administrative approval</b>				<b>Rupees in Lakh</b>				
(a)	Construction anganwadi centres	100:00	100	3.00	300.00	--	300.00	150.00
(b)	Construction of ACR in primary schools and Upper Primary schools	65:35	156	3.10	314.34	169.26	483.60	157.17
(c)	IAY	75:25	445	0.45	150.18	50.07	200.25	75.09
	<b>Total</b>				<b>764.52</b>	<b>219.33</b>	<b>983.85</b>	<b>382.26</b>

**General Observation:-** Keeping aside Rs.10.32 lakh as administrative cost for 2010-11 and 2011-12, the Empowered Committee, with the approvals of this instant EC meeting, has already approved projects **exhausting the allocation of the district in full.**

**Item No. 2 -- Cooch Behar**

Cooch Behar is a sub-category 'A' district having socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. The fund allocated for the MsDP Plan was Rs.48.20 crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan period.

District plan of Cooch Behar was considered in the 16<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee (EC) meeting. Administrative approval for Rs.773.00 lakh (central share) was accorded for various projects out of the tentative allocation of Rs.4820.00 lakh.

**Project Approved:-**

**(a) Construction of Additional Class Room (ACR) in primary and upper primary Schools (Phase-III):**

Total literacy and female literacy rate in the district were 64.7% and 62.29% and ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the baseline survey of the district respectively. A total of 394 units of ACRs in Primary schools (136 units in 16<sup>th</sup> EC meeting and 258 units in 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting) and 548 units of ACRs in upper primary schools (154 in 16<sup>th</sup> EC meeting and 394 units in 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting) have already been approved. The instant proposal was for construction of 249 units of ACRs in primary schools and 255 units of ACRs in upper primary schools for the total cost of Rs.1486.8 lakh. According to the State Secretary, who submitted a zone-wise estimate for ACRs in West

Bengal after the EC meeting, stated that Cooch Behar is under High Rain Fall Zone classification and the unit cost was Rs.2.95 lakh per ACR.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 504 units of ACRs (249 units of ACRs in primary school and 255 units of ACRs in upper primary schools) at a unit cost of Rs.2.95 lakh for the total cost of Rs.1486.80 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.966.42 lakh and Rs.520.38 lakh as State share in the ratio of 65:35 between Centre and State as per SSA funding pattern subject to approval of State Mission Director. In addition, conditions mentioned at para 9 above would also be applicable. The ACRs would be constructed in schools that covered areas having a substantial minority population. State Govt. would submit a list of the schools where these ACRs would be constructed along with the percentage of minority population covered by each school. The Empowered Committee approved the project, in the following manner:-

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 class rooms in primary school	249	2.95	477.46	257.09	734.55
2	Construction of additional class rooms in upper primary school	255	2.95	488.96	263.29	752.25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>966.42</b>	<b>520.38</b>	<b>1486.80</b>

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

**(b) Construction of IAY houses:** Households with pucca walls ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> priority among the development deficits identified by the baseline survey of the district. The instant proposal was for 654 units of IAY houses for the total cost of Rs.294.30 lakh @ Rs.45,000 per unit. The district authorities assured that villages/localities with the highest proportion of minority population would be selected. As provided in the guidelines for IAY, efforts will be made by the State Government to bring about convergence for sanitary toilets under Total Sanitation Campaign and provide electricity under RGGVY to the IAY houses constructed under MsDP.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of additional 654 units of IAY houses for a total cost of Rs.294.30 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.220.73 lakh and Rs.73.57 lakh as State share as per the funding pattern of IAY between Centre and State in the ratio of 75:25 subject to the condition 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 without making separate allocation for Scheduled Castes (SC) or Scheduled Tribes (ST) and list of beneficiaries would be provided to the Ministry. Villages with the highest proportion of minority population would be selected. Conditions in para 9 above would also be applicable. The following approval was accorded:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)		
1	Construction of IAY houses	654	0.45	220.73	73.57	294.30

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

**Summary of projects of Cooch Behar (West Bengal) district approved by the Empowered Committee:**

S. No.	Name of the project for Cooch Behar (West Bengal)	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 <sup>st</sup> installment
<b>Rs. In Lakhs</b>								
1	Construction of additional class room in primary schools	65:35	249	2.95	477.46	257.09	734.55	238.73
2	Construction of additional class room in upper primary schools	65:35	255	2.95	488.96	263.29	752.25	244.48
3	Construction of IAY houses	75:25	654	0.45	220.73	73.57	294.30	110.36
	<b>Total</b>				<b>1187.15</b>	<b>593.95</b>	<b>1781.1</b>	<b>593.57</b>

**General Observation:-** The fund allocated for the district under MsDP was Rs.48.20 crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. So far approvals for Rs.3620.48 lakh have been made (Rs.773.00 lakh in 16<sup>th</sup> EC, Rs.2847.48 lakh in 28<sup>th</sup> EC meetings). With the instant approvals for Central assistance of Rs.1187.15 lakh for (i) construction of additional class room in primary schools, (ii) construction of additional class rooms in upper primary schools, and (iii) construction of IAY houses, the total approvals for Central assistance would now be Rs.4807.63 lakh leaving a balance of Rs.12.37 lakh that would be kept aside for administrative cost. With this, the entire MsDP allocation for this district has been exhausted and the **district plan is approved in full.**

**Item No. 3 –Murshidabad**

The fund tentatively allocated for Murshidabad district under the MsDP was Rs.11710.00 lakh for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. District Plans of Murshidabad were considered in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee meetings held on 09.09.2008, 10.09.09 and 19.02.2010 respectively. So far, administrative approvals (Rs.7251.88 lakh) and in-principle approvals (Rs.3584.70 lakh) amounting to Rs.10836.58 lakh as Central assistance has been accorded for the various projects. There is a balance of Rs.873.42 lakh still available for Murshidabad.

Murshidabad is a category ‘A’ district having both socio- economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average.

**Project Approved:-**

(a) **Construction of girls hostel:**

Female literacy rate in the district was 64.72% which was above the national average and ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the baseline survey of the district. The proposal was for the construction of 7 hostels for girl students @Rs.60.00 lakh at a total cost of Rs.360.00 lakh. State Secretary stated that such hostels are being managed by a management committee of the school concerned and the cost of staff and maintenance of the hostel will be borne by the Govt. of West Bengal. It was stated that these hostels would be located in the premises of Government schools and confirmed

that these will be used only by school students of classes IX to XII. Availability of such facility will help the students living in villages/rural areas where secondary and senior secondary schools are not available to enable them to continue their education in a safe and protected environment at reasonable cost.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 7 hostels for girls @Rs.60.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.420.00 lakh as a central assistance. The approval would be subject to furnishing of confirmation by the State Govt. of West Bengal to the conditions laid down in Annex – A and para 9 above. Locations with high proportion of minority population will be selected. The list of locations where these hostels would be constructed would be provided by the State Government along with the percentage of minority population covered by the school.

The Empowered Committee accorded 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	Construction of girls hostel	7	60.00	420.00	-	420.00

The Empowered Committee approved the release of 50% of the total central share as 1<sup>st</sup> instalment.

**Conversion of in-principle project to approved project:-**

**(a) Construction of girls' hostels:**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for the construction of 5 units of hostels for girls @Rs.60.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.300.00 lakh.

State Secretary stated that such hostels are being managed by a management committee of the school concerned and the cost of staff and maintenance of the hostel will be borne by the Govt. of West Bengal. It was stated that these hostels would be located in the premises of Government schools and confirmed that these will be used only by school students of classes IX to XII. Availability of such facility will help the students living in villages/rural areas where secondary and senior secondary schools are not available to enable them to continue their education in a safe and protected environment at reasonable cost.

The Empowered Committee accorded approval for conversion of in-principle approved project of 5 hostels for girls to approved project @ Rs.60.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.300.00 lakh as a central assistance. The approval would be subject to furnishing of confirmation by the State Govt. of West Bengal to the conditions laid down in Annex – A and para 9 above. Locations with high proportion of minority population will be selected. The list of locations where these hostels would be constructed would be provided by the State Government along with the percentage of minority population covered by the school.

The Empowered Committee accorded 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	Construction of girls hostel	5	60.00	300.00	-	300.00

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

**(b) Installation of hand pumps:-** In the 2<sup>nd</sup> EC meeting, in-principle approval was accorded for installing 1986 tube well mark II hand pumps at a total cost of Rs.1191.60 lakh, of which Rs.893.70 lakh and Rs.297.90 lakh would be Central share and State share respectively. This was given on the condition that the State Government would provide a detailed project report/profile, with technical approval of the competent authority in the State, for appraisal and comments of the Department of Drinking Water Supply. The list of locations should be provided in the DPR. The DPRs has been submitted by the State Govt. and has been appraised by the Central Department of Drinking Water Supply (DWS). The representative from the D/o DWS stated that this could be sanctioned under MsDP for a reduced number of 404 units of Mark II hand pumps, which is the uncovered gap as per the norms of ARWSP, at the rate of Rs.0.595 lakh for a total cost of Rs.240.38 lakh.

The Empowered Committee considered and accorded approval for conversion of in-principle approval to approval for installation of 404 units of Mark II hand pumps at a unit cost of Rs.0.595 lakh for a total cost of Rs.240.38 lakh, of which Rs.180.29 lakh would be Central share and Rs.60.09 lakh as State share. This will be subject to confirmation from the State P H E Department that there is no duplication funds have not been released to cover the hand pumps funded under MsDP and that these would be in arsenic free blocks. Conditions in para 9 above would also be applicable. Empowered Committee accorded approval in the following manner:-

Sl. no	Name of the project for Murshidabad (West Bengal)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost
3.	Installation of Mark II hand Pumps	75:25	404	0.595	180.29	60.09	240.38

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

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

Sl. no	Name of the project for Murshidabad(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>								
1	Construction of girls' hostel	100:00	7	60.00	420.00	--	420.00	210.00
2	Construction of girls' hostel (Conversion of in-principle approval to approval)	100:00	5	60.00	300.00	--	300.00	150.00
3.	Installation of Mark II hand Pumps. (Conversion of in-principle approval to approval)	75:25	404	0.595	180.29	60.09	240.38	90.14
	<b>Total</b>				<b>900.29</b>	<b>60.09</b>	<b>960.38</b>	<b>450.14</b>

**General Observation:** - The fund allocated for the district under MsDP was Rs.117.10 crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. So far, approvals of Rs.7251.88 lakh have been made (Rs.1387.50 lakh



in 2<sup>th</sup> EC, Rs.3531.25 lakh in 19<sup>th</sup> EC meeting and Rs.2333.13 lakh in 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting). With the instant approvals for Central assistance of Rs.900.29 lakh, the total approvals would now amount to Rs.8152.17 lakh. Apart from this, in principle approvals were accorded for a total amount of Rs.2391.00 lakh (Rs.187.00 lakh in 2<sup>nd</sup> EC and Rs.2204.00 lakh in 19<sup>th</sup> EC) for projects given in the table below. Taking this into account, the total committed amount would be Rs.10543.17 lakh leaving the balance of Rs.1156.83 lakh excluding the amount of Rs.10.00 lakh as administrative cost for the year 2010-11 and 2011-12. This was the fourth EC meeting for the district. The State Secretary and district representative were advised to work out a revised plan for the balance fund of **Rs. 1156.83 lakh** available in such a manner as stated at para 10.4 above so that the proposals can be approved and the balance fund exhausted fully in the **next meeting**. The details of the **in-principle approved** project for which funds have been set aside are:

Sl. no	Name of the project for Murshidabad (W.B.)	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	Status of proposal
<b>Rupee in lakh</b>							
1	Upgradation of existing ITI at Banjetia	1	-	187.00	-	187.00	DPR Sent to M/o Labour & Employment on 22/02/2010.
2	Establishment of women colleges	2	1000.00	1500.00	500.00	2000.00	DPR sent to M/o HRD on 22/02/2010
3	Upgradation of Saikhpara Polytechnic	1	704.00	704.00	-	704.00	DPR sent to M/o HRD on 22/02/2010
	<b>Total</b>			<b>2391.00</b>	500.00	2891.00	

It was made clear that the colleges to be constructed under MsDP should be only upto class 12. Degree colleges will not be funded under MsDP.

#### **Item No. 4 Malda**

Malda is a category 'A' district having both socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. The fund allocated for the Malda is Rs.68.70 crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. The district plans of Malda were considered in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> EC meetings and administrative approval amounting to Rs.3900.00 lakh as Central assistance was accorded for the various projects. There is a balance of Rs.2970.00 lakh still available for Malda.

#### **Project Approved:-**

(a) **Construction of additional classrooms (ACRs) in Govt. High Schools:** Priority for total and female literacy is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively according to the baseline survey. State Govt. has proposed for construction of 222 units of ACRs in 111 Govt. high schools (2 units each) @Rs.2.60 lakh for a total cost of Rs.577.20 lakh. State Secretary of Minority Welfare and Madarsa Education stated that the unit cost for construction of ACRs in Govt. high school was as per Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) norms. According to the State Secretary, who submitted a zone-wise estimate for ACRs in West Bengal after the EC meeting, stated that

Malda is under Normal Zone classification and the unit cost was Rs.2.60 lakh per ACR. He assured that the proposal has been approved by the Education Department of State Govt. of WB.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 222 additional classrooms in Government high schools @ Rs.2.60 lakh at a total cost of Rs.577.20 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.432.90 lakh and Rs.144.30 lakh as State share as per RMSA sharing ratio of 75:25 between Centre and State. The approval was given on the condition that the ACRs would be constructed in high schools which are located in villages having a substantial minority population. The ACRs would be constructed as per design, specification laid down in RMSA. Conditions in para 9 above would also be applicable. The approval was given 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.	Construction of ACRs in Govt. High Schools	222	2.60	432.90	144.30	577.20

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

#### **Summary of the projects of Malda District approved the Empowered Committee.**

Sl. no	Name of the project for Malda (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>								
1.	Construction of ACRs in Govt. High Schools	75:25	222	2.60	432.90	144.30	577.20	216.45

**General Observation:** - The fund allocated for the district under MsDP was Rs.6870.00 lakh for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. So far approvals of Rs.3900.00 lakh have been made (Rs.2100.00 lakh in 2<sup>th</sup> EC, Rs.1800.00 lakh in 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting) for various projects. With the instant approval of Rs.432.90 lakh for construction of ACRs in high schools as Central assistance, the total administrative sanctioned amount would now be Rs.4332.90 lakh leaving the balance of Rs.2527.10 lakh excluding the amount of Rs.10.00 lakh as administrative cost for the year 2010-11 and 2011-12. This was the third EC meeting for the district. The State Government and district representatives were advised to work out a revised plan for the balance fund of Rs.2527.10 lakh available in such a manner as stated at para 10.4 above so that the proposals can be approved and the balance fund exhausted fully in the **next meeting**.

#### **Item No. 5. North 24 Parganas**

North 24 Parganas is a sub-category 'B1' district having socio-economic parameters below the national average. The fund allocated for the MsDP Plan was Rs.54.80 crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan.

District plans of North 24 Parganas were considered in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee (EC) meetings. The total administrative approvals for Central assistance of Rs.3860.13 and in-principle approval of Rs.200.00 lakh were accorded for various projects, out of the tentative allocation of Rs.5480.00 lakh. There was an amount of Rs.1419.87 lakh available for the revised plan of this district.

### **Project Approved:-**

(a) **Construction of Additional Class Room (ACR) in high Schools and high Madrasas (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase):** Total literacy and female literacy rate in the district were 79.65% and 76.37% respectively. In 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting, administrative approval for 216 units of ACRs in high schools and high Madrasas was given for the total cost of Rs.432 lakh of which central share was Rs.324.00 lakh. It was stated by the State officials that the proposal has been made as there is increasing demand for secondary education in view of the impact of SSA. State Secretary of Minority Welfare and Madarsa Education stated that the unit cost for construction of ACRs in Govt. high school was as per Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) norms. According to the State Secretary, who submitted a zone-wise estimate for ACRs in West Bengal after the EC meeting, stated that North 24 Parganas is under Normal Zone classification and the unit cost was Rs.2.60 lakh per ACR. He assured that the proposal has been approved by the Education Department of State Govt. of WB. The proposal was for construction of 285 ACRs in high schools and high madrasas at a unit cost of Rs.2.60 lakh for the total cost of Rs.741.00 lakh. The representative of the State Govt. confirmed that these are Government and Government aided high schools/madarsas and are located in areas with high minority concentration.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 285 ACRs in high schools and high madarsas for the total cost of Rs.741.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.555.75 lakh and Rs.185.25 lakh as State share in the ratio of 75:25 between Centre and State as per RMSA funding pattern. In addition, condition mentioned at para 9 above would also be applicable. The ACRs would be constructed in schools which cover areas having a substantial minority population and RMSA norms will be followed. The Empowered Committee approved the project, in the following manner:-

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost for	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	construction of additional class rooms in high schools and high madarsas	285	2.60	555.75	185.25	741.00

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

### **Projects in-principle approved**

(a) **Construction of ITI building at Baduria P. S. with two hostels:** Total work participation and female work participation has been ranked as 4<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> respectively in the baseline survey of the district. Govt. of West Bengal has proposed for construction of ITI building along with two hostels, one each for boys and girls, at a total cost of Rs.560.00 lakh. The proposed ITI will be co-educational.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for the construction of new ITI building at Baduria PS with two hostels for a total cost of Rs.560.00 lakh. This was made subject to the condition that the State Government would provide a Detailed Project Report (DPR) as per details contained in **Annex-C and para 9 above**. 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	Construction of ITI building at Baduria PS with two hostels	1	560.00	560.00	--	560.00

**Project dropped:**

**Construction of Girls Hostel at Barasat:** The State Government proposed to drop the project which was approved in-principle in 28<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee meeting held on 19.02.10 for construction of Girls Hostel at Barasat for a total cost of Rs.200.00 lakh as hostel for Degree College was not a priority.

**Balance available:-** The tentative allocation of the district is Rs.54.80 crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. Of this fund, the Empowered Committee has already approved projects amount to Rs.3860.13 lakh (Rs.2310.80 lakh in 16<sup>th</sup> EC, Rs.1549.33 lakh in 28<sup>th</sup> EC). With the approval of Rs.555.75 lakh for ACR in high schools and high madaras in the instant 36<sup>th</sup> EC meeting, total approved amount would now be Rs.4415.88 lakh. Taking into account an amount of Rs.560 lakh set aside for in-principle approved project for construction of ITI building at Baduria PS and Rs.10.51 lakh for administrative cost for 2010-11 and 2011-12. The committed amount would be Rs. 4975.88 lakh leaving a balance of Rs.493.61 lakh. This was the third meeting of the EC for consideration of plans for the district and it was felt that the balance could be exhausted by enhancing projects already approved for the district. The State Secretary felt that the option for construction of IAY houses could be considered.

**Construction of IAY houses:** Households with pucca walls ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> priority among the development deficits identified by the baseline survey of the district. The proposal was for 1357 units of IAY houses for Sundarban area for the total cost of Rs.658.14 lakh @ Rs.485, 00 per unit would exhaust the balance fund available. The district authorities assured that villages/localities with the highest proportion of minority population would be selected. As provided in the guidelines for IAY, efforts will be made by the State Government to bring about convergence for sanitary toilets under Total Sanitation Campaign and provide electricity under RGGVY to the IAY houses constructed under MsDP.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of additional 1357 units of IAY houses for a total cost of Rs.658.14 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.493.61 lakh and Rs.164.53 lakh as State share as per the funding pattern of IAY between Centre and State in the ratio of 75:25 subject to the condition 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 without making separate allocation for Scheduled Castes (SC) or Scheduled Tribes (ST) and list of beneficiaries would be provided. Villages with the highest proportion of minority population would be selected. Conditions in para 9 above would also be applicable. The following approval was accorded:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)		
1	Construction of IAY houses	1357	0.485	493.61	164.53	658.14

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

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

S. No.	Name of the project for North 24 Parganas (West Bengal)	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 <sup>st</sup> installment
<b>Administrative approval</b>					<b>Rs. In Lakh</b>			
1	Construction of additional class rooms in high schools/high madarsa	75:25	285	2.60	555.75	185.25	741.00	277.87
2.	Indira Awas Yojana (IAY)	75:25	1357	0.485	493.61	164.53	658.14	246.80
	<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>1049.36</b>	<b>349.78</b>	<b>1399.14</b>	<b>524.67</b>
<b>In-principle approval</b>								
3	Construction of ITI building at Baduria PS with two hostels	100:00	1	560.00	560.00	--	560.00	
	<b>Total</b>				<b>1609.36</b>	<b>349.78</b>	<b>1959.14</b>	<b>524.67</b>

**General Observation:-** Keeping aside Rs.10.51 lakh as administrative cost for 2010-11 and 2011-12, the Empowered Committee, with the approvals of this instant EC meeting has already approved projects exhausting the allocation of the **district in full**.

**Item No. 6. South 24 Parganas**

South 24 Parganas is a category 'A' district having socio-economic and basic parameters below the national average. The fund allocated for the MsDP Plan was Rs.82.00 crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan.

The district plans of South 24 Parganas were considered in 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee (EC) meetings. This was the fourth time that plans of the district South 24 Parganas have been considered. In the 16<sup>th</sup> EC meeting administrative approvals (for IAYs & AWCs) and in-principle approvals (for ITI Baruipur) were given for Rs.3147.00 lakh and Rs.125.00 lakh respectively as central share. In the 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting, administrative approved project for 10,000 units of Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) houses and in-principle approval for ITI at Baruipur and supply of instruments were dropped. Therefore, the revised approved amount for Central assistance went down to Rs.522.00 lakh for AWCs project only.

In the 23<sup>rd</sup> EC meeting, administrative approval for Rs.1930.00 lakh of Central assistance (for secondary/senior secondary school/Madarsas, lab, equipments, HSC, solar lantern and computer) and in-principle approval for Rs.4080 lakh (for ITI in Diamond Harbour, Baruipur

and two polytechnic institutes) were given. Administrative approval for Central assistance which was given in 23<sup>rd</sup> EC meeting for ACRs in secondary/senior secondary schools/Madarsas for Rs.900 lakh and computers for high schools/senior Madarsas for Rs.75.00 lakh totaling to Rs.975.00 lakh were dropped in the 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting on the advice of the State Government that funds required for construction of two polytechnic institutions was for Rs.1230 lakh each instead of Rs.12.30 lakh as reflected in the minutes and more fund was needed for taking up these polytechnic institutes. The State Government and the District Collector stated that the projects for ACRs in secondary/senior secondary schools/Madarsas for Rs.900 lakh and computers for high school/senior Madarsas have already started and cannot be dropped. As a consequence of this new development, the fund of Rs.975.00 lakh would not be available and needs to be restored. The balance available would be **Rs.1668.00 lakh** instead of Rs.2643.00 lakh. Thus, the approval of all the 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> EC meetings, the administrative approval and in-principle approval were Rs.2452.00 lakh and Rs.4080.00 lakh respectively as central assistance.

Therefore, the total approval for South 24 Paraganas was Rs.6532.00 lakh (Rs.2452.00 + Rs.4080.00 lakh) out of the total tentative allocation of Rs.8200.00 lakh leaving the balance amount of Rs.1668.00 lakh. The Empowered Committee restored the projects for ACRs in secondary/senior secondary schools/Madarsas for Rs.900 lakh and computers for high school/senior Madarsas for Rs.75.00 lakh.

State Govt. of West Bengal submitted the proposals for the balance funds of Rs.1668.00 lakh which was considered and approved as under:-

**Project Approved:-**

**(a) Construction of anganwadi centres:**

Health indicator i.e. vaccination to children was 69.91% against the national average of 43.50%. In the 16<sup>th</sup> EC meeting it was submitted that there were 8042 anganwadi centres, out of which 775 were without buildings and 174 units of AWCs were approved at a unit cost of Rs.3.00 lakh for the total cost of Rs.522.00 as central share. The State Govt. has now proposed for construction of 150 units of anganwadi centres @ Rs.3.00 lakh at a total cost of Rs.450.00 lakh. It has been submitted by the State Government that availability of buildings for AWCs will improve the delivery of the services and nutrition for women and children. The State Govt. had further requested vide letter no. 58/Secy-MAME/10 dated 20/08/10 for only 50 units of AWCs @ Rs. 3.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs. 150.00 lakh.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 50 AWCs @ of Rs.3.00 lakh at a total cost of Rs.150.00 lakh, subject to the conditions that the centres would be constructed as per the design, specification and norms of the M/o Women and Child Development and list of villages along with minority population would be provided. Villages with high proportion of minority population should be selected. The conditions stated at para 9 above would also apply.

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. Units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1	Construction anganwadi centres	50	3.00	150.00	-	150.00

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

**(b) Indira Awas Yojana (IAY):** Households having pucca walls of South 24 Paraganas district were ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the order of deficit in the baseline survey. 16<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee approved the construction of 10000 IAY houses for a total cost of Rs.3500.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP was Rs.2625.00 lakh and Rs.875.00 lakh as State share as per the funding pattern of IAY between Centre and State in the ratio of 75:25. This was however dropped in the 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting on the request of the State Govt./district administration. The instant proposal was for 2000 units of IAY houses for the total cost of Rs.700.00 lakh @ Rs.0.35 per unit. In view of the fact that IAY houses had been approved earlier, but later dropped due to the request of district administration, it was decided to consider the proposal at the pre 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 rates. As provided in the guidelines for IAY, efforts will be made by the State Government to bring about convergence for sanitary toilets under Total Sanitation Campaign and provide electricity under RGGVY to the IAY houses constructed under MsDP.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 2000 units of IAY houses for a total cost of Rs.700.00 lakh @ Rs. 0.35 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.525.00 lakh and Rs.175.00 lakh as State share as per the funding pattern of IAY between Centre and State in the ratio of 75:25 subject to the condition 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 without making separate allocation for Scheduled Castes (SC) or Scheduled Tribes (ST) or other communities and list of beneficiaries would be provided. Villages with the highest proportion of minority population would be selected. Conditions in para 9 above would also be applicable. The following approval was accorded:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)		
2.	Construction of IAY houses	2000	0.35	525.00	175.00	700.00

**Release of 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment:** State Govt. of Bengal has already been released 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of Rs.1312.50 lakh as Central assistance vide Ministry sanction letter dated 18.09.09 for the project of 10,000 units of IAYs which was sanctioned in 16<sup>th</sup> EC meeting and dropped in 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting. If the current sanction amount of Rs. 525.00 lakh is adjusted with the already sanctioned amount of Rs. 1312.50 lakh for the project IAY, there is still available balance of Rs.787.50 lakh with the State Govt. Therefore, the State Govt. of West Bengal was advised to release the State share of Rs. 175.00 and utilize the available funds to complete the project of 2000 unit of IAY and furnish the Utilisation certificates of the whole amount. The balance available amount of Rs.787.50 lakh (= Rs. 1312.50 lakh - Rs.525.00 lakh) would be adjusted in the ensuing approval of Empowered Committee meeting.

**(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. The District Magistrate proposed for approving some units of laboratory room with lab equipments as availability of this facility will have a positive effect on education of science students. In 23<sup>rd</sup> EC Meeting construction of 45 units of Laboratory rooms and 15 units of equipments at a unit cost of Rs.2.00 lakh and Rs.3.00 lakh respectively were sanctioned. Central contribution was Rs.67.50 lakh for construction of laboratory rooms and Rs.33.75 lakh for equipments. The proposal was for the construction of an additional number of 45 units of

laboratory rooms (3 lab rooms each in 15 schools) at a total cost of Rs.105.75 lakh @ Rs.2.35 lakh in Govt. secondary/senior secondary schools and for purchase of 45 units of lab equipments (3 unit of equipments each in 15 schools) at a total cost of Rs.45.00 lakh @ Rs.1.00 lakh. The State Secretary assured that the proposal has been approved by the Education Department of State Govt. of WB. The representative of the State Govt. confirmed that these are Government and Government aided high schools/madarsas and are located in areas with high concentration of minorities.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for the construction of 45 units of laboratory rooms in Govt. secondary/senior secondary schools (3 lab rooms each in 15 schools) @ Rs.2.35 lakh for a total cost of Rs.105.75 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.79.31 lakh and Rs.26.44 lakh as State share for purchase of 45 units of lab equipments (3 unit of equipments each in 15 schools) @ Rs.1.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.45.00 lakh. In respect of equipments, Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.33.75 lakh and Rs.11.25 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. Conditions mentioned at par 9 above would also be applicable. 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) for each school	45	2.35	79.31	26.44	105.75
2	Equipments	45	1.00	33.75	11.25	45.00
	<b>Total</b>			<b>113.06</b>	<b>37.69</b>	<b>150.75</b>

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

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

S. No.	Name of the project for South 24 Parganas (West Bengal)	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 <sup>st</sup> installment
<b>Administrative approval</b>					<b>Rs. In Lakhs</b>			
1	Construction of Anganwadi Centres	100:00	50	3.00	150.00	-	150.00	75.00
2.	Construction of IAY houses	75:25	2000	0.35	525.00	175.00	700.00	**
3.	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	2.35	79.31	26.44	105.75	39.66
4.	Equipments	75:25	45	1.00	33.75	11.25	45.00	16.87
	<b>Total</b>				<b>788.06</b>	<b>212.69</b>	<b>1000.75</b>	<b>131.53</b>



\*\* incur the expenditure from balance available which was sanctioned vide Ministry's sanction dated 18.09.2009 for the project of IAY (Rs. 1312.50 lakh as 1<sup>st</sup> installment) which was dropped in 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting.

**General Observation:** - The fund allocated for the district under MsDP was Rs.8200.00 crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan period. So far approvals of Rs.2452.00 lakh have been made (Rs.522.00 lakh in 16<sup>th</sup> EC, Rs.1930.00 lakh in 23<sup>rd</sup> EC meeting). With the instant approvals for Central assistance of Rs. 788.06 lakh for construction of AWCs, IAY houses, Lab rooms & equipments, the total approved amount would now be Rs. 3240.06 lakh (Rs.522.00 + Rs.1930.00 + Rs. 788.06). Apart from this, in-principle approval was accorded for the total amount of Rs.4080.00 lakh in 23<sup>rd</sup> EC. Taking this into account, the total committed amount would be Rs.7320.06 lakh leaving the balance of Rs.869.94 lakh excluding the amount of Rs.10.00 lakh as administrative cost for the year 2010-11 and 2011-12. This was the fourth EC meeting for the district. The State Government and district representatives were advised to work out a revised plan for the balance fund of Rs.869.94 lakh available in such a manner as stated at para 10.4 above so that the proposals can be approved and the balance fund exhausted fully in the next meeting. The details of the in-principle approved project for which funds have been set aside are:

Sl. no	Name of the project for South 24 Paraganas (W.B.)	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	DPR submitted by State or not	Status of proposal
<b>Rupee in lakh</b>								
<b>Approved in-principle</b>								
1	Establishment of ITI in Diamond Harbour and Baruipur sub-divisions	2	810.00	1620.00	--	1620.00	Not submitted	
2	Construction of Govt. Polytechnic	2	1230.00	2460.00	--	2460.00	Not submitted	
	<b>Total</b>			<b>4080.00</b>		<b>4080.00</b>		

### **Item No. 7- Uttar Dinajpur**

Uttar Dinajpur is a sub-category 'A' district having socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. The fund allocated for the MsDP Plan was Rs.76.50 crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period.

District plans of Uttar Dinajpur were considered in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee (EC) meetings and the total administrative approvals for Rs.4330.88 lakh as central share (Rs.1821.75 lakh in 16<sup>th</sup> EC meeting and Rs.2509.13 lakh in 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting) were accorded by the EC for various projects, out of the tentative allocation of Rs.7650.00 lakh.

## Project Approved:-

(a) **Construction of Additional Class Room (ACR) in high Schools and high madrasas (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase):** Total literacy and female literacy rate in the district were 48.66% and 42.55% respectively which are both below the national averages and are ranked 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively in the baseline survey.

In 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting, administrative approval for 150 units of ACRs in high schools and high madrasas was given for a Central assistance of Rs.337.50 lakh. It was stated by the State officials that the proposal has been made as there is increasing demand for secondary education in view of the impact of SSA. State Secretary of Minority Welfare and Madarsa Education stated that the unit cost for construction of ACRs in Govt. high school was as per Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) norms. According to the State Secretary, who submitted a zone-wise estimate for ACRs in West Bengal after the EC meeting, stated that Uttar Dinajpur is under High Rain Fall Zone classification and the unit cost was Rs.2.95 lakh per ACR. He assured that the proposal has been approved by the Education Department of State Govt. of WB. The representative of the State Govt. confirmed that these are Government and Government aided high schools/madarsas and are located in areas with concentration of minority population. The proposal was for construction of 348 ACRs at high schools and high madrasas at a unit cost of Rs.2.95 lakh for the total cost of Rs.1026.60 lakh.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 348 ACRs in high schools and high madarsas for the total cost of Rs.1026.60 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.769.95 lakh and Rs.256.65 lakh as State share in the ratio of 75:25 between Centre and State as per RMSA funding pattern. In addition, condition mentioned at para 9 above would also be applicable. The ACRs would be constructed in schools which covered areas having a substantial minority population and list of location along with the percentage of minority population covered by each school would be provided. The Empowered Committee approved the project, in the following manner:-

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost for	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	Construction of additional class rooms in high schools and high madarsas	348	2.95	769.95	256.65	1026.60

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

## (b) **Construction of 5 boys and 4 girls hostel:**

Total literacy and female literacy rate in the district were 48.66% and 42.55% respectively which are both below the national averages and ranked 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively by the baseline survey. State Govt. has proposed for the construction of (i) 5 hostels for boys at a unit cost of Rs.100.00 for the total cost of Rs.500.00 lakh and (ii) 4 hostels for girls at a unit cost of Rs.100.00 for the total cost of Rs.400.00 lakh. The estimate has been made as per SOR of the State Government and has been approved by the competent engineering department and the Zilla Parishad. Boundary walls have been provided along with rooms for warden and chowkidar. State Secretary assured that hostels are being managed by a management committee of the school concerned and

the cost of staff and maintenance of the hostel will be borne by the Govt. of West Bengal. It was stated that these hostels would be located in the premises of Government schools and confirmed that these will be used only by school students of classes IX to XII and will be in localities with predominantly minority population. Availability of such facility will help the students living in villages/rural areas where secondary and senior secondary schools are not available to enable them to continue their education in safe and protected environment at lower cost. It was informed that girls' hostels would be provided 100% Central funds and the boys' hostel in the ratio of 50:50 between the Centre and State. It was assured by the State Secretary that the State share will be released immediately to the district along with the Central fund.

The Empowered Committee accorded approval for of 5 hostels for boys at a unit cost of Rs.100.00 lakh for the total cost of Rs.500.00 lakh, out of which central would be Rs.250 lakh and State share Rs.250.00 lakh and 4 girl hostels @ Rs.100.00 lakh and a total cost of Rs.400.00 lakh and as a Central share would be Rs.400.00 lakh. This would be subject to obtaining confirmation from the State Govt. of West Bengal to the conditions laid down in **Annex – A and para 9 above**. The list of schools where these hostels would be constructed along with the minority population covered by the school would be submitted by the State Govt.

The Empowered Committee accorded approval in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Sharin g ratio	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)			
1	Construction of hostel for boys	50:50	5	100.00	250.00	250.00	500.00
	Construction of hostel for girls	100:00	4	100.00	400.00	-	400.00
					<b>650.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>900.0</b>

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

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

S. No.	Name of the project for Uttar Dinajpur (West Bengal)	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 <sup>st</sup> installment
<b>Administrative approval</b>					<b>Rs. In Lakhs</b>			
1	Construction of additional class rooms in high schools/high madarsa	75:25	348	2.95	769.95	256.65	1026.60	384.98
2.	Construction of hostel for boys	50:50	5	100.00	250.00	250.00	500.00	125.00
3.	Construction of hostel for girls	100:00	4	100.00	400.00	--	400.00	200.00
	<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>1419.95</b>	<b>506.65</b>	<b>1926.6</b>	<b>709.98</b>

**General Observation:** - The fund allocated for the district under MsDP was Rs.7650.00 lakh for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. So far, approvals of Rs.4330.88 lakh have been made (Rs.1821.75 lakh in 16<sup>th</sup> EC, Rs.2509.13 lakh in 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting). With the instant approval for Central assistance of Rs.1419.95 lakh for construction of Additional Class rooms in high schools and hostels (for girls and boys), the total administrative approved amount would become Rs.5750.83 lakh leaving a balance of Rs.1889.17 lakh excluding the amount of Rs.10.00 lakh as administrative cost for the year 2010-11 and 2011-12. This was the third EC meeting for the district. The State Government and district representatives were advised to work out a revised plan for the balance fund of **Rs.1889.17 lakh** available in such a manner as stated at para 10.4 above so that the proposals can be approved and the balance fund exhausted fully in the **next meeting**.

### **Item No. 8 -Dakshin Dinajpur**

Dakshin Dinajpur is a category 'A' district having both socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. The fund allocated for the MsDP Plan was Rs.35.70 crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan.

District plan of Dakshin Dinajpur was considered in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Empowered Committee (EC) meeting. Projects approved in the 22<sup>nd</sup> EC meeting were for construction of 7 additional class rooms in high school and construction of 126 anganwadi centres for Rs.391.65 lakh (Central share). District plan was again considered and approval for an amount of Rs.3084.75 lakh was given in 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting. The total approval was Rs.3476.40 lakh, out of the allocation of Rs.35.70 crore for the district, leaving a balance of Rs.9360.00 lakh.

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

#### **Enhancement in number of units**

**Construction of Additional Class Room (ACR) in high Schools:** Total literacy and female literacy rate in the district were 64.6% and 59.9% respectively. The proposal was for construction of 10 ACRs in high schools at a unit cost of Rs. 2.30 lakh. The balance amount available is Rs.93.64 lakh for the district. The State Secretary suggested that the balance fund available may be used for construction of additional units of ACRs totaling to 37. According to the State Secretary, who submitted a zone-wise estimate for ACRs in West Bengal after the EC meeting, stated that Dakshin Dinajpur is under High Rain Fall Zone classification and the unit cost was Rs.2.95 lakh per ACR..The proposal was for construction of 37 ACRs in high schools and at a unit cost of Rs.2.95 lakh for a total cost of Rs.109.15 lakh. It was stated by the State officials that the proposal has been made as there is increasing demand for secondary education in view of the impact of SSA. He assured that the proposal has been approved by the Education Department of State Govt. of WB. State Secretary of Minority Welfare and Madarsa Education stated that the unit cost for construction of ACRs in Govt. high school was as per Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) norms. The representative of the State Govt. confirmed that these are Government high schools, located in areas with high concentration of minorities.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 37 ACRs in Government high schools for the total cost of Rs.109.15 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.81.87 lakh and Rs.27.28 lakh as State share in the ratio of 75:25 between Centre and State as per RMSA funding pattern. In addition, condition mentioned at para 9 above

would also be applicable. The ACRs would be constructed in schools which covered a substantial minority population and the list along with the percentage of minority population covered by each school would be provided. The Empowered Committee approved the project, in the following manner:-

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost for	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	construction of additional class rooms in high schools and high madarsas	37	2.95	81.87	27.28	109.15

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

**Project which could not be considered:**

(a) **Installation of hand pumps with iron removal plant for drinking water in high schools and colleges and construction of toilet system in high schools and colleges:**

Funds for the district was already fully approved and exhausted. The representative from the Department of Drinking Water Supply (DWS) further stated that sufficient funds were available for West Bengal under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) and such projects should be proposed by the State Government directly to the Department of Drinking Water Supply, Govt. of India.

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

S. No.	Name of the project for Dakshin Dinajpur (West Bengal)	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 <sup>st</sup> installment
<b>Administrative approval</b>				<b>Rs. In Lakhs</b>				
1	Construction of additional class rooms in high schools/high madarsa	75:25	37	2.95	81.87	27.28	109.15	40.93
	<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>81.87</b>	<b>27.28</b>	<b>109.15</b>	<b>40.93</b>

**General Observation:** - The fund allocated for the district under MsDP was Rs.3570.00 lakh for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. So far approvals of Rs.3476.40 lakh have been made (Rs.391.65 lakh in 16<sup>th</sup> EC, Rs.3084.75 lakh in 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting). With the instant approval of Rs.**81.87** lakh for construction of additional class room in primary schools as Central assistance, the total approval would be Rs.3558.27 lakh as central assistance leaving a balance of Rs.11.73 lakh that has been kept aside for administrative cost for 2010-11 and 2011-12. Therefore, the entire MsDP allocation for this district has been exhausted and the **district plan approved in full.**

**Item No. 9-Howrah**

Howrah is a sub-category 'A' district having socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. The fund allocated for the MsDP Plan was Rs.2890.00 lakh for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan.

District plans of Howrah were considered in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee (EC) meetings. Administrative approvals for Central assistance was given for Rs.2007.85 lakh (Rs.269.65 lakh in 2<sup>nd</sup> EC, Rs.396.50 lakh in 19<sup>th</sup> EC and Rs.1341.70 lakh) in the EC meetings for various projects and in-principle approval was accorded to the tune of Rs.25.42 lakh. The total sanctioned amount upto 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting is Rs. 2033.27 lakh out of the tentative allocation of Rs.2890.00 lakh leaving a balance of Rs.856.73 lakh. State Govt. of West Bengal submitted the proposals for the balance fund of Rs. 856.73 lakh which was considered and approved as under:-

**(i) Projects approved:**

**Additional class rooms for primary and upper primary schools:** Total literacy and female literacy rate in the district were 84.37% and 81.13% respectively. Till now total of 214 units of ACRs have been approved (62 units of ACR in the 19<sup>th</sup> EC meeting and 152 units of ACRs in the 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting). In 28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting it was stated that there was a total requirement of 2100 ACRs for primary and upper primary in the district. The instant proposal was for construction of 100 units of ACRs in primary and upper primary schools for a total cost of Rs.260.00 lakh. According to the State Secretary, who submitted a zone-wise estimate for ACRs in West Bengal after the EC meeting, stated that Howrah is under Normal Zone classification and the unit cost was Rs.2.60 lakh per ACR. He assured that the proposal has been approved by the Education Department of State Govt. of WB. It was stated by the State officials that the proposal has been made as the number of students have increased. State Secretary of Minority Welfare and Madarsa Education stated that the unit cost for construction of ACRs in Govt. high school was as per Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) norms. He assured that the proposal has been approved by the Education Department of State Govt. of WB. The representative of the State Govt. confirmed that these are Government schools and located in areas with high concentration of minorities.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 100 units of ACRs in primary school and upper primary schools at a unit cost of Rs.2.60 lakh for a total cost of Rs.260.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.169.00 lakh and Rs.91.00 lakh as State share in the ratio of 65:35 between Centre and State as per SSA funding pattern subject to approval of State Mission Director. In addition, conditions mentioned at para 9 above would also be applicable. The ACRs would be constructed in schools which covered a substantial minority population. State Govt. would submit a list of the school along with the percentage of minority population covered by each school. The Empowered Committee approved the project, in the following manner:-

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 class rooms in primary school and upper primary schools	100	2.60	169.00	91.00	260.00

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

### **In-principle approved project:-**

(a) **Construction of a new ITI a Bauria Ulberia sub-division:** Total work participation and female work participation has been ranked as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> respectively in the baseline survey of the district. Govt. of West Bengal has proposed for construction of ITI building for a total cost of Rs.550 lakh.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for the construction of new ITI building at Bauria Ulberia sub-division for a total cost of Rs.550.00 lakh. This was made subject to the condition that the State Government would provide a Detailed Project Report (DPR) as per details contained in **Annex-B and para 9 above**. 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	Construction of a new ITI a Bauria Ulberia sub-division.	1	550.00	550.00	--	550.00

**Balance available:-** The tentative allocation of the district is Rs.2890.00 lakh for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. Of this fund, the Empowered Committee has already approved projects amounting to Rs.2007.85 lakh (Rs.269.65 lakh in 4<sup>th</sup> EC, Rs.396.50 lakh in 19<sup>th</sup> EC and Rs.1341.70 lakh in 28<sup>th</sup> EC). With the approval of Rs.169.00 lakh as a central share in the instant 36<sup>th</sup> EC meeting, the total approvals would be Rs. 2176.85 lakh. Apart from this in-principle approval would become Rs. 575.42 lakh (=Rs. 550.00 lakh + Rs. 25.42 lakh) including instant in-principle approval of 36 EC meeting for ITI at Bauria Ulberia. Therefore the total committed amount would be Rs. 2752.27 lakh (administrative approval Rs.2176.85 + in-principle approval of Rs.575.42 lakh). Taking into account Rs.10.98 lakh kept for administrative cost for 2010-11 and 2011-12, there was still a balance fund of Rs.126.75 lakh. This was the fourth meeting of the EC for consideration of plans for the district and it was felt that the balance could be exhausted by enhancing projects already approved projects for the district. The State Secretary felt that the option for construction of additional class rooms in primary schools and upper primary schools could be considered.

**Additional class rooms for primary and upper primary schools:** As suggested by the State Secretary the proposal for construction of 100 units of ACRs in primary and upper primary schools at a unit cost of Rs.2.60 lakh could be augmented further by another 75 units of ACRs in primary school and upper primary schools with Central assistance Rs.126.73 lakh.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 75 units of ACRs in primary school and upper primary schools at a unit cost of Rs.2.60 lakh for the total cost of Rs.195.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.126.75 lakh and Rs.68.25 lakh as State share in the ratio of 65:35 between Centre and State as per SSA funding pattern subject to approval of State Mission Director. In addition, conditions mentioned at para 9 above would also be applicable. The ACRs would be constructed in those schools which covered a substantial minority population. State Govt. would submit a list of the school along with the percentage of minority population covered by each school. The Empowered Committee approved the project, in the following manner:-

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 class rooms in primary school and upper primary schools	75	2.60	126.75	68.25	195.00

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

**Summary of projects for Horwah (West Bengal) district approved by the Empowered Committee:-**

Sl. no	Name of the project for Howrah (W.B)	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 additional class rooms in primary school and upper primary schools	65:35	100	2.60	169.00	91.00	260.00	84.50
b	Construction of additional class rooms in primary school and upper primary schools	65:35	75	2.60	126.75	68.25	195.00	63.37
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>295.75</b>	<b>159.25</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>147.87</b>
<b>In-principle approval</b>								
a	<b>Construction of a new ITI a Bauria Ulberia sub-division</b>	100:00	1	550.00	550.00	--	550.00	275.00
<b>Grand total</b>					<b>845.75</b>	<b>159.25</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>422.87</b>

**General observation:** The fund allocated for the district under MsDP was Rs.2890 crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan period. The total approvals were Rs.2007.85 lakh (Rs.269.65 lakh in 4<sup>th</sup> EC, Rs.396.50 lakh in 19<sup>th</sup> EC and Rs.1341.70 lakh in 28<sup>th</sup> EC). The total approvals given in the instant 36<sup>th</sup> EC meeting was Rs.295.75 lakh. All the approvals total to Rs.2303.60 lakh. A total of Rs.575.42 lakh for in-principle approved projects for construction of pipe line water supply and ITI at Bauria Ulberia for a total of Rs.25.42 lakh (28<sup>th</sup> EC meeting) and construction of ITI in Bauria Ulberia for Rs.550.00 lakh (36<sup>th</sup> EC meeting) need to be kept aside. Further, an amount of Rs.10.98 lakh was kept aside for administrative cost for 2010-11 and 2011-12. The total committed amount, including in-principle approvals, was now Rs.2890.00 lakh. With these, the entire MsDP allocation for this district has been **exhausted**. The details of the in-principle approved project for which funds have been set aside is:-

Sl. no	Name of the project for Howrah district (W.B.)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	Ministry/ Department
<b>Rupee in lakh</b>								
a	Construction of Pipe line water supply at Joyrampur of Uluberia -I Block	75:25	-	-	25.42	8.47	33.90	Revised estimate is waited from State Govt. of West Bengal.
b	Construction of a new ITI a Bauria Ulberia sub-division	100:00	1	550.00	550.00	-	550.00	DPR is still awaited from State Govt. of West Bengal
<b>Grand total</b>					<b>575.42</b>	<b>8.47</b>	<b>583.9</b>	

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