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MINUTES OF THE 42nd MEETING OF EMPOWERED COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REVISED DISTRICT PLANS UNDER MULTI-SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN MINORITY CONCENTRATION DISTRICTS OF DHUBRI, MORIGAON, GOALPARA AND BARPETA (ASSAM) AND CONVERSION FROM IN-PRINCIPLE TO APPROVED PROJECTS FOR NAGAON (ASSAM) AND BUDAUN (UP) HELD ON 29TH DECEMBER, 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 (Prime Minister's Office) and the status of implementation of multi-sectoral development (MsD) plans in MCDs are placed on the web-site of the Ministry. The details consist 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 should 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 funds 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 how 90 minority concentration districts (MCDs) were identified as backward and why the scheme of multi-sectoral development programme (MsDP) was launched for addressing the 'development deficits' of such districts. He added that the baseline survey report, 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 plan submitted by the State Government would address the identified development deficits in the order of priority ranked by a baseline survey so that the various interventions by MsDP would result in improvement of the backwardness parameters of a minority concentration district and bring the relevant parameters

at par with the national averages. 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 project/assets so that the minorities enjoy the locational advantage of deriving maximum benefit from the asset 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 Centrally Sponsored Schemes were not permitted under the MsDP.

5. 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 two 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 State Governments have generally 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. Further, wherever more than a year has lapsed since the release of funds, 100% expenditure was required

to be achieved and utilization certificate to that effect furnished for claiming release of 2nd instalment.

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 for which funds would be sanctioned by the Ministry on receipt of request from the State concerned. 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 asset created. Further, Members of Parliament (MP) and Member of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) 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 State Government 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. The State Government representatives were advised to put up a permanent display on completion of each project. For ensuring a close monitoring system, the Ministry has assigned one National Level Monitor for each MCD and States/UTs are being advised to maintain an inspection register wherever assets under MsDP have been created for enabling the Monitors and officials from the State, district and Centre to record their observations during their field visits.

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 already complied with.

- (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 meetings of Oversight committee in State, and State and district level committees

10. The scheme of MsDP envisages quarterly review meetings by 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 review committees for MsDP. The State level committee also doubles as the Oversight Committee for MsDP. It was advised that quarterly review meetings for State level committee/State Oversight Committee and district level Committee should be held and copy of the meeting notice should be sent to the Ministry to enable a representative to attend State Level meetings as envisaged under MsDP. Members of Parliament have been nominated in such Committees by the Central Government and they should be invited to attend the meetings. MLAs are also to be nominated on the Committees by the State Government.

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 advised to send proposals for release of funds for this purpose. The district officials confirmed that no separate allocation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for IAY units sanctioned under MsDP has been made and the entire IAY units are given to BPL families in the order their names appear in the IAY approved wait list even if they belong to non-minority communities. They understood that it was for this reason that villages/localities having the highest percentage of minority population were being selected for ensuring that maximum benefits are derived by persons from the minority communities.

Photographs

10.3 Photographs of work in progress and completed indicating type of assets, location/villages, date and time should be placed on the website of the district, State and the Ministry. The officials from the State and districts were impressed upon the need to have photographs, in digital format, sent to the Ministry and also host them in the official website of

the State and district. 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

Preparation of revised district plan

11. After consideration of the district plans by the Empowered Committee meeting, in case there was still balance funds available for a MCD, it was advised for consideration of the committee 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/increasing the capacity of existing ITIs for skill education in the district and also to facilitate training in a number of courses under 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 under MsDP. The conditions required to be kept in view are at **Annex-C.**

Similarly, in respect of construction of polytechnics the requirements laid down in **Annex-D** will be applicable.

Review by Oversight Committee

12. The implementation of projects approved earlier by the Empowered Committee (EC) for Dhubri, Morigaon, Goalpara, Darrang and Barpeta (Assam) and Budaun (UP) were reviewed by the Oversight Committee. The officers from the States were advised to ensure that photographs of work indicating the location/villages, date and time are placed on the website of their district and the State, and a digital copy sent by email to this Ministry.

Item No. 1. Dhubri (Assam): Minority population is about 75% of the total population of the district. Dhubri is a category 'A' district having socio-economic and basic amenities parameters

below the national average. The tentative allocation of the district is Rs.84.30 crore for the 11th Five Year Plan.

A- Projects approved:

(a) Construction of additional classroom in Govt. high school: Priority for total and female literacy is ranked 5th and 7th respectively according to the baseline survey. State Govt. has proposed for construction of 64 units of additional classroom in Govt. high school @Rs.4.50 lakh for a total cost of Rs. 288.00 lakh. The State Secretary subsequently submitted the unit cost for ACRs as recommended by PAB for 2010-11 under RMSA which is Rs.5.630 lakh per ACR. It was felt that the unit cost of PAB for RMSA should be followed. The approval of the State Mission Director for RMSA/State Education Department including cost norms would need to be furnished by the State Government. It was assured that the assets would be constructed in villages having a high percentage of minority population. The schools would be constructed as per design, specification laid down in RMSA.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 64 units of ACRs in Govt. high school @Rs.5.630 lakh for a total cost of Rs. 360.32 lakh. Central contribution would be Rs.324.288 lakh and Rs.36.032 lakh as State share as per RMSA sharing ratio of 90:10 between Centre and State for North East States. The approval was given on the following conditions i.e (i) approval of Mission Director of RMSA/ State Education Department for schools would be provided including for the cost norms as per RMSA, estimate would be as per Schedule of Rates (SOR) of State Govt. and approved by a competent engineering department of the State Govt., (iii) that assets would be constructed for Govt. schools only and (iv) land and recurring expenditure would be made available by the State Govt.. 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	State Share	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)		
1	Construction ACRs in Govt. high schools (one ACRs in each school)	64	5.630	324.288	36.032	360.32
	Total			324.288	36.032	360.32

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

(b) Construction of science laboratory in Govt. high school: Priority for total and female literacy is ranked 5th and 7th respectively according to the baseline survey. State Govt. has proposed for construction of 32 science laboratory in Govt. high school @ Rs.5.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.160.00 lakh. The State Secretary subsequently submitted the unit cost for science laboratory as recommended by PAB for 2010-2011 for Assam under RMSA which is Rs.6.10 lakh per unit. It was felt that the unit cost of PAB for RMSA should be followed. The approval of the State Mission Director for RMSA/State Education Department including cost norms would need to be furnished by the State Government. It was assured that the assets would be constructed in villages having a high percentage of minority population. The science laboratory would be constructed as per design, specification laid down in RMSA.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 32 science laboratory (one room in each school) in Govt. high school @ Rs. 6.10 lakh per unit for a total cost of Rs.195.20 lakh. Central contribution would be Rs.175.68 lakh and Rs.19.52 lakh as State share as per RMSA sharing ratio of 90:10 between Centre and State for north east States. The approval was given on the following conditions i.e (i) approval of Mission Director of RMSA/ State Education Department for schools would be provided including for the cost norms as per RMSA, estimate would be as per State Schedule of Rates (SOR) of State Govt. and approved by a competent engineering department of the State Govt.(iii) assets would be constructed for all Govt. schools only (iv) land and recurring expenditure would be made available by State Govt. 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	State Share	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1	Construction science lab for Govt. high schools(one lab in each school)	32	6.10	175.68	19.52	195.20
	Total			175.68	19.52	195.20

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

(c) Construction of Girl's Hostel: Female literacy has been ranked 7th in the baseline survey of the district. The proposal was for the construction of 2 hostels of 50 beds for girls @ Rs.107.00 lakh and one hostel for girls @Rs.103.00 lakh at a total cost of Rs.320.00 lakh. The representative of Assam Govt. confirmed that the hostels were for Government schools upto Class XII and would be managed by the School Management Committee (SMC) concerned and the cost of land, staff and maintenance of the hostel will be borne by the Govt. of Assam. It was clarified that the proposed hostels would be of ground plus one RCC structures building. Availability of such facility will help the students living in villages/rural areas to continue their education in a safe and protected environment. It was informed that girl hostels would be provided 100% Central funds while boy hostels would be eligible for funding in the ratio of 50:50 between Centre and State.

The Empowered Committee considered the matter and decided that the varying unit cost for construction of hostels in the district (Rs.107.00 lakh for 50 inmates for Govt. College and Rs.103.00 lakh for 120 inmates for college upto class 12th) compared to the cost of other districts (Rs.174.14 lakh and Rs.100.00 lakh) in Assam would require clarification from the State Govt.

B- in-principle approval:

(a) Construction of Industrial Training Institute at Chotogirigaon, Bilasipara: Total work participation and female work participation has been ranked 8th and 3rd respectively in the baseline survey of the district. Govt. of Assam has proposed for construction of an ITI at Chotogirigaon for a total cost of Rs.625.00 lakh. The representative from Ministry of Labour and Employment stated that the trades should be gender friendly. He added that such facility will provide an option to the students to take up vocational education. It was confirmed that the cost of land, staff and recurring expenditure would be borne by the State Government. Approval of

the State technical education department would be required in terms of fulfillment of requirements laid down by the Ministry of Labour & Employment in **Annex-C**.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for construction of ITI at Chotogirigaon for a total cost of Rs.625.00 lakh. This would be subject to the condition that the State Government would provide a Detailed Project Report (DPR) as per details contained in **Annex-C** and agree to provide land, staff and recurring expenditure. The proposal should also comply with the conditions in para 9 above. 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 at Chotogirigaon	1	625.00	625.00	-	625.00

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

Sl. no	Name of the project for Dhubri (Assam)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
				Rupee in lakh				
Administrative Approval								
1	Construction ACRs in Govt. high schools (one ACRs in each school)	90:10	64	5.630	324.288	36.032	360.32	162.144
2	Construction science lab for Govt. high schools(one lab in each school)	90:10	32	6.10	175.68	19.52	195.20	87.84
In-principle approval					499.968	55.552	555.52	249.984
2	Construction of ITI at Chotogirigaon	100:00	1	625.00	625.00	-	625.00	
Grand Total					1124.968	55.552	1180.52	249.984

Balance available:- The tentative allocation of the district is Rs.8430.00 lakh for the 11th Five Year Plan. Of this fund, the Empowered Committee has already approved projects amount to Rs.7080.62 lakh (Rs. 3110.88 lakh in 14th EC, Rs.3969.74 lakh in 35th EC). With the approval of Rs.1124.968 lakh including in-principle approval in the instant 42nd EC meeting, total approved amount would now be Rs.8205.588 lakh. An amount of Rs.224.412 lakh has been kept for construction of 3 hostels in the district. With these approvals the tentative allocation for the **district has been exhausted in full.**

Item No. 2. Barpeta (Assam): Minority population is about 59% of the total population of the district. Barpeta is a category ‘A’ district having socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. The tentative allocation of the district is Rs.73.00 crore for the 11th Five Year Plan.

A- Projects approved:

(a) Construction of additional classroom in Govt. high school/Govt. high Madarsa and construction of toilets in Govt. high schools/Madarsa: Priority for total and female literacy is ranked 6th and 8th respectively according to the baseline survey. State Govt. has proposed for construction of 50 units of additional classroom in Govt. high school/Govt. high Madarsa @Rs.5.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs. 250.00 lakh and construction of 50 toilets in Govt. high schools/Madarsa @ Rs.2.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.100.00 lakh. The State Secretary subsequently submitted the unit cost for ACRs and toilets as recommended by PAB for 2010-11 under RMSA which is Rs.5.630 lakh per ACR and Rs.1.00 lakh per toilet. It was felt that unit cost of PAB for RMSA should be followed. The approval of the State Mission Director for RMSA/State Education Department including cost norms would need to be furnished by the State Government. It was assured that the assets would be constructed in villages having a high percentage of minority population. The ACRs would be constructed as per design, specification laid down in RMSA.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 50 units of additional classroom in Govt. high school/Govt. high Madarsa @Rs.5.630 lakh for a total cost of Rs. 281.50 lakh and construction of 50 toilets in Govt. high schools/Madarsa @ Rs.1.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.50.00 lakh. Central contribution would be Rs.298.35 lakh and Rs.33.15 lakh as State share as per RMSA sharing ratio of 90:10 between Centre and State for north east States. The approval was given on the following conditions i.e (i) approval of Mission Director of RMSA/ State Education Department for schools would be provided including for the cost norms as per RMSA, estimate would be as per State Schedule of Rates (SOR) of State Govt. and approved by a competent engineering department of the State Govt.(iii) assets would be constructed for all Govt. schools only (iv) land and recurring expenditure would be made available by State Govt. 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	State Share	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1	Construction of 50 ACRs in high schools/high madaras, HS school	50	5.630	253.35	28.15	281.50
2	Construction of 50 toilets for high schools/ high madaras, HS school	50	1.00	45.00	5.00	50.00
	Total			298.35	33.15	331.5

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

(b) Construction of girl's and boys hostels at ITI Barpeta: Female literacy has been ranked 6th and 8th in the baseline survey of the district. The proposal was for the construction of 2 hostels of about 100 beds for girls/boys @ Rs.100.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.200.00 lakh. The representative of Assam Govt. confirmed that the hostels were for Government Govt. school upto Class XII and would be managed by the School Management Committee (SMCs)

concerned and the cost of staff and maintenance of the hostel will be borne by the Govt. of Assam. It was clarified that the proposed hostels would be ground plus first floor RCC structure building. Availability of such facility will help the students living in villages/rural areas to continue their education in a safe and protected environment. It was informed that girl hostels would be provided 100% Central funds while boy hostels would be eligible for funding in the ratio of 50:50 between Centre and State.

The Empowered Committee considered the matter and felt that the varying unit cost for construction of hostels in the district (Rs.100.00 lakh for 100 inmates for Govt. College) compared to the cost of other districts ((Rs.107.00 lakh for 50 inmates for Govt. College and Rs.103.00 lakh for 120 inmates for college upto class 12th, Rs.174.14 lakh) in Assam would require clarification. Clarification would also be required to justify the need for 100 capacity hostel each for girls and boys in the ITI based on the present student strength etc.

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

Sl. no	Name of the project for Barpeta (Assam)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
Rupee in lakh								
Administrative Approval								
1	Construction of 50 ACRs in high schools/high madaras, HS school	90:10	50	5.630	253.35	28.15	281.50	126.675
2	Construction of 50 toilets for high schools/ high madaras, HS school	90:10	50	1.00	45.00	5.00	50.00	22.50
Grand Total					298.35	33.15	331.5	149.175

Balance available:- The tentative allocation of the district is Rs.7300.00 lakh for the 11th Five Year Plan. Of this fund, the Empowered Committee has already approved projects amount to Rs.6635.32 lakh (Rs. 6320.33 lakh in 3rd EC, Rs.314.99 lakh including in-principle approval in 25th EC). With the approval of Rs.298.35 lakh in the instant 42nd EC meeting, total approved amount would now be Rs.6933.67 lakh. An amount of Rs.150.00 lakh has been kept for construction of 2 hostels in the district. After these approvals, an amount of Rs.216.33 lakh is available with the district. So the tentative allocation for the **district has not been exhausted in full.**

Item No. 3. Goalpara (Assam): Minority population is about 61% of the total population of the district. Goalpara is a category ‘A’ district having socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. The tentative allocation of the district is Rs.57.60 crore for the 11th Five Year Plan.

A- Projects approved:

(c) Construction of additional classroom in Govt. high school: Priority for total and female literacy is ranked 6th and 7th respectively according to the baseline survey. State Govt. has proposed for construction of 54 units of additional classroom in Govt. high school @Rs.2.55 lakh for a total cost of Rs. 137.70 lakh. The State Secretary subsequently submitted the unit cost

for ACRs and toilets as recommended by PAB for 2010-11 under RMSA which is Rs.5.630 lakh per ACR. It was felt that unit cost of PAB for RMSA should be followed. The approval of the State Mission Director for RMSA/State Education Department including cost norms would need to be furnished by the State Government. It was assured that the assets would be constructed in villages having a high percentage of minority population. The ACRs would be constructed as per design, specification laid down in RMSA.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 54 units of additional classroom in Govt. high school @Rs.5.630 lakh for a total cost of Rs. 304.02 lakh. Central contribution would be Rs.273.618 lakh and Rs.30.402 lakh as State share as per RMSA sharing ratio of 90:10 between Centre and State for north east States. The approval was given on the following conditions i.e (i) approval of Mission Director of RMSA/ State Education Department for schools would be provided including for the cost norms as per RMSA, estimate would be as per State Schedule of Rates (SOR) of State Govt. and approved by a competent engineering department of the State Govt. (iii) assets would be constructed for all Govt. schools only (iv) land and recurring expenditure would be made available by State Govt. 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	State Share	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)		
1	Construction of ACRs in Govt. high schools	54	5.630	273.618	30.402	304.02
	Total			273.618	30.402	304.02

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

(d) Construction of girl's and boys hostels in Govt. colleges upto class XII: Female literacy has been ranked 6th and 7th in the baseline survey of the district. The proposal was for the construction of 19 hostels of about 100 beds each (7 for girls and 12 for boys) @ Rs.79.057 lakh and Rs.71.733 lakh respectively for a total cost of Rs.1413.00 lakh. The representative of Assam Govt. confirmed that the hostels were for Government Govt. colleges' upto Class XII and would be managed by the School/college Management Committee (SMC) concerned and the cost of land, staff and maintenance of the hostel will be borne by the Govt. of Assam. It was clarified that the proposed hostels would be ground plus first floor RCC structure building. Availability of such facility will help the students living in villages/rural areas to continue their education in a safe and protected environment. It was informed that girl hostels would be provided 100% Central funds while boy hostels would be eligible for funding in the ratio of 50:50 between Centre and State.

The Empowered Committee considered the matter and felt that the varying unit cost for construction of hostels in the district (Rs.79.057 lakh and Rs.71.733 lakh for 100 inmates for Govt. schools) compared to the cost of other districts ((Rs.107.00 lakh for 50 inmates for Govt. College and Rs.103.00 lakh for 120 inmates for college upto class 12th, Rs.174.14 lakh, Rs.100.00 lakh for 100 inmates for Govt. College) in Assam would require clarification. Clarification would also be required to justify the need for 100 capacity hostel each for girls and boys in Govt. schools based on the present student strength etc.

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

Sl. no	Name of the project for Goalpara (Assam)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
Rupee in lakh								
Administrative Approval								
1	Construction of ACRs in Govt. high schools	90:10	54	5.630	273.618	30.402	304.02	136.809
	Total				273.618	30.402	304.02	136.809

Balance available:- The tentative allocation of the district is Rs.5760.00 lakh for the 11th Five Year Plan. Of this fund, the Empowered Committee has already approved projects amount to Rs.2756.64 lakh (Rs. 2756.64 lakh in 22nd EC including in-principle approval). With the approval of Rs.273.618 lakh in the instant 42nd EC meeting, total approved amount would now be Rs.3030.258 lakh. An amount of Rs.983.00 lakh has been kept for construction of 19 hostels in the district. After these approvals, an amount of **Rs.1746.742 lakh is available** with the district. So the tentative allocation for the district has not been exhausted in full.

B- Projects approved:

Item No. 4. Morigaon (Assam): Minority population is about 61% of the total population of the district. Morigaon is a category 'A' district having socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. The tentative allocation of the district is Rs.59.00 crore for the 11th Five Year Plan.

(a) Construction of girl's and boys hostels in Govt. schools: Female literacy has been ranked 6th and 7th in the baseline survey of the district. The proposal was for the construction of 4 hostels of about 120 beds each (3 for girls and 1 for boys) @ Rs.174.14 lakh for a total cost of Rs.696.56 lakh. The representative of Assam Govt. confirmed that the hostels were for Government Govt. school upto Class XII and would be managed by the School Management Committee (SMCs) concerned and the cost of staff and maintenance of the hostel will be borne by the Govt. of Assam. It was clarified that the proposed hostels would be ground plans first floor RCC structure building. Availability of such facility will help the students living in villages/rural areas to continue their education in a safe and protected environment. It was informed that girl hostels would be provided 100% Central funds while boy hostels would be eligible for funding in the ratio of 50:50 between Centre and State

The Empowered Committee considered the matter and felt that the varying unit cost for construction of hostels in the district (Rs.174.14 lakh for 120 inmates for Govt. schools) compared to the cost of other districts ((Rs.107.00 lakh for 50 inmates for Govt. College and Rs.103.00 lakh for 100 inmates for college upto class 12th, Rs.79.057 lakh and Rs.71.733 lakh for 100 inmates for Govt. schools, Rs.100.00 lakh for 100 inmates for Govt. College) in Assam would require clarification. Clarification would also be required to justify the need for 100 capacity hostel each for girls and boys in Govt. schools based on the present student strength etc.

B- In-principle approval:

(a) Installation of hand pumps (spot sources): Availability of safe drinking water ranked 5th in the baseline survey of the district. To provide safe drinking water State Government proposed for installation of spot sources for a total cost of Rs. 72.90 lakh. The representative of State Govt. stated that the estimates have been prepared as per the State PHED.

The Empowered Committee considered and accorded in-principle approval for installation of spot sources for a total cost of Rs.72.90 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs. 65.61 lakh and Rs.7.29 lakh as State share as per the funding pattern between Centre and State in the ratio of 90:10 for north east States. The approval was given subject to the following conditions (i) there would be no duplication of sanctions or utilizations of funds for these projects from NRDWP or other GOI schemes, (ii) the estimates would be technically examined and approved by the State Public Health Engineering Department. Conditions in **para 9** above would also be applicable.

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central share (90%)	State share (10%)	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)		
1	Installation of spot sources	-	72.90	65.61	7.29	72.90
	Total			65.61	7.29	72.90

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

(b) Construction of polytechnic institute with two hostel and staff quarters at Moirabari: Percentage of total literacy and female literacy rate has been ranked 6th and 7th in the baseline survey of the district. State Govt. has proposed for construction of polytechnic institute with two hostel and staff quarters at Moirabari for an amount of Rs.2170.51 lakh. As per the scheme for consideration of polytechnic institute of the Ministry of HRD the Central assistance provided for construction of such unit should not exceed to Rs.1230.00 lakh and facility should adhere to the norms and specifications of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). The State/district representative was informed that the cost estimates should be prepared as per the Schedule of Rates (SOR) of the State Government and added that the proposal should also be approved by the State Technical Education Department.

The Empowered Committee considered and accorded in-principle approval for construction of polytechnic institute with two hostels one each for girls and boys for a total cost of Rs.1230.00 lakh based on the confirmation that the proposal has been sanctioned by the State Government for providing staff, recurring expenditure and land, construction would be done as per DPR prepared by the State Technical Education Department in accordance with AICTE norms and specification, unit cost would be permitted under MsDP not exceeding the ceiling under the scheme of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, and duplication would be eliminated. The conditions mentioned at para 9 above would also be applicable. 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 polytechnic institute with two hostel and official residence at Moirabari	1	1230.00	1230.00	-	1230.00
	Total			1230.00	-	1230.00

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

Sl. no	Name of the project for Morigaon (Assam)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
				Rupee in lakh				
In-principle Approval								
1	Installation of spot sources	90:10	-	72.90	65.61	7.29	72.90	32.805
2	construction of polytechnic institute with two hostel and official residence at Moirabari	100:00	1	1230.00	1230.00	-	1230.00	615.00
	Grand Total				1295.61	7.29	1302.9	647.805

Balance available:- The tentative allocation of the district is Rs.5900.00 lakh for the 11th Five Year Plan. Of this fund, the Empowered Committee has already approved projects amount to Rs.2955.56 lakh (Rs. 1799.38 lakh in 14th EC +Rs.1156.18 lakh in 38th EC including in-principle approval). With the in-principle approval of Rs.1295.61 lakh in the instant 42nd EC meeting, total approved amount would now be Rs.1295.61 lakh. An amount of Rs.696.56 lakh has been kept for four hostels. With these approvals, an amount of **Rs. 952.27 lakh is available** with the district. So the tentative allocation for the district has not been exhausted in full.

Item No. 5. Nagaon (Assam): Project for upgradation of ITI at Nagaon District of Assam was considered in the 38th Empowered Committee meeting wherein in-principle approval was given for Rs.445.00 lakh. The Ministry of labour and Employment has observed that Government ITI Nagaon is being upgraded under the scheme of up-gradation into Centre of Excellence under ongoing VTIP assisted by World Bank. The Committee considered the matter and decided that the ITI has already been funded under the scheme of the Ministry of Labour & Employment and should not be funded under MsDP

Item No. 6. Budaun (Uttar Pradesh):

A- Conversion of in-principle approval into administrative approval:

(a)Construction of ITI buildings at Bisauli and Babrala at Budaun district of Uttar Pradesh was considered in the 12th Empowered Committee meeting. In-principle approval was given on the condition that the State Government should provide a detailed project report prepared as per the specification, design, norms, modern courses/trades and standard laid down by the 'National Council for Vocational Training' (NCVT); locally relevant, modern trades and trades suitable for

women should be taken up and DPR submitted for obtaining the advice of the Ministry of Labour & Employment. Confirmation of the State Government would be required that the ITI was sanctioned, and land, trainers, staff and recurring cost were available. Also the State Government would be required to provide details in respect of the numbers and type of courses, numbers of students enrolled and its capacity. It was agreed that 50% of the Central share would be released as 1st installment after advice of the M/o Labour & Employment on receipt of DPR. Govt. of Uttar Pradesh has sent DPR on which comment has been obtained from Ministry of Labour and Employment as given below:-

- (a) “The cost of construction has increased to Rs. 422.70 lakhs per ITI against Rs.406.61 lakhs proposed earlier due to increase in scheduled rates; for which we have no objection.
- (b) The training is proposed for 8 trades i.e. Painter General, IT & ESM , Plumber, Electrician, Refrigerator & Air conditioner, Welder (Gas & Electric), Fitter and COPA ; for which have we no objection.
- (c) The Building Drawing for the Hostel is not furnished with the DPR. However, it is revealed that hostel is proposed to accommodate 50 students as per local demand. Thus, we do not have any objection.
- (d) The space earmarked workshop for above trade is found within NCVT norms. Hence, we have no objection.
- (e) We have no objection for construction of staff quarters. However, these may be utilized effectively i.e. not be left vacant.”

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of ITI buildings at Bisauli and Babrala at Budaun for a total cost of Rs.845.40 lakh subject to prior fulfillment of above mentioned conditions laid by Ministry of Labour and Employment. This would further be subject to the conditions that the recurring cost, land, commitment for staff would be provided by the State Govt. Conditions stipulated in para 9 above would also apply. The following approval was accorded.

Sl No.	Name of the scheme	Sharin g Ratio	No of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
Rs in lakhs								
Administrative approval								
1	Construction of ITI buildings with staff quarters and Boys' Hostel at Bisauli and Babrala	100:00	02	422.70	845.40	-	845.40	422.70
Total					845.40	-	845.40	422.70

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