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MINUTES OF THE 8th MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE TO
CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MULTI-SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS
FOR MINORITY CONCENTRATION DISTRICTS HELD AT 10.30 A.M. ON 19th
DECEMBER, 2008 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY, MINISTRY
OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

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

The Chairman of the Empowered Committee explained the background for identification of minority concentration districts (MCDs) and the formulation of a multi-sectoral development programme (MsDP) designed to address the development deficits of such districts. The Chairman pointed out that the baseline survey not only brought out the updated position in respect of the relevant parameters used for identification of such districts, but also ranked the deficits in order of the extent of deprivation in the district. It was expected that the plans submitted by the State Governments would address the deficits in order of priority. In case a deficit, ranking higher in the order of deprivation, was not proposed to be addressed by the plan, it would be incumbent on the part of the District Level Committee and the State Level Committee to bring out the reasons for not doing so. The Chairman stressed that the main purpose of this programme was to address the identified development deficits, so that the various interventions would result in the improvement of the backwardness parameters of a minority concentration district and bring it at par with the national averages.

The Chairman stated that multi-sectoral development plans of 25 districts in 5 States have already been approved so far and with this meeting the tally would go up to 31 districts covering 7 States. It was noticed from the plans considered so far that the Deputy Commissioners, who have understood the MsDP scheme, have prepared good plans anchored on the findings of the baseline survey for achieving the objectives of the scheme. There have been interesting variations in the type of proposals received and this reflected the varying deficits identified and the needs of the district concerned. The fact that these districts were not just MCDs, having a substantial minority population, but also comprising of other communities who suffer from the same backwardness and deprivation, should not be lost sight of. It was important to keep in mind that the large presence of minorities may have resulted in the identification of such districts for appropriate developmental intervention, but the scheme, while giving priority to villages/areas having a substantial minority population, was intended to benefit the district as a whole. Equally important was the fact that most of the identified districts were located on the international border and were therefore highly sensitive. Improving the relevant backwardness indices upto national averages was a primary mandate of the scheme for social inclusion. The scheme promotes topping up Centrally Sponsored Schemes, specially those included in the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities, for saturating them in MCDs, as there were many existing

schemes already addressing national concerns with time-tested guidelines and implementation mechanism. What was lacking was the need to step-up funds for such districts which were insufficient to tackle the needs of backward districts. It was that crucial that the basic requirements like primary and secondary education, skill development, safe drinking water, housing etc. were addressed first before considering the high end needs like computer and college education. As envisaged in the scheme, the States/UTs were advised to ensure that topping up Centrally Sponsored Schemes were proposed as they were established schemes and could be implemented with ease without setting up new structure for implementing them.

2. The multi-sectoral development plans for the districts of **West Garo Hill (Meghalaya), Bongaigaon, Goalpara (Assam), Araria, Katihar, Darbhanga (Bihar)** were considered. The conclusions that emerged, after each power point presentation by the Deputy Commissioner concerned, clarification and confirmation of the status of compliance with the conditions stipulated in the guidelines by the Principal Secretary of the State Government concerned, comments/clarifications from the members of the Empowered Committee and the representatives of Ministry/Department, were as follows:-

Item No.1: West Garo Hill district (Meghalaya)

The funds allocated for the MsDP Plan was Rs.30.50 crore for the 11th Plan period. This district shares a common border with Bangladesh. The Deputy Commissioner stated that the area development schemes of BADP and RSVY/BRGF were being implemented in this district. This district has been identified as a MCD based on the population of minorities other than the minority in majority in the State. There were 8 blocks and 1540 villages in the district. The Empowered Committee noted these and advised that the responsibility for eliminates duplication of schemes vested with both the district authority and State Government. The committee also noted that confirmation of the fulfillment of conditions had not been specifically given by the State Government and this should be furnished at the time of seeking release of funds.

(i) Project approved

(a) Indira Awas Yojana (IAY): Households having pucca walls were ranked 1st in the order of deficit in the baseline survey. The proposal was for construction of 6262 houses at the approved unit cost of the Ministry of Rural Development i.e. Rs.38,500/- for hilly areas. About 600 IAY houses were constructed each year in the district. It was assured that the annual flow of IAY houses to the district would continue. The funding pattern of IAY between the Centre and north eastern States was in the ratio of 90:10.

The Empowered Committee noted that the fund allocated for housing was more than 75% of fund allocated tentatively for the district and felt that a single sector should not exceed 75%. The Empowered Committee approved the construction of 5000 IAY houses for a total cost of Rs.1925 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP and State share would be Rs.1732.50 lakh and Rs.192.50

lakh respectively. It was agreed that 50% of the Central share would be released as 1st instalment. The approval was given on the condition that the State Government would ensure that the IAY houses would be distributed among BPL families from the approved waiting list, even if they belonged to communities other than the minority communities, strictly in order of their ranking in the list as per the IAY guidelines. Villages ranked highest on the basis of minority population in the blocks having the highest population of minorities, other than the minority community in majority, would be selected first. State share would be provided. The list of the villages, along with the number of houses to be constructed, would be furnished by the State Government. To prevent duplication the Government of Meghalaya should ensure that the units funded under MsDP were reflected in the State Action Plan of the scheme and the Central Ministry concerned informed.

- (b) Installation of hand pumps and construction of ring well:** Safe drinking water was identified as the 3rd priority in the baseline survey report. The proposal was for installation of 998 hand pumps @ Rs. 0.15 lakh at a total cost of Rs.149.70 lakh and 303 ring wells @ Rs.0.57 lakh at a total cost of Rs.172.71 lakh. The funding pattern of AWRSP between the Centre and north eastern States was in the ratio of 90:10. The Deputy Commissioner stated that the rates have been prepared and approved by the PHED and the scheme would also be implemented by them. The representative from the D/o Drinking Water Supply stated that half a kilometer distance from the nearest water source and coverage of 250 persons were the requirement to provide drinking water facility to villages in hilly areas. The ARWSP envisaged that all sourceless/inadequately sourced villages satisfying such requirement would be covered by 2009. Habitation survey has been carried out and it included hamlets. The State Government would need to confirm that the hamlets which were proposed to be covered were not already identified to be covered under ARWSP/Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission.

The Empowered Committee approved the installation of 998 hand pumps for Rs.149.70 lakh @ Rs 0.15 of which Central share would be Rs.134.73 lakh and State share Rs.14.97 lakh, and construction of 303 ring well for Rs.172.71 lakh @ Rs.0.57 of which Central share would be Rs.155.44 lakh and State share Rs.17.27 on 90:10 Centre and State sharing ratio as per the ARWSP. The Empowered Committee agreed to release 50% of the Central share as the first instalment. This would be subject to the condition that a formal confirmation was furnished by the State Government that the hamlets which were proposed to be covered were not already identified to be covered under ARWSP/Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission. The State Government would ensure that these hand pumps and ring wells would be provided in such sourceless/inadequately-sourced villages having the highest proportion of minority community, other than the minority community in majority. The list of the villages where these hand pumps were to be installed would be furnished. To prevent duplication, the Government of Meghalaya should ensure that the assets funded under MsDP were reflected in the State Action Plan of the scheme and the Central Department concerned informed.

(c) Construction of ACRs for lab and computer rooms in secondary schools: The proposal was for providing one ACR for lab and one computer room each in 25 secondary schools. The Deputy Commissioner clarified that the ACRs would be provided in Govt. schools where lab equipment and computers were already available. Representative from M/o Human Resource Development stated that the unit cost for the construction of ACRs for primary and upper primary schools under SSA for the West Garo Hills was Rs.2.06 lakh. It was clarified that the proposal was for secondary schools which have larger class room requirement. The funding pattern of SSA was in the ratio of 90:10 for the North-East and this was proposed to be followed.

The proposal for construction of one additional class room for lab and one computer room each in 25 existing government secondary schools @ Rs.3.00 lakh was approved by the Empowered Committee for a total cost of Rs.150.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.135 lakh and Rs.15 lakh would be the State share. It was agreed that 50% of the Central share would be released as 1st instalment. The State Government would ensure that the selection of secondary schools was made in blocks having the highest proportion of minority community, other than the minority community in majority and lab and computers were already available. State Government would provide a list of such schools.

(ii) Proposals approved in-principle:

(d) Construction of ACRs for computer and providing computer sets in higher secondary schools: The proposal was for construction of one computer room and providing 10 computers sets each in 8 higher secondary schools. The Deputy Commissioner clarified that these were proposed for Govt. higher secondary schools. The funding pattern of SSA was in the ratio of 90:10 for the North-East and this was proposed to be followed.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for construction of ACR for computer and providing 10 computers sets each in 8 existing government higher secondary schools for a total cost of Rs.40.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.36.00 lakh and Rs.4.00 lakh would be the State share. It was agreed that 50% of the Central share would be released as 1st instalment. In-principle approval was given on the condition that the State Government would provide the approved unit cost for ACRs, availability of staff/trainer, recurring expenditure, electricity, and arrangement for operation and maintenance for these assets.

(e) Mini ITI at Dadenaggiri: Construction and opening of mini ITI at Dadenaggiri at a total cost of Rs. 110.00 lakh was proposed. Representative from M/o Labour & Employment recommended that the building design, specification and standards should be as per the norms of the 'National Council for Vocational Training' (NCVT). He added that adhering to the NCVT norms and guideline was suggested as it would facilitate better employment prospect.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for the construction of mini ITI at Dadenaggiri at a total cost of Rs. 110.00 lakh. This would however be subject to the condition that the State Government would provide a detailed project report prepared as per the specification, design, norms,

capacity and standards laid down by the 'National Council for Vocational Training' (NCVT) having modern courses/trades, equipments; commitment by the State Government to provide land, trainers, staff, recurring expenditure etc. for obtaining the advice of the Ministry of Labour & Employment. It was agreed that 50% of the Central share would be released as 1st instalment after the advice of the M/o Labour & Employment is obtained.

- (f) **Academy of construction at Tura:** Construction of an academy of construction at Tura at a total cost of Rs. 162.76 lakh was proposed. The Deputy Commissioner stated that this was proposed on the lines of such academy operating in the State of Andhra Pradesh where some youth from Meghalaya have already been trained. The trades proposed would be confined to construction activities. The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval. This would however be subject to the condition that the State Government should provide a detailed project report prepared as per the specification, design, norms, capacity and standards laid down by the 'National Council for Vocational Training' (NCVT) or an appropriate authority having modern and relevant courses/trades, equipment/machinery; commitment by the State Government to provide land, trainers, staff, recurring expenditure etc. for obtaining the advice of the Ministry of Labour & Employment. It was agreed that 50% of the Central share would be released as 1st instalment after the advice of the M/o Labour & Employment.

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

- (g) **Horticulture:** The State Govt. was advised to send a project profile in accordance with the guidelines of horticulture/technology mission for obtaining the advice of the Ministry/Department concerned.
- (h) **Animal husbandry, veterinary and agriculture:** The State Govt. was advised that such proposal for income generating activities for self help groups/individuals may be made under special SGSY pattern.

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

- (a) **Health:** Proposal was for construction of approach road, fencing, rectification of CHC operation theatre at Dalu, electricity supply to sub-centres. The State Govt. was advised that construction of such assets should be taken up under the State Plan. Electricity supply and drinking water for health centres may be covered under RGVVY and ARWSP respectively.
- (b) **Soil conservation:** the State Govt. was advised that such schemes may be proposed in the line of existing scheme of the Central Ministry/Department concerned.
- (c) Philip Mason's centre for excellence at Tura, music and cultural centre at Tura, purchase of library books for higher secondary schools, construction of building of St. John school were declined as such schemes were not envisaged in the programme.

(v) **Summary of projects of West Garo Hills (Meghalaya) district approved by the Empowered Committee:**

Sl. no	Name of the project for West Garo Hills district (Meghalaya)	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
				Rupee in lakh			
Administrative Approval							
a	Indira Awas Yojana (IAY)	5000	0.385	1732.50	192.50	1925.00	866.25
b	Installation of hand pumps	998	0.15	134.73	14.97	149.70	67.37
	Digging of ring wells	303	0.57	155.44	17.27	172.71	77.72
c	Construction of ACRs for lab in secondary schools	25	3.00	67.50	7.50	75.00	33.75
	Construction of computer rooms in secondary schools	25	3.00	67.50	7.50	75.00	33.75
Sub-total				2157.67	239.74	2397.41	1078.84
In-principle approval							
d	ACRs for computer room in higher secondary schools	8	3.00	21.60	2.40	24.00	10.80
	Supply 10 computer set in higher secondary schools	8	2.00	14.40	1.60	16.00	7.20
e	Mini ITI at Dadeengiri	01	110.00	110.00	-	110.00	55.00
f	Academy of construction at Tura	01	162.76	162.76	-	162.76	81.38
Sub-total				308.76	4.00	312.76	154.38
Grand Total				2466.43	243.74	2710.17	1233.22

(vi) The representative from the State Government was advised to prepare and submit supplementary/revised/modified MsDP plan for a balance of Rs.583.57 lakh.

Item No.2: Bongaigaon (Assam)

The funds allocated for the MsDP Plan was Rs.56.10 crore for the 11th Plan period. This district has 43% minority population and shares border with Bhutan. Although electricity ranked 1st in the order of identified deficits, no proposal has been made as all the requirement would be met under RGVVY.

(i) **Project approved**

(a) **Indira Awas Yojana (IAY):** Households having pucca walls were ranked 2nd in the order of deficit in the baseline survey. The proposal was for construction of 2000 houses at the approved unit cost of the Ministry of Rural Development i.e. Rs.35000/-. The funding pattern of IAY was in the ratio of 90:10 for the North-East.

The Empowered Committee approved the construction of 2000 IAY houses for a total cost of Rs.700.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP and State

share would be Rs.630.00 lakh and Rs.70.00 lakh respectively. It was agreed that 50% of the Central share would be released as 1st instalment. The approval was given on the condition that State Government would ensure that the IAY houses would be distributed among BPL families from the approved waiting list, even if they belonged to communities other than the minority communities, strictly in order of their ranking in the list as per the IAY guidelines. Villages ranked highest on the basis of minority population in the 5 blocks were selected first and each block would be given 400 units each. State share would be provided. The list of the villages along with the number of houses to be constructed would be furnished by the State Government. To prevent duplication, the Government of Assam should ensure that the units funded under MsDP were reflected in the State Action Plan of the scheme and the Central Ministry concerned informed.

(b) Installation of hand pumps: Safe drinking water was identified as the 4th deficit in the baseline survey report. The proposal was for installation of 847 singur hand pumps @ Rs. 0.177 lakh at a total cost of Rs.149.92 lakh in the Char areas which are having more than 90% of minority population. State Govt. representative clarified that rate were approved by the PHED. The representative from the D/o Drinking Water Supply stated that 1.6 kilometer distance from the nearest water source and coverage of 250 persons were the requirement to provide drinking water facility to villages in plain areas. The ARWSP envisaged that all sourceless/inadequately-sourced villages satisfying such requirement would be covered by 2009. The proposal would cover Char areas which were basically river islands created by erosion or deposit of silt. The Secretary from the Government of Assam confirmed that permanent assets of government like police stations, colleges have been set up in such islands. Habitation survey has been carried out and it included hamlets. The State Government would need to confirm that hamlets which were proposed to be covered under intervention were not already identified to be covered under ARWSP/Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission.

The Empowered Committee approved the installation of 847 hand pumps for Rs.149.92 lakh @ Rs 0.177 of which Central share would be Rs.134.93 lakh and State share Rs.14.99 on 90:10 Centre and State sharing ratio as per the ARWSP. The Empowered Committee agreed to release 50% of the Central share as the first instalment. This was approved subject to the condition that the State Government would furnish a formal confirmation that these hand pumps would be installed in such sourceless/inadequately-sourced villages of Char areas having the highest proportion of minority population and were not covered under ARWSP/Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission. The list of the villages, where these hand pumps were to be installed, would be furnished. To prevent duplication, the Government of Assam would ensure that the assets funded under MsDP were reflected in the State Action Plan of the scheme and the Central Department concerned informed.

(c) Construction of ACRs with toilets in Government schools: The proposal was for the construction of 06 ACRs with 02 toilets (one toilet each for girls and boys) each in 04 Government higher secondary schools and 03 ACRs with one toilet each in 02 Government high schools. Representative from M/o Human Resource Development

stated that the unit cost for the construction of ACRs under SSA for primary and upper primary schools for the Assam was Rs.2.30 lakh. It was clarified that the proposal was for higher secondary and high schools which have larger class room requirement. The funding pattern of SSA was in the ratio of 90:10 for the North-East and this was proposed to be followed.

The Empowered Committee approved for construction of 06 ACRs with 02 toilets each in 04 Government schools @ Rs.17.06 lakh at a total cost of Rs. 68.24 lakh of which Central share would be Rs.61.42 lakh and State share Rs.6.82 lakh and 03 ACRs with one toilet each in 02 Government schools @ Rs.10.62 lakh at a total cost of Rs. 21.24 lakh of which Central share would be Rs.19.12 and State share Rs.2.12 lakh on 90:10 Centre and State sharing ratio as per SSA funding pattern. It was agreed that 50% of the Central share would be released as 1st instalment. The State Government should ensure that the selection of schools would be made in the villages having highest concentration of minority population. State Government would provide a list of villages, where the ACRs and toilets for schools would be constructed, along with the proportion of minority population.

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

- (a) **Construction of ITI building and upgradation of existing ITI at Bongaigaon:** The representative of the M/o Labour & Employment stated that the ITI at Bongaigaon has already been upgraded under their scheme of upgradation of ITI in the north-eastern States. It was suggested that the upgradation done recently should be taken into account and the gaps identified and brought out clearly before such proposal was considered. In case the State Government intended to pursue this proposal, a detailed project report prepared as per the specification, design, norms, capacity and standards laid down by the 'National Council for Vocational Training' (NCVT) having modern courses/trades, equipments; commitment to provide land, trainers, staff, recurring expenditure etc. should be provided for obtaining the advice of the Ministry of Labour & Employment.
- (b) **Horticulture:** The State Govt. was advised to send a detailed project report in accordance with the norms of horticulture/technology mission for obtaining the advice of the Ministry/Department concerned.
- (c) **Agriculture, animal husbandry and veterinary:** The State Govt. was advised that such proposal for income generating activities for self help groups/individuals may be made under special SGSY pattern.

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

- (a) **Elementary education:** State Government confirmed that the proposal was for venture and government aided schools. EGS set up under SSA were expected to be proposed for upgradation as primary schools. However, the State Government of Assam has been promoting venture schools and this approach has not been supported by the D/o School Education & Literacy. The State Government was advised that it could propose upgradation of EGS to primary schools under SSA.

- (b) **Construction of health sub centre:** The proposal was for setting up new PHSCs. It was advised that approval of the Government for opening new PHSCs should be available first along with arrangement/availability of staff, recurring cost, land etc. before such proposal could be considered.
- (c) **River ambulance:** The State Govt. was advised that such schemes should be proposed under the centrally sponsored scheme of NRHM.
- (d) **Rural roads:** This may be covered under centrally sponsored scheme of PMGSY, NEC, NLCPR or State plan resources.
- (e) **Social welfare:** The proposal was declined as these activities were not envisaged in the scheme.
- (f) **PWD building:** The proposal was declined as these activities were not envisaged in the scheme.

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

Sl. no	Name of the project for Bongaigaon district (Assam)	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
				Rupee in lakh			
Administrative Approval							
a	Indira Awas Yojana (IAY)	2000	0.35	630.00	70.00	700.00	315.00
b	Installation of singur hand pumps	847	0.177	134.93	14.99	149.92	67.47
c	Construction of 06 ACRs with 02 toilets in each 04 Government schools	04	17.06	61.42	6.82	68.24	30.71
	Construction of 03 ACRs with one toilet in each 02 Government schools	02	10.62	19.12	2.12	21.24	9.56
Grand Total				845.47	93.93	939.40	422.74

- (v) The representative from the State Government was advised to prepare and submit supplementary/revised/modified MsDP plan for a balance of Rs.4764.53 lakh.

Item No.3: Goalpara (Assam)

The funds allocated for the MsDP Plan was Rs.57.60 crore for the 11th Plan period. The Deputy Commissioner stated that health infrastructure was sufficient and gaps in this sector would be met under NRHM. The Char areas had a high proportion of minority population and they were formed by erosion of the foothills leaving the higher ground as islands and were therefore more or less permanent islands unlike those in Bongaigoan formed by deposit of silt.

(i) Project approved

(a) Installation of hand pumps: Safe drinking water was identified as the 4th priority in the baseline survey report. The Deputy Commissioner clarified that the proposal was for installation of 48 tara pumps in the Balijana block (20 nos) and Lakhimpur block (28 nos.) @ Rs.0.25 lakh at a total cost of Rs.12.00 lakh; installation of 800 HTW for drinking water @Rs.0.05 lakh in Kharmuza block (400 nos) and Lakhimpur block (400 nos) at a total cost of Rs.40.00 lakh in the Char areas which were having more than 90% of minority population and which were not covered under ARWSP/Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission. State Govt. representative clarified that rate were approved by the PHED. The funding pattern of ARWSP was in the ratio of 90:10 for the North-East. The representative from the D/o Drinking Water Supply stated that 1.6 kilometer distance from the nearest water source and coverage of 250 persons were the requirement to provide drinking water facility to villages in plain areas. Habitation survey has been carried out and it included hamlets/all habitations. The State Government would need to confirm that villages in the Char areas, which were proposed to be covered, were not already identified to be covered under ARWSP/Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission. The ARWSP envisaged that all sourceless/inadequately-sourced villages satisfying such requirement would be covered by 2009.

The Empowered Committee accorded approval to the proposal at a total cost of Rs. 52.00 lakh of which Central share would be Rs.46.80 lakh and State share Rs.5.20 lakh on 90:10 Centre and State sharing ratio as per the ARWSP. This was approved subject to the condition that the State Government would provide a formal confirmation that these hand pumps would be installed in such sourceless/inadequately-sourced villages of Char areas having the highest proportion of minority population, at the unit cost approved by the State PHED and were not covered under ARWSP/Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission. The Empowered Committee agreed to release 50% of the Central share as the first instalment. The list of the villages where these hand pumps and hand tube wells were to be installed would be furnished. To prevent duplication, the Government of Assam should ensure that the assets funded under MsDP were reflected in the State Action Plan of the scheme and the Central Department concerned informed.

(ii) General observations of the Empowered Committee: The Empowered Committee noted that the rest of the proposals could not be considered as unit cost could not be clarified and justification was not given. The State Government was advised to make

out a revised plan in accordance with the guidelines of the MsDP keeping in view the proposals which have already been approved for the districts of Assam.

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

	Name of the project for Goalpara district (Assam)	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released	
			Rupee in lakh					
	Administrative Approval							
a	Installation of new Tara Pumps in the Balijana (20nos) and Lakhimpur (28 nos) Development Block.	48	0.25	10.80	1.20	12.00	5.40	
	Installation of HTW for drinking water in Kharmuza block.	400	0.05	18.00	2.00	20.00	9.00	
	Installation of HTW for drinking water in Lakhimpur Dev. Block.	400	0.05	18.00	2.00	20.00	9.00	
	Grand Total			46.80	5.20	52.00	23.40	

The representative of the State Government was advised to prepare and submit supplementary/revised/modified MsDP plan for a balance of Rs. 5713.20 lakh. The Empowered Committee noted that numerous schemes were proposed and advised that the revised plan may focus on a few schemes for addressing the deficits in drinking water, skill development, education, health and income generating activities, including saturating the schemes included in the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities.

Item No.4: Araria (Bihar)

The funds allocated for the MsDP Plan was Rs.81.10 crore for the 11th Plan period. The Deputy Commissioner stated that this district was located in the border with Nepal. It was clarified that housing was not proposed as there was sufficient funds available.

(i) Project approved

(a) Construction of additional class rooms (ACRs) in high schools: Literacy rate (total) and female literacy has been identified as the 5th and 4th deficit in the district respectively. Proposal was for the construction of one ACRs in 44 Government high schools @Rs.4.50 lakh. The unit cost was approved by the State PWD and the ACRs were needed to have teacher: pupil ratio of 1:40. The high schools were located in areas having a high concentration of minority population and ACRs for high schools were not covered under SSA. Land was stated to be available.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for the construction of 44 additional class rooms in existing government high schools at a total cost of Rs.198.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.148.50 lakh and Rs.49.50 lakh would be the State share in a ratio of 75:25. It was agreed that 50% of

the Central share would be released as 1st instalment. The State Government would ensure that the cost for the construction of ACRs was approved by the PWD, provide land and State share, and a list of villages where the schools were situated along with the proportion of minority population. To prevent duplication, the Government of Bihar may ensure that the ACRs funded under MsDP were reflected in the State Action Plan of the scheme and information also sent to the Ministry concerned.

- (b) Construction of school building for primary and middle schools:** Literacy rate (total) and female literacy has been identified as the 5th and 4th deficit in the district respectively. It was clarified that the proposal was for construction of 10 primary and middle school buildings. The Deputy Commissioner stated that primary schools were functioning in private buildings or in open spaces. It was further stated that all primary schools were already covered under SSA and the gap of 10 primary schools were being proposed under MsDP. The Deputy Commissioner stated that land was available and it would be ensured that primary schools which were not covered under SSA would be selected.

The Empowered Committee approved the construction of 10 primary and middle schools @ Rs. 9.18 lakh at a total cost of Rs.91.80 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.59.67 lakh and Rs.32.13 lakh would be the State share (65:35 between centre and state), norms and specification would be as per the SSA pattern. The fund would be an additionality over and above the normal annual SSA fund flow to the district. It was agreed that 50% of the Central share would be released as 1st instalment. The State Government would ensure that the cost for the construction of ACRs was approved by the PWD, provide land and State share, and also a list of villages where these schools would be constructed. To prevent duplication, the Government of Bihar may ensure that the schools funded under MsDP were reflected in the State Action Plan of the scheme and information also sent to the Ministry concerned.

- (c) Construction of anganwadi centres:** Health indicators i.e. percentage of fully vaccinated children and percentage of deliveries in health institutions were below the national average. Only 18.20% of the children were fully vaccinated and 3.10% of the deliveries were institutional. The proposal was for construction of 300 buildings for anganwadi centres which were functioning in private buildings @ of Rs.6.00 lakh per unit total costing Rs.900.00 lakh. The unit cost was considered too high and it was suggested that the unit cost of Rs.3.00 lakh recommended by the Ministry of Women & Child Development may be adopted. The representative of the State Government and the Deputy Commissioner agreed to the proposed revised unit cost.

Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 300 anganwadi centres @ of Rs.3.00 lakh per unit for the total cost of Rs.900.00 lakh and subject to condition that villages having the highest proportion of minority population in all the blocks would be selected and the list would be provided. It was agreed that 50% of the central share will be released as 1st instalment.

(ii) Proposals approved in-principle:

(a) Upgradation of ITI, Forbesganj: Total work participation and female work participation have been ranked as 6th and 7th respectively in the baseline survey. Construction of hostel and purchase of equipment for various workshop and trades were proposed under MsDP at a total cost of Rs.141.00 lakh. The representative of the M/o Labour & Employment stated that there were 1896 ITIs in the country, of which 1396 were proposed to be upgraded. The Ministry of Labour & Employment has also started the process of introducing a scheme for upgradation of the remaining ITIs and eventually all ITIs in the country would be covered by the upgradation schemes. The State Government representative clarified that the status of whether this ITI was in the work programme for upgradation would be ascertained and informed to the Ministry of Minority Affairs. The representative of the Ministry of Labour & Employment was also requested to ascertain the status and inform the Ministry of Minority Affairs. The Deputy Commissioner added that the youth of the district should not be made to wait indefinitely for the upgradation schemes of the Ministry of Labour & Employment and that the proposed upgradation was required immediately.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for the construction of hostel and purchase of equipments for workshops and trades at a total cost of Rs.141.00 lakh. This would however be subject to the condition that the State Government would provide a detailed project profile based on the specification, design, norms, capacity and standards laid down by the 'National Council for Vocational Training' (NCVT) along with a list of furniture, equipment etc. required. State Government would furnish a formal commitment to provide land, warden and staff for the hostel, recurring expenditure etc. A list of equipments to be purchased along with the approximate cost and justification would be furnished. It would also furnish information on whether this ITI was in the programme for upgradation under any of the schemes of the Ministry of Labour & Employment. It was agreed that 50% of the Central share would be released as 1st instalment after the above commitment and clarifications were furnished by the State Government and advice of the Ministry of Labour & Employment obtained.

(b) Construction of Additional Primary Health Centre (APHC): The Deputy Commissioner clarified that these were units falling in between PHCs and PHSCs. Such units would have two doctors. It was submitted that a total of 32 APHCs were in the district and none have their own building. Construction for buildings of 06 existing APHCs @ Rs.37.00 lakh was proposed under MsDP at a total cost of Rs.222.00 lakh. Representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare stated that proposed unit cost was very high. The Deputy Commissioner proposed a lower unit cost of Rs.10.05 lakh stating that ten units were constructed under NRHM at this rate. The representative of the State Government supported the revised unit cost.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for the construction 10 additional primary health centres @ Rs.10.05 lakh at a total cost of Rs.100.50 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.85.43 lakh and Rs.15.07 lakh would be the State share (85:15 between centre and state). The approval was given on the condition that the State Government would ensure that the

centres were located in areas having the highest concentration of minority population, names of such centres and the number of patient inflow in the previous year would be provided. NRHM construction norms, design, specification and standards would be followed and the State share would be provided. The list of the centres with location would be furnished, and availability of land, staff and doctors would be confirmed. To prevent duplication, the Government of Bihar should ensure that the centres funded under MsDP were reflected in the State Action Plan of the scheme and the Central Ministry informed. It was agreed for release of 50% of the Central share as first instalment after the above confirmation and clarifications were furnished by the State Government.

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

- (a) Construction of girl hostels for high schools and higher secondary schools:** The proposal for construction of girl hostels includes furniture and was proposed to be attached to existing government schools. The Deputy Commissioner stated that the hostels would be managed by the village education committee (VEC). There were no hostels in the schools proposed and that the VEC had no experience of running a hostel. The Empowered Committee agreed that availability of such hostels for girls at high and higher secondary level would encourage girl students for higher education and indicated that a detailed project profile would be required containing details of hostel specification, kitchen, toilets, warden's quarter, security arrangement, availability of land, non-recurring costs, requirement of furniture, the memorandum of understanding to be signed between the department concerned and the village education committee, the estimated range of hostel fees including cost of food to be charged etc. for consideration of this proposal. The State Government was advised that the KGBV scheme funding pattern, norm, specification etc. could be adopted.
- (b) Rural piped water supply scheme with iron removal plant with solar pump, hand pump with iron removal plant:** The State Govt. was advised that such a proposal entailed detailed survey and study besides being very technical and involving elaborate operational and maintenance issues. Implementation of such schemes also takes a long time. Such schemes should be proposed to the Department of Drinking Water Supply for funding under their scheme.
- (c) Installation of solar street light:** The State Govt. was advised to make out a project profile as per the guidelines of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy and send the proposal cleared by the Bihar Renewable Energy Development Authority (BREDA).
- (d) Agriculture and animal husbandry/Employment generation:** The State Govt. was advised to propose such income generating activities for self help groups/individuals under special SGSY pattern. SHGs could be a mixed group of persons from different communities and not necessarily comprising only from the minority communities. Individual schemes could be proposed under SGSY by seeking special relaxation of the 10% ceiling under the SGSY scheme.
- (e) Schemes related to madarsas:** The Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has revised the scheme for modernization of madarsas recently which were

now called (i) Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas and (ii) Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Private Aided/Unaided Minority Institutes. The revised schemes were attractive and there was sufficient fund available. It was advised that such requirement may be accessed from the new schemes of the Ministry of HRD.

- (f) **Schemes related to school education and literacy:** State Government was advised that it should be proposed under SSA.
- (iv) **Proposals declined by the Empowered Committee as they were not identified as priority items in the baseline survey/not envisaged in the programme:**
- (a) **Upgradation of referral hospital:** The State Govt. was advised that such scheme required an in-depth and holistic study of facility, equipment, specialist, type of diseases treated etc. and should be proposed under the centrally sponsored scheme of NRHM.
- (b) **Rural roads:** This may be covered under centrally sponsored scheme of PMGSY or State plan resources.
- (c) **Construction of multipurpose community centre:** The proposal was declined as such assets were not envisaged in the scheme.
- (iv) **Summary of projects of Araria (Bihar) district approved by the Empowered Committee:**

Sl. no	Name of the project for Araria district (Bihar)	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
Rupee in lakh							
Administrative Approval							
a	Construction of additional class room in high schools	44	4.50	148.50	49.50	198.00	74.25
b	Construction of schools buildings in primary and middle schools	10	9.18	59.67	32.13	91.80	29.84
c	Construction of anganwadi centres	300	3.00	900.00	-	900.00	450.00
Sub-total				1108.17	81.63	1189.80	554.09
In-principle approval							
d	Construction of hostel for ITI, equipment for various trade for ITI	1	141.00	141.00	-	141.00	70.50
e	Construction of APHCs	10	10.05	85.43	15.07	100.50	42.72
Sub-total				226.43	15.07	241.50	113.22
Grand Total				1334.60	96.70	1431.30	667.31

- (v) The representative from the State Government was advised to prepare and submit supplementary/revised/modified MsDP plan for a balance of Rs.6775.40 lakh. The Empowered Committee noted that numerous numbers of schemes were proposed and advised that the revised plan may focus on a few schemes for improvement of the

deficits in drinking water, skill development, education, health and income generating activities, including saturating the schemes included in the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities.

Item No.5: Katihar (Bihar)

The funds allocated for the MsDP Plan was Rs.82.60 crore for the 11th Plan period. The Deputy Commissioner stated that sufficient fund was available for housing and hence it has not been proposed under MsDP.

(i) Project approved

(a) Construction of Additional Primary Health Centre (APHC): Proposal was for the construction of 6 additional primary health centres. State Government representative clarified that the additional primary health centres were the units falling in between primary health centres and primary health sub centres. It was submitted that there were 28 APHCs in the district and six, not having their own buildings, were proposed to be constructed in locations having a high minority concentration. Construction of APHCs @ Rs.42.86 lakh was proposed under MsDP at a total cost of Rs.257.16 lakh. All APHCs were functional and having doctors, ANM and nurses. Land was confirmed to be available. Representative from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare stated that proposed unit cost was very high. The Deputy Commissioner proposed a lower unit cost of Rs.10.05 lakh stating that some units were constructed under NRHM at this rate. The representative of the State Government supported the revised unit cost.

Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 06 additional primary health centres @ Rs.10.05 lakh at a total cost of Rs.60.30 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.51.26 lakh and Rs.9.04 lakh would be the State share (85:15 between centre and state). It also approved for release of 50% of the Central share as first instalment. The approval was given on the condition that the State Government would ensure that the centres were located in areas having the highest concentration of minority population and the number of patient inflow in the previous year would be provided. NRHM construction norms, design, specification and standards would be followed and the State share would be provided. The list of the centres with location would be furnished, Availability of land, staff and doctors would be confirmed. To prevent duplication, the Government of Bihar should ensure that the centres funded under MsDP were reflected in the State Action Plan of the scheme and the Central Ministry informed. It was agreed for release of 50% of the Central share as first instalment after the above confirmation and clarifications were furnished by the State Government.

(b) Construction of anganwadi centres: Health indicators i.e. percentage of fully vaccinated children and percentage of deliveries in health institutions were below the national average. Only 23% of the children are fully vaccinated and 7.70% of the deliveries were institutional. The Deputy Commissioner stated that there were more than 2300 anganwadi centres in the district. The proposal was for construction of 308 buildings for anganwadi centres which were not running in government buildings @ of Rs.2.50 lakh per unit, total costing Rs.700.00 lakh. Land and staff were confirmed to be available. Taking into consideration the advice of the Ministry of Women &

Child Development that such centres having a kitchen, toilet and playing space could be constructed with a unit cost of Rs.3.00 lakh, the representative of the State Government supported the revised unit cost.

Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 308 anganwadi centres @ of Rs.3.00 lakh per unit for the total cost of Rs.924.00 lakh and subject to condition that the centres would be located in villages which have the highest concentration of minority population and spread across all 12 blocks. It was agreed that 50% of the central share will be released as 1st instalment. A list of villages where these centres would be constructed has been provided in the plan.

- (c) **Infrastructure development in high schools:** Literacy rate (total) and female literacy have been identified as the 4th and 5th deficit in the district respectively. Proposal was for the construction of 6 ACRs @Rs.13.50 lakh, lab equipment @Rs.3.00 lakh, toilet and water facility @Rs1.40 lakh each in 5 high schools. The Deputy Commissioner stated that lab equipments for 55 high schools have already been provided under RSVY and these five high schools were left out. It was clarified that these high schools were selected on the basis of minority population in 2 blocks and these were Government schools. These schools are co-education schools and were in need of good toilets, specially for girl students.

The Empowered Committee approved for the construction of 6 ACRs @Rs.13.50 lakh, lab equipments @Rs.3.00 lakh, toilet and water facility @Rs1.40 lakh each in 5 high schools at a total cost of Rs.89.50 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.67.12 lakh and Rs.22.38 lakh would be the State share in the ratio of 75:25. It was agreed that 50% of the Central share would be released as 1st instalment. The State Government would ensure that the unit cost was approved by the PWD and a list of villages along with the proportion of minority population where the ACRs for high schools would be constructed would be furnished. A list of lab equipment and its estimated cost would be provided. To prevent duplication, the Government of Bihar may ensure that the high schools and assets funded under MsDP were reflected in the State Action Plan of the scheme and information also sent to the Ministry concerned.

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

- (a) **Drinking water supply facility:** The State Govt. was advised that such a proposal entailed detailed survey and study besides being very technical and involving elaborate operational and maintenance issues. Implementation of such schemes also takes a long time. Such schemes should be proposed to the Department of Drinking Water Supply for funding under their scheme.
- (b) **Installation of solar street light:** The State Govt. was advised to make out a project profile as per the guidelines of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy and send the proposal by cleared by the BREDA.
- (c) **Animal husbandry:** The State Govt. was advised to propose such income generating activities for self help groups/individuals under special SGSY pattern. SHGs could be a mixed group of persons from different communities and not necessarily comprising

only from the minority communities. Individual schemes could be proposed under SGSY by seeking special relaxation of the 10% ceiling under the SGSY scheme.

(d) Infrastructure development in madarasas: The Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has revised the scheme for modernization of Madarsa recently which were now called (i) Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarasas and (ii) Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Private Aided/Unaided Minority Institutes. The revised schemes were attractive and there was sufficient fund available. It was advised that such requirement may be accessed from the new schemes of the Ministry of HRD.

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

- (a) **Rural roads and bridges:** This may be covered under centrally sponsored scheme of PMGSY or State plan resources.
- (b) **Construction of community toilets:** This may be covered under centrally sponsored scheme under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) as the Department of Drinking Water Supply had indicated that there was sufficient fund available under this programme.

(iv) Summary of projects of Katihar (Bihar) district approved by the Empowered Committee:

Sl. no	Name of the project for Katihar district (Bihar)	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released of 50%
Rupee in lakh							
Administrative Approval							
a	Construction of additional primary health centres building	06	10.05	51.26	9.04	60.30	25.63
b	Construction of anganwadi centres	308	3.00	924.00	-	924.00	462.00
c	Additional class room (06) for high schools	05	13.50	50.63	16.87	67.50	25.32
	Lab. Equipments in high schools	05	3.00	11.25	3.75	15.00	5.63
	Toilet and water facility for high schools	05	1.40	5.25	1.75	7.00	2.63
	Sub-total			1042.39	31.41	1073.8	521.21

(v) The representative from the State Government was advised to prepare and submit supplementary/revised/modified MsDP plan for a balance of Rs.7217.61 lakh. The Empowered Committee advised that the revised plan may focus on a few schemes for improvement of the deficits in drinking water, skill development, education, health and income generating activities, including saturating the schemes included in the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities.

Item No.6: Darbhanga (Bihar)

The funds allocated for the MsDP Plan was Rs.59.70 crore for the 11th Plan period.

(i) Project approved

(a) Construction of anganwadi centres: Health indicators i.e. percentage of fully vaccinated children and percentage of deliveries in health institutions were below the national average. Only 40.40% of the children were fully vaccinated and 10.70% of the deliveries were institutional. The proposal was for construction of 133 buildings for anganwadi centres out of about 200 which were not running in government buildings @ of Rs.2.50 lakh per unit, total costing Rs.400.00 lakh. Land and staff were confirmed to be available. Taking into consideration the advice of the Ministry of Women & Child Development that such centres having a kitchen, toilet and playing space could be constructed with a unit cost of Rs.3.00 lakh, the representative of the State Government supported the revised unit cost.

Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 200 anganwadi centres @ of Rs.3.00 lakh per unit for the total cost of Rs.600.00 lakh and subject to condition that the centres would be located in villages which have the highest concentration of minority population. It was agreed that 50% of the central share will be released as 1st instalment. The State Government would provide a list of villages where these centres would be constructed.

(b) Indira Awas Yojana (IAY): Households having pucca walls were ranked 3rd in the order of deficit in the baseline survey. The proposal was for an additional 2285 houses at the approved unit cost of the Ministry of Rural Development i.e. Rs.35,000/-.

The Empowered Committee approved construction of 2285 IAY houses at a total cost of Rs.799.75 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs. 599.81 lakh and Rs. 199.94 lakh as State share as per the funding pattern of IAY between Centre and State in the ratio of 75:25. It was agreed that 50% of the Central share would be released as 1st instalment. The approval was given on the assurance that the State Government would ensure that the IAY houses would be given to BPL families selected from the approved waiting list, even if they belonged to communities other than the minority communities, strictly in order of their ranking in the list as per the IAY guidelines. It should be ensured that not less than 20 units were distributed in a village. The list of the villages indicating the number of houses to be constructed, would be provided. State share would be provided. To prevent duplication, the Government of Bihar would ensure that the units funded under MsDP were reflected in the State Action Plan of the scheme and information also sent to the Ministry concerned.

(ii) Proposals more details:

(a) Construction of building of Primary Health Sub-Centres (PHSC): It was submitted that Rs200.00 were allocated for the construction of PHSCs in the district. The number of units and the unit cost proposed could not be clarified. The State Government was advised to provide details of the proposal as per NRHM construction norms, design, specification, indicate the number of units and unit cost approved by the PWD. The unit should have a labour room and this along with the availability of ANM, consumables, land at such PHSCs should be given in detail. The criteria for selection of PHSCs, a list of the centres with location should be given in the proposal.

(iii) General observations of the Empowered Committee: The Empowered Committee noted that in rest of the proposals number of unit, unit cost and justification were not given. Hence these proposals could not be considered.

(iv) Summary of projects of Darbhanga (Bihar) district approved by the Empowered Committee:

Sl. no	Name of the project for Darbhanga district (Bihar)	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released of 50%	
			Rupee in lakh					
Administrative Approval								
a	Construction of anganwadi centres	200	3.00	600.00	-	600.00	300.00	
b	Construction of IAY houses	2285	0.35	599.81	199.94	799.75	299.91	
	Grand Total			1199.81	199.94	1399.75	599.91	

(v) The representative from the State Government was advised to prepare and submit supplementary/revised/modified MsDP plan for a balance of Rs.4770.19 lakh. The Empowered Committee advised that the revised plan may focus on a few schemes for improvement of the deficits in drinking water, skill development, education, health and income generating activities, including saturating the schemes included in the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities.

**8th MEETING OF EMPOWERED COMMITTEE FOR PLANS OF ARARIA,
DARBHANGA, KATI HAR, WEST GARO HILLS, BONGAI GAON AND
GOALPARA HELD ON 19TH DECEMBER' 2008 AT
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Annexure-I

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