

HOPE *to* REALITY

one year of working together



As a part of the strategy to improve the economic viability of Agricultural production major thrust is being given on :

1. **Increasing Productivity and Alternate cropping :**

There is a major thrust in motivating the Farmers to move away from the traditional crops of Paddy and Potato to enable the farmers to realize better price for their produce. The crops involved are :

- a. Pulses;
- b. Oilseeds;
- c. Wheat;
- d. Maize etc.;

2. **Improvement in quality of seed and its availability:** In this connection, on one hand decision has been taken to strengthen the seed certification system, efforts are being made to improve the infrastructure and consequently the quality of the Seed Testing. Steps are being taken to develop the Red Laterite Zone of West Bengal into a Seed hub.

3. **Improved Cultural practices:** All out efforts are being made to improve extension, by expanding demonstration centres (DCs) as well as Farmer visits to the DCs.

For delivering these benefits to the farmers, a mission mode approach has been envisaged in the following sectors: -

1. Credit & Insurance.
2. Soil Health Improvement
3. Watershed Management Mission
4. Improvement in the Quality of Seeds.
5. Increased Farm Mechanization.
6. Better Plant Health Management.
7. Issuance of Farmer Advisories
8. Rewarding the best farmer in each block as 'Krishak Ratna' every year.
9. Disaster Management.

As a part of these, various schemes have been taken up or are proposed to be taken up as a part of the policy decisions taken by the Government. Some of these are:

1. DCs covering 67,000 Ha, involving 2.25 Lakh farmers were taken up for Paddy and Wheat in 2011 - 12. It has been decided to establish Agricultural Production Centres (Krishi Utpadan Kendras) in every Block. These shall centre around demonstration centres for the staples and alternative crops. It is expected that around 2.20 Lakh Hectares of farmland involving around 6 Lakh farmers shall be taken up under DCs this year. These DCs shall have :

- a. 100 % coverage of all Farmers under the KCC ;
- b. Providing free of cost Crop Insurance coverage ;

- c. Supply of quality inputs, free of cost ;
- d. On the spot guidance through dedicated Subject Matter specialists ;
- e. Buy back guarantee of the Staples produced at MSP (Minimum Support Price)

2. Efforts shall be made to ensure a further coverage of 15 Lakh Farmers under the KCC thereby making available access to Institutional Finance to at least 25 Lakh Farmers. These shall also be brought under subsidized Crop Insurance cover, with the Government providing free cover for non commercial crops, and a subsidized cover for Potato. As a part of this process, notifications for insurance shall be introduced at the level of GPs and steps taken to ensure that CCEs are suitably carried out.

3. Soil amelioration has been a major activity. This shall continue to be a major intervention this year, with emphasis on reclaiming acidic soils. A sms based Fertilizer advisory has been developed for Farmers. Improvement shall be effected in connection with efficiencies in application of Fertilizers. Integration of FMS (Mobile Fertilizer Management System) with Soil advisory shall be done along with an increased coverage of institutional soil testing to enable better soil advisories.

4. Meteorological data collection shall be automated and coverage shall be increased.

5. Pest surveillance operations shall be taken up. Preliminary work has already started in this connection.

6. The extent of Farmers' Advisories shall be extended and issuance universalized.

7. IWMP (Integrated Watershed Management Program) has been sanctioned and the work on Watershed management shall begin in right earnest now. The Department intends to ground projects covering an area of about 3.23 Lakh Hectares and further proposes projects covering area of 2 Lakh Hectares. Efforts shall also be made to ensure introduction of micro water irrigation in water stressed areas.

8. Farm mechanization will be given a boost by ensuring that more implement hubs are set up in every block.

9. Extension shall be given a fillip with the engagement of Subject Matter Specialists as well as 'Krishak Bandhus'.

10. To improve the quality of education in the Agricultural Sector, Colleges shall be set up at the district level.

11. To get better focus on the activities of the Department, the Agriculture Directorate is being reorganized.

with technical assistance from SeMT. Transactional SMS facility sends automatically triggered SMS alerts to citizens, as and when the status of their application for a service gets updated. Pull based system allows a citizen to pull status of his application for a Government service by sending an SMS to short code 51969 using his mobile phone.

1.8 The State government through Labour department with technical support of IT department has initiated an Employment Bank project. As a first step, prototype Employment Bank software application has been developed by SeMT and legacy data of about 70 lakhs registered employment seekers of the State has already been migrated to the Employment Bank database. The online job portal has features including Job-seeker's application for registration, Registration verification by Employment Exchange officer, Employer's application for registration and Candidate Search by Employers based upon their Job requirements.

1.9 Electronic procurement through e-Tendering system has made considerable progress in the State in year 2011-12. So far 6 departments have adopted the system. These are Panchayat & Rural Development(P&RD), Public Works department (PWD), Public Health Engineering (PHE), Irrigation and Waterways (I&W), Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA)

Two Expert Committees headed by luminaries like Mr. Sam Pitroda & Mr. N R Narayanmurthy has started functioning in all core areas such as Baseline of Software industry, Infrastructure & eco system, e-Governance, Human Resource, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, e-Education, e-Health, e-Agriculture, Baseline of Hardware industry, Solar LED R&D Medical Instrumentation & front end to formulate strategies towards vision. The new IT Policy is in the process of finalization as per the advice of the Committees.

As a policy initiative, the IT Department has adopted certain education initiatives to develop human resources in the state. Initiatives have been taken to set up District Training Centers in all districts to educate the local people. Kalyani has been identified for setting up of a IIIT under Public Private Partnership mode. We are in the process of selecting the right partners for which Expressions of Interest have been received from three organizations. The Department of Information Technology has already introduced ICT in education. The ICT tools as a teaching

and learning aid have already been supplied to 521 schools which include schools having majority of S.C. students, Urdu Medium Schools and Govt. Schools.

The IT Department has decided to promote the Hardware Industry in the state of West Bengal. Not much of work has been done so far in this sector though it has tremendous potentiality, not only to contribute to the GDP but also to generate substantial employment.

The new Government aims to create an investor-friendly climate in the State and spread IT investment across the State in all important Tier II & Tier III Cities. To start with, foundation stones have been laid to create ICT hubs & incubation centres with area development at Durgapur (Phase-II), Asansol, Barjora, Siliguri (Phase-II) and Purulia. The process to build up the infrastructure has already been started at these places. Such centres shall also come up at Behala, Bantala, Rajarhat, Haldia, Kharagpur, Falta, Kalyani, Krishnanagar and Darjeeling for which sites have been identified.

A committee under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary IT has been formed to review the purchase policy of hardware. Finance Secretary is also a member of the said committee. The said committee will review the purchase policy to encourage local entrepreneurship.

As a Policy, the Government also puts in an all out effort to bring in efficiency and transparency in Government functions in order to carry a good governance and higher comfort to the citizen.

Major e-Governance policies and initiatives

The department has formulated and published a comprehensive website policy in line with the website guidelines of Government of India to prescribe specific guidelines on content control and ownership, web hosting, security audit and security guidelines for administrators and developers of the Government websites and portals.

Society for Natural Language Training & Research (SNLTR), a registered society under the department has recently developed Unicode compliant "Alchiki" keyboard to give a fillip to the readings in Santhali language over the internet.

An IT Directorate is in the process of being set up under the IT department and a full-fledged State e-Governance Mission Team (SeMT) has already been providing support to various Government departments on the use of ICT in their e-Governance initiatives.

Irrigation & Waterways



- **Report of the West Bengal Flood Control Commission** constituted under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge of the Irrigation & Waterways Department has been brought out and submitted to Hon'ble Chief Minister and others concerned. This report will pave the way for formulating a roadmap in addressing the problems of floods and erosion in the State of West Bengal.
- Long awaited **State Water Policy** for effective use of water resources defining interalia, sectoral priorities has been finalized.
- **Report of the Committee** constituted under Chairmanship of Irrigation Secretary on improvement of drainage infrastructure of Kolkata Metropolitan area has been published and submitted to all stake-holding departments/organisations soliciting comments on the operative part.
- In order to promote transparency and wider competition, Irrigation & Waterways Department has switched over to **e-tendering since October, 2011 for big value works**. Initial lower limit for e-tendering was Rs. 1.25 crore, which has further been brought down to Rs. 50.00 lakh.
- In spite of occurrence of **35-75 % excess rainfall during monsoon of 2011** in South Bengal districts, flood related inundation in protected areas could be **substantially minimised** through continuous interaction with the Central Government organizations and Government of Jharkhand for regulating release of flood water from reservoirs and round the clock patrolling as well as prompt undertaking of restoration works. Number of breaches to embankments were minimal compared to previous years.
- **Works of mega flood control projects** being executed under joint Centre-State efforts, i.e. **"Reconstruction of 'Aila' affected Sundarban embankments"** in North & South 24 Parganas and **"Kaliaghai- Kapaleswari- Baghai (KKB) Basin Drainage Scheme"** in Purba and Paschim Medinipur could physically be started at site in 2011-12.
- **Resuscitation of major drainage channels in Kolkata Metropolitan area**, i.e. Tolly's Nullah and Upper Bagzola Khal has also been commenced.
- **One and half century old Anicut structure on river Kangsabati** near Midnapore town, lying defunct since last five years, has been invited and works would commence soon. Successful completion of the work would create the potential of producing **84000 M.T. of Khariff paddy** in nearly 50000 acre of area in Paschim & Purba Medinipur.
- Responding to the growing demand of construction of rural bridges on drainage channels and irrigation canals, an all time record number of **thirty four RCC road bridges** have been taken up in a single year in North & South 24 Parganas, Hooghly and Purba & Paschim Medinipur districts, upon having sanction under different sources of funding like Core Plan, RIDF, OTACA and special BRGF. The most one is the bridge on river Kangsabati connecting Lalgah directly with Jhargram.
- The long pending **Detailed Project Report (DPR)** for flood protective works in Kandi area in Murshidabad has recently been prepared. Work would commence after investment clearance from the

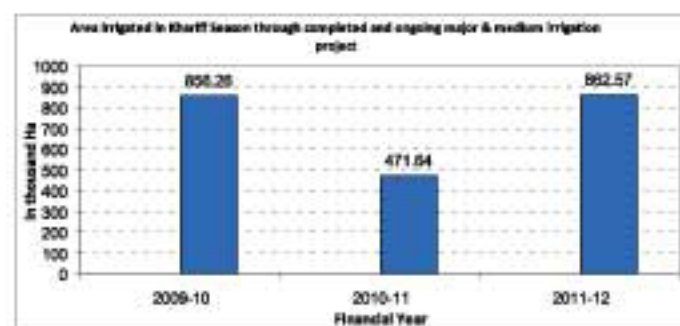
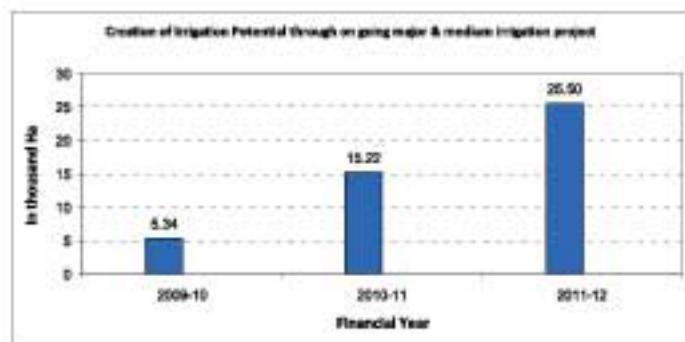
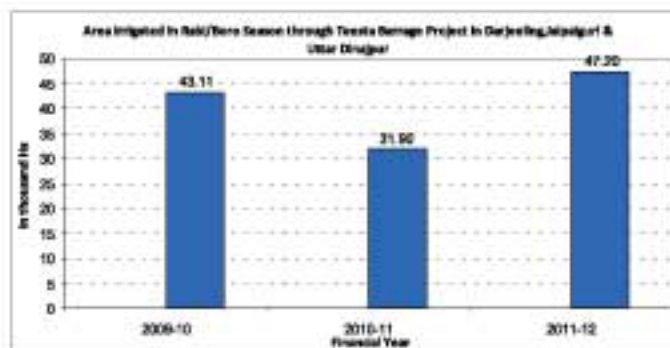
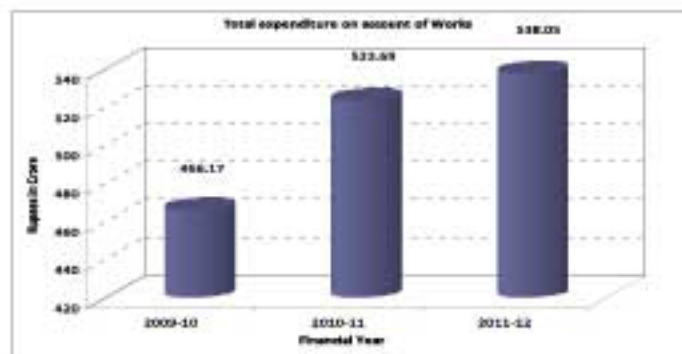
Planning Commission and inclusion of the Scheme under 12th Plan period.

- Around 10,000 hectare of irrigation potential would be created by way of completion of 40 km length of new canal system (main canal+distribution) under the Teesta Barrage Project in North Bengal as National Project under AIBP funding.
- Desilting, bank protection and anti-erosion works in major river systems including the Ganga/Padma &

Bhagirathi rivers, in North & South Bengal, are going on with full thrust.

Financial Achievements :

- In spite of acute financial crisis, total anticipated expenditure incurred during 2011-12 out of Plan & Non-Plan budgetary provisions could be increased to Rs. 538.05 crore, registering a growth of 3% over 2010-11 (Rs. 523.69 crore) and 15% over 2009-10 (Rs. 466.17 crore).



Note-Figures for 2011-12 are provisional

Judicial



Judicial Department has succeeded in its endeavour to implement the programmes taken up for infrastructural development of Judiciary in this State. The following major policy decisions/reforms have been taken up since June, 2011:

- 1) **Nineteen Human Rights Courts** in nineteen districts have been established and they are **functioning**.
- 2) The State Judicial Academy is to be constructed at Action Area – II of Rajarhat, New Town, Kolkata at a cost of Rs.92.00 crore approximately. The estimate for construction of the Academy building has been approved and fund of Rs.6.00 crore has been released.
- 3) **Six CBI Courts** of which four at **Kolkata** and one each at **Siliguri** and **Asansol** have been established and they are **functioning**.
- 4) Steps have already been taken for **establishment** of **Gram Nayalays** in each sub division of the State. District Judges and District Magistrates have been requested to identify ready infrastructure for establishment of the said Gram Nayalays.
- 5) **Construction of Court Complex** at Diamond Harbour, Tamluk, Berhampore, Darjeeling, Gorubathan, Siliguri, Kakdwip, Bishnupur have been started and steps have been taken to construct new court buildings at Bidhannagar, Raiganj, Tehatta, Domkol, Egga, Mal, Canning, Buniadpur, Hooghly, Howrah.
- 6) **Construction of residential quarters for Judicial Officers** at different places in this State viz. Siliguri, Kurseong, Kalyani, Ranaghat, Golapbagh, Chanchal, Krishnanagar, Kenduadihi, Nabadwip, Asansol etc. has been started during 2011-12 and the places,

where Judicial Officer's quarters are not available, are being explored.

- 7) **Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court** at Jalpaiguri will be constructed on 40 acres of land at SJDA Complex. Fund has been released for development of this land and construction of boundary wall around it. Main construction of buildings will start soon.
- 8) **Training of Prosecutors** of High Court, Calcutta and the district of Birbhum, Burdwan, Purulia, Bankura, Hooghly, Howrah and Kolkata has already been completed. Training of Public Prosecutors and Panel Public Prosecutors of the rest twelve districts will be completed very soon. Necessary Law Books have been given to the Trainee Prosecutors. This distribution of law books is the first instance in India.
- 9) **Advocates Welfare Fund Trust Committee** has been **reconstituted** for the welfare of the Advocates of the State.



- 10) **State Legal Services Authority has been reconstituted** in consultation with Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court, Calcutta.
 - 11) **Appointment** for 73 Judicial Officers in the rank of Additional District Judge, 58 Judicial Officers in the rank of Civil Judge, Sr. Division/ACJM and 23 selected candidates as Judicial Magistrates have been issued. Steps have been taken for appointment of GP/PP/Standing Counsel and other Law officers for the High Court and in all the districts.
 - 12) Decision has been taken to continue **151 Fast Track Courts from the fund of State Exchequer** upto 31.3.2013.
The financial outlay of the Department has increased to Rs. 511.98 Cr in 2011/12 from Rs 482.26 Cr in 2010/11 and Rs 379.13 Cr in 2009/10.
 - 13) **Sufficient fund has been given for the schemes/projects for repair, renovation** etc of the existing court buildings in different districts including High Court, Calcutta.
 - 14) **Sufficient fund has been given for completion of the projects** viz. Amenities like sinking of tube well, witness shed, cycle shed, garage etc of the existing court buildings of different districts including High Court, Calcutta.
 - 15) Fund has been allotted for different **computerization projects** in High Court, Calcutta and in the District and Sub divisional courts during the current financial year.
 - 16) Major portion of renovation work in the Dock Labour Hospital of Calcutta Port Trust has been completed for creation of the Record Room of High Court, Calcutta by taking over its possession.
 - 17) Fund has been released for **strengthening the State Judicial Academy**, Training of Judicial Officers/Public Prosecutors, Maintenance of Heritage Buildings etc for implementation of different schemes under the recommendation of 13th Finance Commission.
 - 18) Steps are being taken to establish **Special Courts for reduction of pending cases** for utilization of the fund of 13th Finance Commission.
 - 19) Construction work has been started for creation of **two Family Courts at Alipore**.
 - 20) The maintenance of the Sealdah Court Complex has been taken up.
 - 21) The West Bengal **Advocates Welfare Corporation Bill** has been passed for **welfare of the advocates** of this State.
- Establishment of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) Centres, Special Courts, Court of Sessions, Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrates and Courts of Metropolitan Magistrates in the newly created Metropolitan areas, filling up the post of Mohammedan Marriage Registrars, Kazis, vacant post of Notaries of this State etc. are the upcoming initiatives of this Department.

Jungle Mahal

Special Development Package

announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister



Different departments of the Government of West Bengal have undertaken a number of schemes for the development of Jungle Mahal areas, as desired by Hon'ble Chief Minister. They are now being monitored by the Planning Department as the Nodal Department. Needless to say, this is the first time that serious focus has been given on all-round development of tribal areas.

In brief, some of the achievements are as follows:-

- 10,000 appointments to NVF/Home Guards and Junior Constables. In addition 700 ST Junior constables being appointed.
- Vocational Trainings on Skill Development leading to employment.
- Rice given @ Rs.2 per kg. @ 2 kg. per adult per week along with fortified atta with Vitamin-A, iron and folic acid.
- New colleges at Lalgarth, Nayagram and Shalboni.
- Construction for 34 Girls hostels going on. Construction for 23 new schools from Class-I to Class-XII with attached hostels to start shortly. 40000 bicycles distributed to girls students from Class-IX to Class-XII.
- ITIs at Khatra, Balarampur and Shalboni.
- Sports Academy at Jhargram, Kharidungri in Bankura and Purulia.
- New Stadiums at Nayagram and Shalboni.
- 41 Piped Water Supply schemes in Paschim Medinipur, 5 Piped Water Supply schemes in Purulia and 4 Piped Water Supply schemes in Bankura for drinking purposes.
- Five Super-Speciality hospitals to come up in Jungle Mahal.
- Bridges over river Subarnarekha and river Kangsabati.

Some elaborations, sector-wise, are mentioned below:-

Education

- (a) The Higher Education Department is setting up three general degree colleges at Lalgarth, Shalboni and Nayagram. Land has already been transferred to the Higher Education Department for setting up of the colleges. PWD is scheduled to float tenders by 14.05.2012. The capacity of girl students of Jhargram Raj College is being increased.
- (b) The School Education Department has undertaken upgradation of 235 schools from the Secondary level to Higher Secondary level. 124 schools have been upgraded till now. 114 new girls' hostels will be set up in Jungle Mahal areas. Construction of 34 hostels has started and will be completed by 31.12.2012. About 40000 by-cycles have been distributed to girls students between class-IX to class-XII facilitating their attendance in schools. 23 new schools from Class-I to Class-XII with residential facilities are due to be set up including construction of additional Teachers' Training Institute. One such school has been inaugurated at Lalgarth by Hon'ble CM recently. Process has started for appointment of Alchiki/Santhali teachers in the primary schools which has been the demand of the people in these areas for a long time.
- (c) The Department of Minorities Affairs and Madrasah Education has completed a High Madrasah at Simlapal in Bankura district.
- (d) Work has started for setting up of a new Polytechnic at Ramgarh. ITIs are being set up at Shalboni in Paschim Medinipur, Balarampur in Purulia and Khatra in Bankura.

Skill Development

Skill Development for unemployed youth has been taken up in a big way by the Departments of Technical Education & Training and Youth Services. About 275 persons have been already trained in motor driving. About Rs.4.26 crore has been extended as loan under BSKP (Bangla Swanirvar)

Karmasanthan Prakaipa) for the 23 LWE blocks during 2011-2012 to 784 beneficiaries. Vocational training courses of various types like mobile repairing, electrical equipment repairing, tailoring, AC, refrigerator repairing have been undertaken by the Youth Services Department.

Sports

In order to give a fillip to the natural talent possessed by the tribal people of these areas, importance has been laid on sports activities. Work has started for upgradation of existing stadium at Jhargram where the seat capacity is being increased from 150 to 2000. Much progress has been made for setting up of a Sports Academy at Jhargram in Paschim Medinipur and another at Kharidungri in Bankura. The existing Sports Academy at Purulia is being up graded. Land has been transferred to the Sports Department for setting up of new stadiums at Shalbini and at Nayagram. Work order will be issued by PWD by 25.05.2012. Mini Indoor Stadium with Gymnasium will be set up numbering 4 at Bankura, 3 at Purulia and 6 at Paschim Medinipur. The work has started in the blocks of Bundwan and Barabazar in Purulia district.

Food

The Department of Food & Supplies has undertaken distribution of rice and 'atta' at subsidized rate to the tribal families of Jungle Mahal having annual income up to Rs.42000/- and non-tribal families having annual income up to Rs.36000/-. Forty nine new outlets are operating in the three districts. Full financial support is being given to the tribal women for selling of 'Kendu' leaves to West Bengal Tribal Development Corporation at Rs.75/- per chhata (2000 leaves).

Health

The Health Department is set to construct five Multi-Speciality hospitals in Jhargram, Nayagram, Shalboni, Gopiballavpur and Purulia, in addition to upgradation of quarters of Medical Officers, Nurses, etc, in the Jungle Mahal areas. The Sub-divisional hospital at Jhargram is being upgraded to a District hospital. The Blood Bank at Khatra is being set up along with a 100 bedded hospital at Raipur in Bankura. Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) and SNCUs (Sick Newborn Care Units) have come up in these areas.

An ANM Training Centre is coming up at Lalgah. Estimates will be finalized by PWD immediately. The State Health Department aided by several voluntary organizations is now reaching out health care services to remote villages of Jungle Mahal. This is a follow up to the mobile trauma care, ambulance service that Hon'ble CM had flagged off in July last year. The unit comprises of a MBBS doctor, a nurse, a pharmacist, aided by laboratory and x-ray technician. Basic pathological test as well as x-ray will be done in this unit itself.

Water

The Jungle Mahal area is drought prone area have insufficient water both for drinking and irrigation purposes. The PHE Department is taking up piped drinking water supply scheme at Paschim Medinipur (numbering 41), Bankura (numbering 4) and in Purulia (numbering 5). They are due to be completed by early 2014. The Water Resources Development Department have taken up 79 schemes in Paschim Medinipur, 60 in Bankura and 37 schemes in Purulia for enhancing irrigation facilities in these dry areas.

Communication

In the Transport sector, a new road connecting Lalgah to Netai is being constructed by P&RD Department; a bridge over river Subarnarekha at Nayagram and Amkola bridge over river Kangshabati at Lalgah are other endeavours in this sector. The Amkola bridge has recently been inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Tourism

Tourism Hubs will be developed in Gopiballavpur, Jhargram and Nayagram.

In addition to the above projects as announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister, the following works are going on in the Jungle Mahal areas made under Integrated Action Plan (IAP).

Sl. No	Sector	Total numbers of works
1	Irrigation	276
2	Education	227
3	Integrated Child Development Services (AWCs)	253
4	Drinking Water Supply	1210
5	Health	23
6	Road Communication/ Rural Connectivity	485
7	Community Infrastructure	1
8	Community Hall	39
9	Livelihood	57
10	Sanitation	17
11	Tribal House	90
12	Market Infrastructure	26
13	Agri Implements Hub	2
14	Hostel	27
15	Public Utility	7
16	River Training Works	1
Total number of schemes		2741

Funds to be utilized are Rs. 115.00 crore. The above schemes are due to be completed shortly.



Construction of SC/ST Hostel building at Chandro



Deep tube well with pump house for Irrigation at Orma



Construction of abutment at Lalgarh



Construction of SC/ST Hostel building at Darbandh



Vented sashway at Beylasale



Const. of multipurpose market shed at Metaldoba



Irrigation Channel (pilot scheme)



Cylinder tube well with platform for drinking water

Labour



The Labour Department seeks to implement the visions of the new govt. with renewed vigour with the following welfare objectives for labour in mind-

- facilitate harmonious industrial relations in the state,
- enforce various labour laws for ensuring basic rights of the workers, decent and safe working conditions and Labour Welfare
- provide social security to the workers, including their family, through different social security measures and
- help job seekers in getting appropriate jobs and enhancing their employability through 'skill development'.
- Ensuring meaningful minimum wages to the workers by periodic revision / fixation of minimum wages in scheduled employments,
- Beneficiary centric administration of social security schemes with additional emphasis on awareness generation,
- Restructuring the administrative machinery, introduction of computerized services and infrastructure development.

In spite of having necessary mechanism in place, industrial relations in the state was far from being satisfactory. Workers were deprived of basic rights and decent and safe working conditions, a large section of workers especially unorganized sector workers led an unsecured life full of uncertainties and there was mismatch between the employment available and the skill of the job seekers.

The new Government is committed to change the situation for the better. The Government machinery has been restructured to make it effective and efficient. **Employment bank is under process of being formed for the benefit of jobseekers as well as employers.** The Government has also started reviewing the labour laws and social security schemes to make them worker centric. New thrust is there for dissemination of information relating to social security schemes for the unorganised

sector workers and to register all such workers under appropriate schemes.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addressed a huge meeting of the unorganised workers on 25th February this year at Yuva Bharati Krirangan. This is the first Government meeting of its kind in the history of the Labour Department attended by thousands of workers pouring in from all over the State. In the meeting, Hon'ble Chief Minister announced enhancement of existing benefits for the unorganised workers and the launching of 'Samajik Mukti' Card through which they will be able to get these benefits. More precisely, all the relevant benefit schemes will be brought under this Yojana and all the workers in the unorganised sector will be gradually given the card to enable their easy access to the benefits.

Kanoria Jute Mill, Gondolpara Jute Mill, India Jute Mill, Wellington Jute Mill, Loomtex Jute Mil, Hooghly Jute Mill and Delta Jute Mill have been opened.

Work in all the tea gardens have started. The state government is cautious about the fact that all tripartite agreements carry enough meaning.

The long pending charter of demands in Kesoram Rayon have also been dissolved.

Industrial Dispute Act and The Minimum Wages Act are given maximum emphasize. By now, State Government has already declared the revised minimum wages in respect of 31 scheduled employments and 20 more will be declared soon.

The State Assisted Programme for Unorganized Workers (SASPFUW), a pioneering project for unorganized workers have been computerized by developing web-based system. It is expected that more than 30 lakh beneficiaries are to be covered. This project will get top priority from government. It is service-centric, response oriented and all the problems related to Provident Fund will be addressed through statewide Regional Labour Offices and also LWFC (Labour Welfare Facilitation Centre), CSC (Common Service Centre).

The Camp Approach for registration and coverage of construction, transport and Provident Fund beneficiaries has been concentrated and would continue on regular basis. Meanwhile more than 4 lakhs workers have already been enrolled under Building and other Construction Welfare Schemes. More pragmatic vision is ascribed to extend facilities to all beneficiaries under RSBY Scheme — such cashless premium based Scheme with the introduction of Smart Card against each family consisting of five members will cover the untapped area well beyond BPL target groups.

With augmenting pressure on application and execution of different Laws in force, the formation of LWFC is another noteworthy attempt of Labour. This LWFC is a miniature of Labour Directorate — responsible for de-centralized mode of Labour Administration to work in coordination with Block Development office and Regional Labour Office.

In keeping with Central Social Security Board for unorganized workers, the State Social Security Board so created is going to get more responsibility with the merger of unorganized workers welfare Board — a decision to minimize the number of members and ensure functional simplification.

State Labour Welfare Board has disbursed Rs. 9.70 lakh as scholarship and stipend against 653 workers' children which was long pending for the reason not known. The Auditorium of Labour Welfare Board, was extremely ramshackle, is being thoroughly inspected to be modernized in line with any leading Auditorium of National Standard.

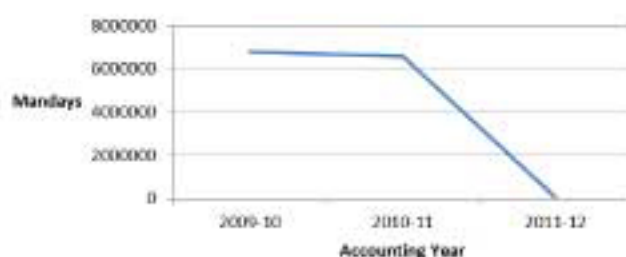
State Labour Institute, an academic store house of Labour Department, is directed to examine all Certificate and Diploma Courses in consultation with V. V. Giri National Institute of Labour and to subscribe Labour Journals and Bulletins to facilitate better understanding with adjoining State. Meanwhile a certificate course for the unorganized workers has already been conducted resulting greater enthusiasm among the workers.

The Department has achieved modest to spectacular achievements in its different functional areas as given below.

Industrial Relations: Work Stoppages

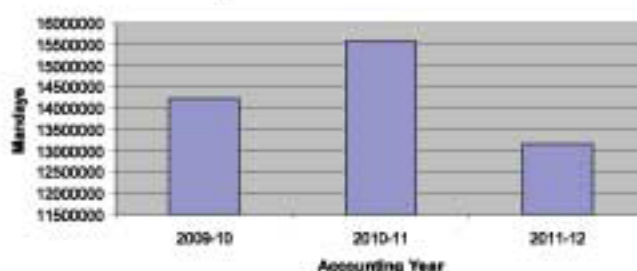
The new Government adopted a proactive and balanced approach based on the principle of 'Save Industry, Save Workers' while dealing with industrial disputes and strongly discouraged any kind of work stoppages. This approach dramatically reduced the number of man-days loss due to work stoppages. In the year 2011-12 there is a loss of 60 thousand man-days only due to strike. Whereas during the year 2010-11, 65 lakhs 80 thousand man-days and during 2009-10, 68 lakhs man-days were lost.

Mandays Lost in WB due to Strike



In the case of lockout, the year 2011-12 witnessed a loss of 1 Crore 31 lakh 70 thousand man-days. This figure is substantially lower than that of 2010-11 which saw a loss of 1 Crore 55 lakh 90 thousand man-days and 2009-10 which saw a loss of 142 lakhs 20 thousand man-days.

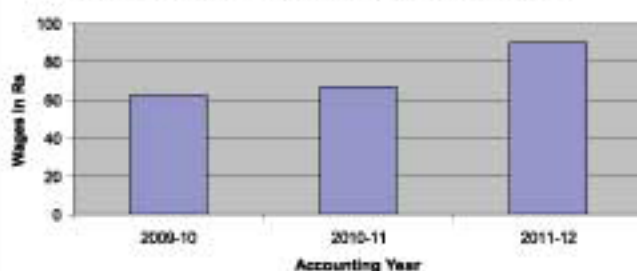
Mandays Lost in WB due to Lockout



Wages in Tea Industry

Under the aegis of the new Government there was an industry wide Tripartite Agreement in Tea Industry, signed on 04.11.2011 and 27.03.2012 which benefited approximately 2.5 lakh workers employed in the industry. Wage increase of the daily rated workers in Tea Industry by these Agreements rose from Rs.67/- to Rs.90/- in the year 2011-12 which is an increase of 34.33% whereas the wage increase of the said daily rated workers under the previous agreement dated 23.08.2008 in the year 2010-11 was 7.2% only and in the year 2009-10 it was 7.7% only.

Increase in wages of daily rated workers in Tea Industry



Agricultural Marketing



Agricultural Marketing Department has been performing in the following sectors during last few years which includes market intelligence and intervention where it is necessary and creation of market infrastructures to introduce an orderly system of agricultural produce marketing aiming at achieving farmer's rational share in consumers' price.

1. Market intelligence and market intervention
2. Marketing infrastructures through regulated Market Committees and West Bengal State Marketing Board from own fund
3. Marketing infrastructures
4. New initiatives
 - Reforming Agricultural Marketing Legislations
 - State wide flagship programme for setting up of macro Agricultural Marketing infrastructures
 - Reorganization of implementing agencies.

Market intelligence and Market intervention

Daily market data including prevailing market prices and arrivals of agricultural produces in the markets are collected, recorded and disseminated through AIR and Doordarshan as well as through daily uploading of the data on GOI portal www.agmarknet.nic.in.

Potato

Govt. of West Bengal declared export subsidy for export of potato at overseas markets @ Rs 2/Kg and Rs 3.Kg for non refer and refer container respectively. In the year 2011, GOWB extended statutory storing period in cold storages to provide support to the producers. The State Govt. provided a subsidy of Rs 8 Crores for this in 2011.

Jute

In 2011-12, the Department declared additional support @ Rs 100/Qtl over and above declared MSP in jute to provide support to the growers of Jute.

Infrastructures

Financial Year	Amount (in Lakhs)	Scheme
2009-2010	1121	Godown + Development of Rural Primary Market + Auction Platform+ Shops and Stalls + Development of RMC and Strengthening of Extension Programme under Directorate of Agricultural Marketing
2010-2011	1299.283	Godown + Development of Rural Primary Market + Auction Platform + Shops and Stalls + Development fo RMC and Strengthening of Extension Programme under Directorate of Agricultural Marketing
2011-2012	2767	Godown + Development of Rural Primary Market + Auction Platform + Shops and Stalls + Development fo RMC and Strengthening of Extension Programme under Directorate of Agricultural Marketing, Infrastructural Dev of Western districts
2009-2010	1173.95	Infrastructural development of Different RMCs in West Bengal
2010-2011	6484.82	
2011-2012	4316.21	
2009-2010	886.56	
2010-2011	2325.12	
2011-2012	459.92	

ENFORCEMENT OF LABOUR LAWS:

There are different labour laws to protect the interest of the workers, to provide them safe and decent working conditions and labour welfare facilities. But the enforcement of the provisions of these laws was very weak in the state. The new Government focussed on stronger labour law enforcement which resulted in a considerable rise in number of prosecution cases launched for violation of different labour laws.

Sl. No.	Year	No. Of Prosecution Cases Filed
1.	2009-10	331
2.	2010-11	384
3.	2011-12	1065

Safety

- During 2011 total no. of inspection of factories has increased up to 24% as against that of 2010.
- No of fatal accidents has reduced by 12.37% in 2011 as compared to 2010.
- Medical examination of workers has increased almost 50% in the year 2011
- 100% increase in inspection of construction sites has been observed during 2011.
- A significant rise (21.13%) in inspection of accident prone factories (MAH) with special emphasis on mock drills of disaster preparedness plan. Concept of inter factory mock drill competition was introduced with a view to enhancing the scheme and preparedness and to promote mutual aid between individual units.

Social Security

Provident Fund for Unorganised Workers (SASPFUW)

Sl No	Financial Year	No of cases of Final Payment	Amounts Disbursed as Final Payment
1	2009-2010	8,511	1,88,93,859
2	2010-2011	13,111	3,29,17,635
3	2011-2012 (Provisional)	19,591	5,00,06,928

Achievements under Building & Other Construction Workers Act

Year	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Beneficiary enrolled in the year	44,757	1,55,087	2,43,114
Fees collected	53,53,040	1,81,97,620	4,05,55,320
Cess collected in the year	71,77,38,157	96,37,98,935	104,54,45,926
No of beneficiaries	532	6847	68836
Amount disbursed in the year	22,12,836	1,27,85,789	9,29,96,069

Benefit disbursement under West Bengal Transport Workers Social Securities Scheme- 2010

Financial Year	No. Of Persons Received Benefits	Amount of Benefit Disbursed (Rs.)	Cess Collected (Rs.)
2010-11	2	60,000	3,20,45,590
2011-12	890	55,20,914	11,31,99,846

"Udiyaman Swanirbhar Karmasansthan Prakaipa"-2008 (Uskp)

The objective of the scheme is to assist registered unemployed youth to take up economically viable projects by providing subsidy from the State Government and credit on easy terms from banks and financial institutions. Under the USKP, a loan amount up to Rs. 50,000/- per person is provided to the unemployed youth and 25% of loan amount is provided as a subsidy by the State Government

Sl. No.	Year	Case Sponsored	Case Sanctioned	No. of case Disbursed
1	2009-10	6291	383	86
2	2010-11	2767	160	48
3	2011-12	7560	2513	1863

Rastriya Swastha Bima Yojana (RSBY)

Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna (RSBY) has been launched by Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India to provide health coverage for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families by providing **Biometric RSBY Smart Cards**

through which they can get health benefit in Empanelled Hospitals through Package Rates.

Financial Year Wise Comparative Analysis of the achievements

1. Enrolment of Beneficiary

Financial Year	Implementing Districts (No.)	Target Households	Enrolled Households
2009-10	4	1192133	819302
2010-11	13	5669228	3739953
2011-12	18	7562323	4412225

- In Financial Year 2011-12 West Bengal Has covered all the 18 Districts in the State (Except Kolkata where UHIS is Running). In all Districts - Enrolment Done with BPL Households of both Rural & Urban belt.
 - MGNREGS Job Card Holders were incorporated in RSBY Scheme in two Districts - Namely East Midnapore & Hooghly. All MGNREGS card holder with more than 15 days job will be covered by RSBY card.
2. **Hospitalization Rate:** Since inception Hospitalization number as well as Rate of Hospitalization (Per Month and Per Lakh Hospitalization) has increased significantly.

Fin Year	No. of Districts Covered	No. of Empanelled Hospitals	Total Hospitalization	Hospitalization Per Lakh of Enrolled Households	Rate of Hospitalization Per Month
2009-10	4	99	10355	1264	305
2010-11	14	292	77609	2075	681
2011-12	15	345	131872	3042	762

- In 2011-12 District Hospital of Howrah District incorporated as Service provider of RSBY Scheme. In near future Public Hospitals shall be included within the ambit of RSBY service provision which certainly would lead to increase in number of hospitalizations with better health care management.

Major Policy Decisions/Reforms by the Labour Department since June, 2011

The Labour Department has changed its approach to play a meaningful role in the lives of the workers and their families. It has become balanced and proactive in developing harmonious industrial relations in the state. Strict enforcement of labour laws is stressed to protect the interest of the workers. Minimum wages are rationalised to make them meaningful. Social security schemes have been made more beneficiaries centred and employment exchanges are in

the process of being revamped through formation of 'Employment Bank'.

Grievance Redressal Cell:

The Labour Department has set up a centralised 'Enquiry and Grievance Redressal Cell' for the workers. Similar cells have also been set up in different Directorates to guide the workers and to make it easy for them to get their grievances redressed without any harassment.

Jute

Dilution of compulsory packaging order for jute bags was a major threat to the proper functioning of the jute industry in this state. This problem was taken up by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Smt. Mamata Banerjee with the Government of India and the problem has been solved to the satisfaction of the Indian Jute Mills Association and the Trade Unions.

Revision / Fixation of Minimum Wages:

The Government has revised minimum wages for most of the scheduled employments under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 resulting in an increase of minimum wages ranging from 21% (in Rope Industry) to 48% in (Agriculture). While revising or fixing the rates of minimum wages the calculation is now done on the basis of 2700 calorie consumption per day per unit in place of 2200 calorie. The Government also simplified it by bringing uniformity of minimum wages in place of a variety of minimum wages prevalent in the different scheduled employments and by dividing the state in two broad zones instead of many.

Samajik Mukti Yojana:

More than 93% of the workers of our state belong to the unorganised sector. Labour Department has different schemes run by different Boards for the unorganised workers employed in different employments. A large number of unorganised workers are migratory in nature and they also shift from one employment to another employment. To ensure that they get the benefits under these schemes, it has been decided to introduce a smart card 'Samajik Mukti Card' for such unorganised workers. With this card an unorganised worker will be able to get benefits under the schemes easily and expeditiously in a hassle free manner. It has also been decided to bring parity in the benefits provided under different schemes. To make the Boards beneficiary centric, efficient and effective different Boards have been brought under one CEO/Secretary. Labour Welfare Facilitation Centres have also been set up at all Blocks and Municipalities to improve service delivery mechanism and to ensure easy access to the workers.

Enhancement of quantum of some important existing benefits for Construction Workers w.e.f 1.4.2012

- Decentralization of the process of registration of construction workers as beneficiaries - Inspectors posted at Labour Welfare Facilitation Centers in

Rule	Name of the benefit		Existing Rate	Enhanced rate w.e.f 1.4.2012
274	Accident	Hospitalization	Rs.5,000/- (maximum)	Rs.10,000/-
		Disablement	Rs.25,000/-	Rs.50,000/-
275	Death	Normal	Rs.30,000/-	Rs.50,000/-
		Accidental	Rs.1,00,000/-	Rs.1,50,000/-
276	Pension	Beneficiary	Rs.5 00/-	Rs.750/-
276	Education		Rs.2,000/- to Rs.15,000/-	Rs.4,000/- to Rs.30,000/-
280	Medical	Treatment	Rs.10,000/- p.a(max)	Rs.20,000/- p.a(max)
		Surgery	Rs.30,000/- p.a (max)	Rs.60,000/- p.a(max)
281	Maternity		Rs.3,000/-	Rs.6,000/-
282	Other welfare measures	Tool purchase	Rs.1,000/-	Rs.2,000/-
		Marriage assistance	Rs.5,000/-	Rs.10,000/-

Blocks and Municipalities are empowered to act as Beneficiary Registering Officers in respect of registration of beneficiaries.

- Extension of coverage of construction work: All work connected with brick kiln, brick making & fly ash, cement & other materials ; all work related to stone breaking & stone crushing have been included as "Construction Work"

Employment Bank

The Government has decided to form online web based 'Employment Bank' where the job seekers will be able to upload their resumes which can be accessed by the employers. This will enable the job seekers to get appropriate jobs at other parts of the country or even outside the country. The employers will also have wider choice. The government will also be able to know the skill gaps and will be able to design skill development programmes accordingly.

West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation Limited (WBEIDC) has been entrusted with the work of development of the web-portal and procurement of hardware for this purpose.

Skill Development Initiatives

- **Career Corners** equipped with career-related books and magazines have been established **At all the Employment Exchanges / University Employment Information and Guidance Bureaus (72)** of the State (except District Employment Exchange Raniganj and Barrackpore and UEI&GB Jadavpur University), 52 Colleges throughout the State and 17 ITIs
- **Test of Competencies and Certification** : Most of the Workers working in the Unorganised sectors acquire their skill informally and do not possess any certificate in support of their skill. This sub-scheme targets enhancing employability of such group by certification of their skill after a test of competency
- **Development of Persons With Disability** : First the 'Residual Mental and Physical Abilities' of the persons would be assessed and then on the basis of that assessment special skill training would be provided to them through enlisted institutes.
- **Skill Training Of Domestic Workers** : To develop / upgrade the skill of such individuals in handling various domestic appliances through a 3-days 'proshikkhan shibir' and promote awareness regarding safety, first-aid etc. among them. Stipend of an amount Rs.100/- per trainee per day is provided.
- **Special Coaching For Entry Into Defence Forces In Non-commissioned Posts** : To enhance the placement rate of the youth of the State by providing guidance and training to the aspiring youth through Residential Training Camps of 5-days duration prior to the "Recruitment Rallies" or selection tests conducted by the armed force.
- **Skill Training Of The Workers Of The Locked-out Industries**: Skill of the workers who were provided with financial assistance under the FAWLOI scheme would be upgraded free of cost with an objective to make the workers of the locked-out industrial units of the State employable.

Restructuring

The process of restructuring is going on at different levels to make the functioning of the Department effective, efficient and worker centric. Apart from opening Labour Welfare Facilitation Centres at Block and Municipality levels and opening centralized Grievance Redressal Cells, merger of Shops and Establishments Directorate with the Labour Directorate is also under process. Two separate cells for the Jute and tea Industry have also been formed.

Posts lying vacant for long time at different levels have been filled up and infrastructure of the offices has been developed by procuring latest IT equipments and connectivity. To make the service delivery mechanism effective and efficient the Government has decided to go for computerization.

Land & Land Reforms



There has been a major breakthrough in the department of Land & Land Reforms within this one year period. The department has achieved some major achievements, which will be far-reaching in the use of land in the state.

1. Land Bank

This Government has decided to form a Land Bank to identify Block-wise, Mouza-wise and Plot-wise vacant land, land under encroachment, land under litigation under Govt. of West Bengal in all the districts of West Bengal. The basic concept of this Land Bank is to ensure better utilization of the land in the greater interest of the State. The work of land Bank is in progress. This exercise is laborious and will take some more time to complete the work. The respective Departments are on the job and are trying to complete the work at the earliest. However, the District Magistrates & Collectors have completed their work relating to land of Land & Land Reforms Deptt. which are entered in Collector's Khatian No. 1. Further, field verification and updation work comprising validation and ground level inspection are also in progress in respect of land of other Departments.

2. Nijo Griha Nijo Bhumi Prakalpa

The State Government has introduced a Scheme named as "Nijo Griha Nijo Bhumi Prakalpa" which is aimed at providing all landless and homeless families with 3 Cottahs of land per family through purchase from the open market so that by 2015-16 there would be no landless and homeless family in rural Bengal.

Several such families would be given land in one single cluster plot to facilitate provisioning of other infrastructures like drinking water, road, electricity etc. This scheme envisages active linkage and convergence with important and popular developmental schemes of the State and Central

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Collector (in Acres)
1	Darjeeling	16947.93
2	Jalpaiguri	1994.47
3	Cooch Behar	56.01
4	Uttar Dinajpur	620.20
5	Dakshin Dinajpur	419.04
6	Malda	470.79
7	Murshidabad	54.99
8	Nadia	19.76
9	North 24 Parganas	54.91
10	South 24 Parganas	47.12
11	Howrah	51.32
12	Hugli	2875.07
13	Burdwan	5589.57
14	Birbhum	2788.89
15	Bankura	15013.30
16	Purba Medinipur	1780.81
17	Paschim Medinipur	1763.55
18	Purulia	9238.17
	Total	59785.90

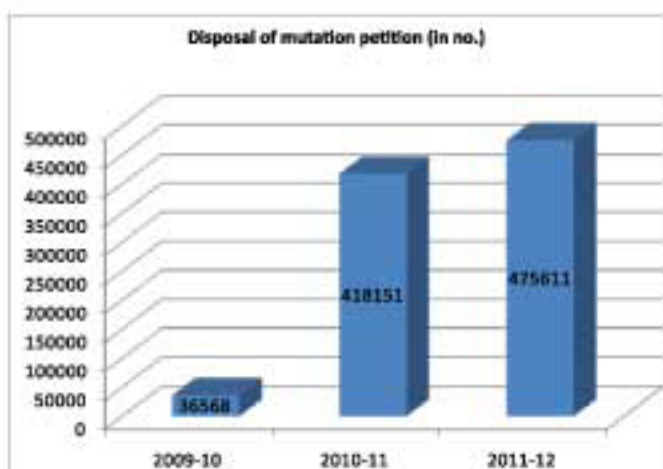
Government meant for rural households. This includes Indra Abas Yojana (IAY), Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Rajiv Gandhi Vidyutayan Yojana (RGVY), National Horticulture Mission and various other flagship developmental schemes under the Panchayats & Rural Development Department, Agriculture Department, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Minority Welfare & Development & Madrasa Department, Housing

Department, Self Help Group & Self Employment Department of the State Government.

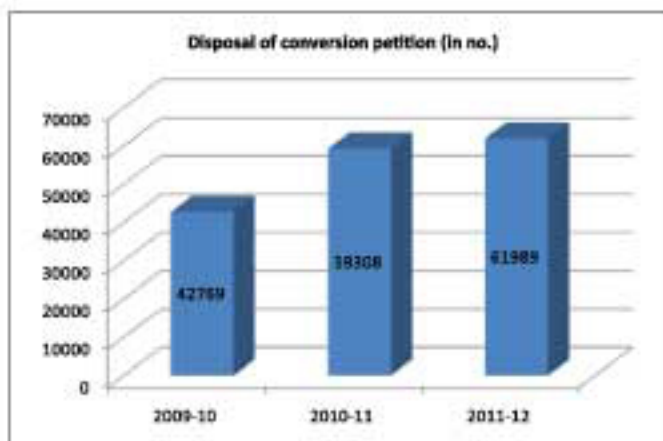
The District Magistrate & Collector will ensure the participation of Line Departments and Bankers including National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) for necessary convergence. The scheme is likely to be completed with the 12th Five year Plan period. A sum of Rs. 30 crore has also been provided in the Plan Budget provision by the State Govt. for the financial year 2011- 2012. So far as beneficiaries under the scheme are concerned, about 1031 families have been allotted household land totalling to 112.34 acres out of which 26.04 acres were purchased up to 31st March, 2012.

3. Citizen Centric Services

- Disposal of mutation petition has shown an increase by about 60,000 as compared to the last year as a result of intensified effort by the department.



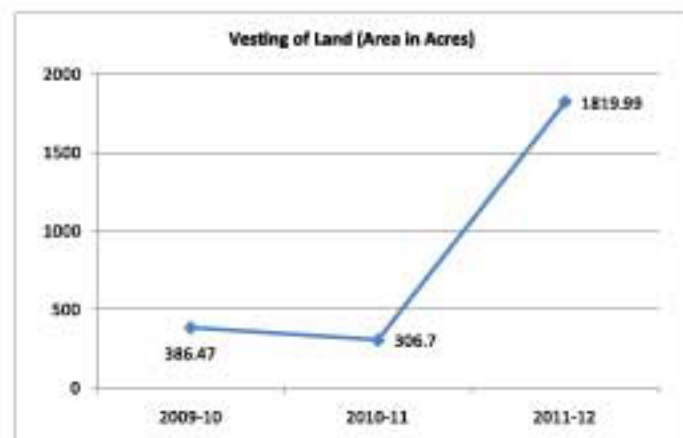
- Greater number of long pending petitions of conversion of land were disposed of on the basis of merits of the application.



- During 2011-12, number of petitions of correction of records of ROR disposed of were more by about 80,000 in comparison to the preceding year.

4. Vesting and distribution of land and Barga Recording :

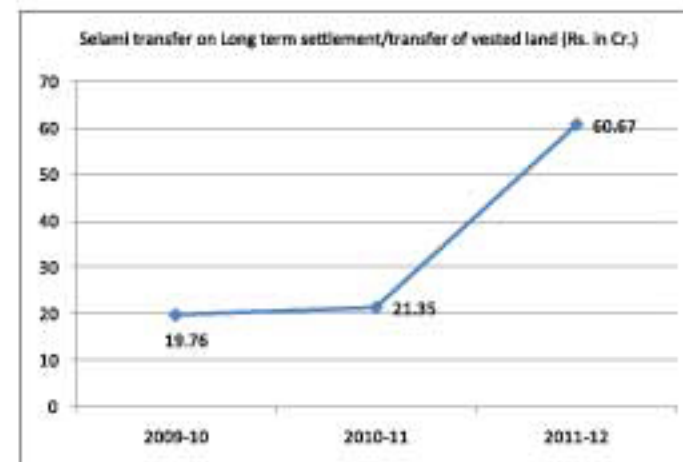
During 2011-2012, about 1819.99 acres of ceiling surplus agricultural land have been vested. During the said year 2331.664 acres of vested agricultural land has been distributed amongst 7912 beneficiaries. Among the beneficiaries, 2061 families belong to SC and 554 families belong to ST category.



During 2011-2012, names of 3195 bargadars have been recorded over 966 acres of land.

5. Long Term Settlement / Transfer of vested land

The Deptt. has sanctioned Long Term Settlement, Inter Departmental Transfer and Transfer of land to Govt. of India to the tune of 268 acres of Govt. vested land upto 29th February, 2012 involving a sum of Rs. 60.67 crores.



6. Land Acquisition

It is the decision of the Government not to acquire any land forcibly. Land will be acquired only in a humane, participatory, informed, consultative and transparent manner.

The Government has also decided that no land shall be acquire for the use of private companies.

Suitable legislation to address all such matters pertaining to acquisition of land will be introduced in West Bengal Legislative Assembly soon.

In pursuance of the decision taken in the first Cabinet Meeting, this Government has already enacted **Singur Land Rehabilitation & Development Act, 2011** and subsequently **Singur Land Rehabilitation & Development Rules, 2011** have been framed and notified. This Government has already surveyed the entire land and record have been prepared accordingly for handing over the same to the unwilling owners. The Government is awaiting the verdict of the Hon'ble High Court on this issue.

7. Changes in Land Laws

As per decision taken by the State Government, necessary amendments in the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955 have already been made so as to make it more responsive to the changing needs of the present era and facilitate the setting up of different industries, service sector units and infrastructure.

Amendment of Section 14Y has been made so that if a person requires land in excess of the ceiling limit for the purpose of industrial park, industrial hub, industrial estate, financial hub, agro industry, bio-tech park, food park, ICT & ICT allied industries etc., then the same may be purchased by the company with the previous permission of the State Government. Each case will be examined on merit to ensure that such permission is given only in absolutely deserving cases.

Section 14Z has been amended so as to restrict transfer of industrial land for its use for the purpose of real estate or any activity involving commercial exploitation of land.

Section 4C has been amended so that any plot of

land, other than water-body of any description or size, which has already been converted by a raiyat without prior permission, may be regularized subject to onetime payment of such fee and in such manner as the State Government may, by rules, prescribe.

Section 4(4) has been amended to enable a raiyat to lease out the whole or any part of his plot of land for industrial purpose including setting up of an industrial park or industrial estate etc. as per project report duly examined, vetted and approved by the State Government.

Section 14R has been amended so that the ceiling provision under section 14M is not attracted to any land owned as a raiyat by any wholly Government Company.

8. Land Use Maps

The State Land Use Board has now decided to prepare Land Use Maps of seven districts in the Second Phase, namely, Howrah, Hooghly, Nadia, Murshidabad, Purba Medinipur, South 24 Parganas & North 24 Parganas. A new concept has been introduced this time which is Zoning in the Block-wise Maps of the districts. Zoning, however, does not feature in the Land Use Maps of remaining five districts of South Bengal, namely, Bankura, Burdwan, Birbhum, Purulia and Paschim Medinipur which were published before the introduction of the said concept.

The concept of Zoning is to identify Agricultural Zone, Industrial Zone, Area under Township declared by the Urban Development Department and Area under Wetland Act administered by the Environment Department. The basic idea is that the future industrial projects and other big projects of the State Govt. and the Govt. of India will be located in the appropriate Zone without endangering the Food Security of the State.

Block-wise Maps show Single Crop Land, Double/Multi-crop land, Dry/Barren land, Forest land, Metal roads, National Highway/State Highway, Railway Network, Water Bodies etc. This will help the entrepreneurs intending to set up industry to visualize the actual infrastructure that will be available at the proposed site. Simultaneously, the Food Security of the State will be guaranteed. It will also help to develop Service sector Industries including Tourism in the State.

The preparation of land Use Maps will commence in all the districts of North Bengal i.e., Malda, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling in the next financial year 2012-13. For this purpose, a sum of Rs. 3,63,000/- has been allotted during 2012-13 in favour of West Bengal State Council of Science & Technology under the Science & Technology Deptt. by this Department.

9. **Special Cell for setting up of Industries and settlement of land problem :**

Special Cells have been set up at the Secretariat Level and District Level for industries. These Cells look after matters pertaining to settlement of Government land and grant of permission for ceiling surplus land under section 14Y of the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955. It also ensures that safeguards are taken to (i) avoid misuse of the land (ii) prevention of coercive measures in the matter of procurement of land and (iii) payment of fair and reasonable price for the land.

In order to facilitate the setting up of industries in the State, Government through a standing committee of the cabinet on Industry, Infrastructure and Employment has sorted out the problems of different investors in the matter of procurement of land after examination of each case on merit. Some of the big industries have already been permitted to acquire and hold land in excess of the prescribed ceiling limit under section 14Y of the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955. Few more such cases are under the active consideration of the State Government.

10. **State Land Use Board**

The State Land Use Board has been transferred from Development & Planning Department to this Department in pursuance of a decision taken by the Cabinet on 21.05.2009. The Board was reconstituted on 29th June, 2011. The important functions of State Land Use Board are to prepare Block-wise Land Use Maps and to form Land Bank.

11. **Strengthening of Citizen Centric Services**

Land Records (Record of Right) and mouza maps are to be preserved diligently and citizens should have easy access to information relating to such

records. Since the registration offices are not part of the Land Reforms Department, it is often seen that people after registration of their property do not approach the Offices of Land & Land Reforms for mutation and get the updated land records. As a result, the land records often do not reflect the ground reality.

To overcome this problem and keep the land records in an updated status, a scheme for integration of the offices of Land Reforms & Registration on pilot basis has been introduced in Howrah district. In this Pilot Project, Panchla and Sankrail BL&LRO's Office, Howrah DL&LRO's Office, DLR&S Office at Alipore have been connected with Addl. District Sub-Registry Office at Ranihatani by West Bengal State Wide Area Network (WBSWAN). The result of the Pilot Project is encouraging. The system will be replicated throughout the state. Once this system is implemented, the citizens will be able to approach the land Reforms Office on-line for service.

Director of Land Records & Surveys, W.B. is the custodian of Land Records & Mouza maps. **Digitized Land Records have been integrated with digitized mouza maps by BHUCHITRA software, development by NIC, to provide citizen centric services, like mutation, conversion plot maps with measurement of this sides of the plots, adjoining plots etc. by click of the mouse.** So far BHUCHITRA service has been implemented in 226 Block Land and Land Reforms offices. Rest of the BL&LRO offices will be covered by the financial year 2012-2013.

Construction of village level & district level Record Rooms, purchase of survey equipments, furniture etc. for newly constructed offices including separate computer rooms with facilities of Server Connectivity under LR set-up is in progress for preservation of Land Records. The scheme is required to be continued in the next five year plan.

E-governance scheme of this department is aimed at providing various information relating to this Department. All such information will be made available in this department's website, developed by NIC, W.B. unit, which will be launched soon.

12. **Land Records Management System**

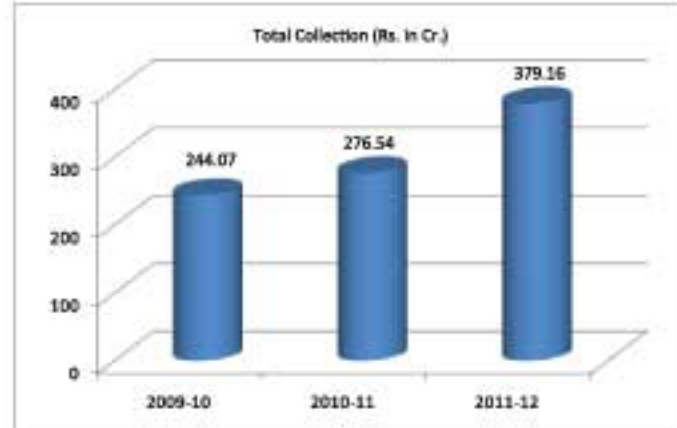
In line with the objective of National Land Records Modernization Programme (NLRMP), centrally

sponsored scheme, it is envisaged to develop a modern comprehensive Land Records Management System.

The main objective of the NLRMP is to develop a modern, comprehensive and transparent land record management system in the country with the aim to implement conclusive land titling system with title guarantee. The programme covers all the nineteen (19) districts of this state for Computerization of Land Records including inter connectivity among revenue offices (100% central share), Survey / Resurvey and Modern Record Room (50:50 between centre and state) and Computerization of Registration process / offices (25:75 between centre and state).

13. Revenue Collection

Drives for collection of revenue to augment the poor financial state of the govt. was intensified and as a result the collection of revenue was increased by more than 100 crore to reach Rs 379.79 crore in 2011-12 compared to 276.54 crore in 2010-11.



14. Survey-Settlement

Out of the total 42,042 mouzas, the work of Khanapuri-Bujharat (K.B.) has been completed in respect of 41,215 mouzas. Attestation work has been completed in respect of 40,685 mouzas. Draft Publication (D.P.) in respect of 40,673 mouzas and final publication in respect of 40,426 mouzas have been completed.



Law



Financial Year	Non-confidential References	Confidential References
2009 -10	396	270
2010 -11	570	264
2011 -12	484	112

Financial Year	Bills drafted	Bills published	Acts published
2009 -10	42	34	29
2010 -11	32	25	20
2011 -2012	51	30	20

The Official Languages Branches of this Department are actively engaged in Bengali and Nepali translation and subsequent publication of the Central Acts, State Acts/Bills, Constitution of India etc.

Financial Year	West Bengal Acts Translated to Bengali	Central Acts translated to Bengali
2009 -2010	24	20
2010 -2011	35	15
2011 -2012	24	25

- Steps have already been taken to fill up the vacancies of Law Officers in various Departments, Directorates and Districts;
- Under e-Governance policy, measures have been taken to equip this department with computerization with a view to incorporating Bengal Code in electronic form;
- Measures have already been initiated to strengthen the District Offices by providing Law Officers from the West Bengal Legal Service;
- Measures have already been initiated to fill up the vacant posts in the Official Language Branch (Bengali) of this Department;
- Measures have already been initiated to updation and reprint of the Constitution of India in Bengali;
- The West Bengal Code Volume XII is in the final stage of publication.
- Measures have been taken for creation of new 56 posts of Law Officer in the West Bengal Legal Service to cater the needs of different Department, Directorates, offices of District Magistrate and District Land and Land Reforms Officer;
- Measures have already been taken to fill up 18 posts of Law Officer of the West Bengal Legal Service in different offices of District Panchayats and Rural Development Officer (DPRDO) set up.
- A scheme for promotion and Other conditions of service of the Law Officers of the West Bengal Legal Service is in the process of finalisation.
- The Officers of the Official Languages of this Department have translated 11 Central Act and the Constitutional amendment ranging from 55 to 94 into Bengali. Apart from this 25 Central Acts and 6 State Acts have been translated into Bengali.

- Employment on compassionate ground has already been provided to one of the dependents of the employee who has died in harness belonging to O.L.B (Nepali).
- The Constitution of India has already been translated into Bengali. Steps has been taken to update the Constitution of India.

Other salient areas of performance of the Law Department are given here:

During the 2011-2012, this Department has played a vital role for framing and publication of the following **Acts/Ordinances**, namely:-

- The Singur Land Rehabilitation and Development Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act IV of 2011);
- The West Bengal Appropriation (Vote on Account) (No. 2) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act V of 2011);
- The West Bengal Municipal (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act VI of 2011);
- The West Bengal Finance Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act VII of 2011);
- The West Bengal Appropriation (No. 2) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act VIII of 2011);
- The East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act IX of 2011);
- The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act X of 2011);
- The Bengal Legislative Assembly (Members' Emoluments) (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act XI of 2011);
- The West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act XII of 2011);
- the West Bengal Finance Commission (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act XIII of 2011);
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- The West Bengal State Health Service (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act XV of 2011);
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- The West Bengal Legislature (Removal of Disqualifications) (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act XVIII of 2011);
- The West Bengal Tax on Entry of Goods into Local Areas Act, 2012 (West Ben. Act I of 2012);
- The West Bengal Finance Act, 2012 (West Ben. Act II of 2012);
- The West Bengal Appropriation Act, 2012 (West Ben. Act III of 2012);
- The West Bengal Appropriation (Vote on Account) Act, 2012 (West Ben. Act IV of 2012);
- The West Bengal Advocates Welfare Corporation Act, 2012;
- The West Bengal Minorities Commission (Amendment) Act, 2012;
- The West Bengal Legislature (Removal of Disqualifications) (Amendment) Bill, 2012;
- The West Bengal Official Languages (Amendment) Bill, 2012;
- The West Bengal Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 2012;
- The West Bengal Medical Council (Temporary supersession) (Amendment) Bill, 2012;
- The West Bengal Gorkhaland Act, 2011.

Enquiry Commissions under the Commission of Enquiry Act, 1952, namely:

- Unnatural Death of Mustafa Bin Kasem, ex M.L.A, West Bengal Legislative Assembly;
- Sain Bari incident in the district Burdwan in the year 1970;
- Unnatural death of Kallol Sur, ex BDO of Paschim Medinipur;
- Kassipur Baranagar Massacre;
- Incident of Marich Jhapi;
- suspicious death of several Santhal during the festival of Hul in the district of Paschim Medinipur;
- Death of 13 persons by police firing on July 21 , 1993 during Mahakaran Abhijan;
- Alleged Police firing in the incident at Mograhat in the district of 24-Parganas (South);
- Committee for withdrawal of cases against trial prisoners.

Convergence with institutes like IIT, Kharagpur, Indian Institute of Packaging and Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya generated synergy and technical innovations like human energy driven farm family level value addition processing devices, packaging models, dry flower initiatives and formation of producers' companies, which are considered beneficial to the producers.

New initiatives

Reforming Agricultural Marketing Legislations

For making the Agricultural Marketing legislations more farmer friendly, steps are being taken to amend concerned APMC Act and Cold Storage Act suitably and the Ware Housing Act is also being amended to make the ware housing and cold storage receipts negotiable. It will help the producers to have credit on pledging the receipts from financial institutions.

Cold Storages

Department of Agricultural Marketing being the licensing authority has licensed Cold Storages as tabled below:

Sl No	Type of Cold Storage	Number	Capacity (in MT)
1	Potato	417	5719046
2	Potato + multipurpose	11	147831
3	Multipurpose	86	56070 6.11
TOTAL		514	6427583.11

During last one year, construction permission for additional 35 cold storages both Potato and Multipurpose were issued and an additional 4.15 Lakh MT storage space will be added shortly.

Cold Chain Management

The West Bengal State Marketing Board is setting up 36 Multipurpose Cold Storages in different Market Yards of RMCs and constructions of 30 units are going to be completed. As a part of cold chain, WBSMB has already provisioned 12 controlled atmosphere Refrigerated Vans, having 3 MT capacity each to reduce post harvest loss of perishables.

Reorganization of implementing agencies

GOWB has just notified Kolkata Regulated Market Committee for enforcement of Market Regulation in Kolkata and constituted Paschimbanga Agri Marketing Corporation Ltd. for direct procurement of Agricultural produces including paddy.

Setting up of block level Mandi

GOWB is intending to set up 'Mandis' in all 341 Blocks and in first phase 100 locations have been identified for setting up of block level farmer's markets along with infrastructures for procurement of paddy directly from producers. For this GOWB enhanced State budget provision 4 times more than previous budget provisions. During last one month Hon'ble Chief Minister of the State has kindly laid foundation stone for setting up of block level mandi at Bankura, Burdwan, Purba Medinipur and Uttar 24 Parganas.

Processing units

With financial assistance from APEDA and DAC, GOI, Department of Agricultural Marketing is going to establish potato flake unit at Sheoraphully Principal Market Yard.

Export Promotion Activities

Paschimbanga Agri Marketing Corporation Ltd. has already started promotion of Bengal short grain ethnic aromatic rice varieties like Gobindovog, Tolaipanji, Katarivog and Kalonunia in domestic and overseas markets. The corporation is going to open 2 outlets at Banga Bhaban, New Delhi and Writers' Buildings, Kolkata for sale of packaged aromatic rice and Department's own fruit products. It will facilitate direct marketing of aromatic rice and the producers will fetch maximum benefits. Four additional outlets will be opened in Kolkata airport and other Metros shortly.

Storage of Onion

The Department is going to set up an improved storage unit using latest technology for storage of state's marketed surplus of onion aiming at expansion of area under cultivation and better price realization by the onion producers.

Mass Education Extension & Library Services



Mass Education Extension and Library Services Department looks after the education aspects of children with special needs, destitute children, young women in distress, develops schools and social welfare homes with proper infrastructure for them, and expands the library system in the state to make it function both as a storehouse of knowledge as well as a repository of information regarding life and livelihood of the people.

Major initiatives and achievements of the Department during last one year are:

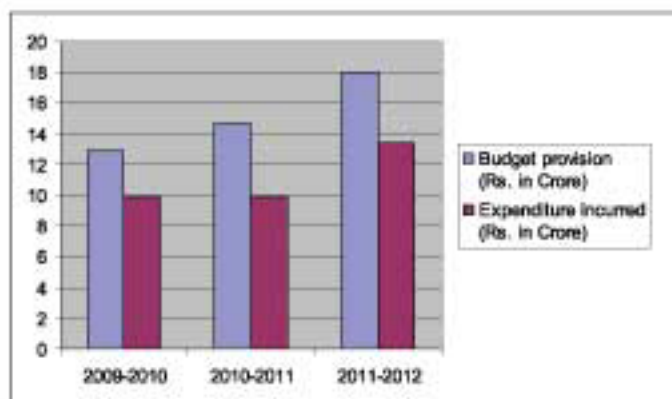
1. Infrastructure Development of Government and Government sponsored Public Libraries

Infrastructural development by way of grants for construction, repair, renovation of Government and Government Sponsored Public Libraries as well as for purchase of books, furniture, organization of book fairs in districts and computerization of libraries, is a major thrust activity of the Department.

- The budget provision for infrastructural development grant to Govt. and Government Sponsored Public Libraries in 2009-10 was Rs.12.84 crore. Out of this budget provision Rs. 9.92 crore was spent.
- In 2010-11 the budget provision for this purpose was Rs. 14.67 crore. The expenditure was Rs. 9.87 crore.
- In 2011-12 the budget provision for this purpose was Rs. 18.02 crore. The expenditure was Rs. 13.42 crore.

Chart : 1 - Graphical presentation of Budget provision vis-a-vis Expenditure incurred for the purpose of

infrastructural development of Govt. & Govt. Sponsored Public Libraries.



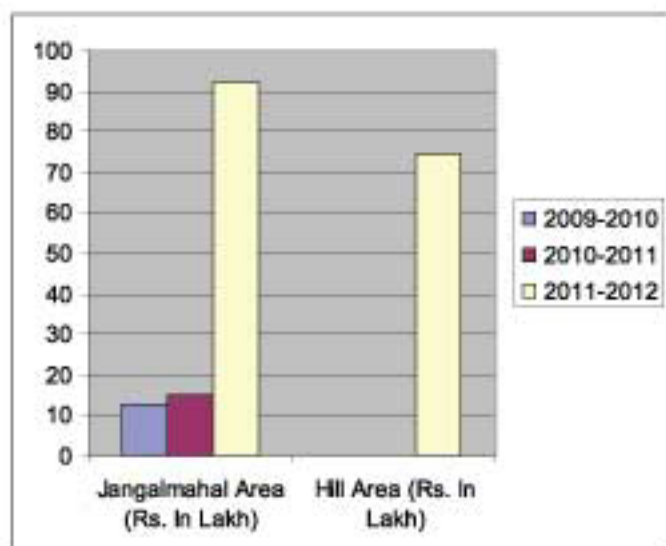
2. Jangal Mahal Areas :

In 2009-10, financial assistance to the public libraries in Jangal Mahal was to the tune of Rs. 12.8 lakh and in 2010-11, the level was Rs. 14.86 lakhs. In 2011-12, there was a quantum jump in fund release amounting to Rs. 92.46 lakhs to the public libraries in Jangal Mahal Areas.

3. Hill Areas :

Library got grants after 2 years. In 2009-10 and 2010-11 no amount was spent for the infrastructural development of public libraries in hill areas. In 2011-12, libraries situated in Hill Areas of Darjeeling have received grant for building construction amounting to Rs. 74.54 lakh.

Chart : II - Graphical presentation of amount of Grant received by libraries of Jangal Mahal Areas and Hill Areas in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 for the purpose of infrastructural development.



4. Education, Training & Maintenance of Sponsored Institutions for student with special needs.

This fund is devoted for infrastructural development of sponsored as well as aided schools meant for students with special needs. It includes construction, repairs of such schools as well as for procurement of furniture, other equipment etc. In the year 2009-10, against a budget provision of Rs. 942 lakhs, expenditure incurred was to the tune of Rs. 313 lakhs, in 2010-11 against the budget estimate of Rs. 842 lakhs, utilization was Rs. 247 lakhs whereas in 2011-12, expenditure of Rs. 387 lakhs was made against a budgetary provision of Rs. 800 lakhs signifying a jump of almost 57 % against the previous fiscal

5. Social Welfare Homes : More funds for destitute children and young women in districts

There are 49 State Welfare / Aided Homes for destitute children upto 18 years and another 5 aided Homes for young women in distress. State Government supports these Welfare Homes by way of infrastructure development as well as maintenance of needy inmates. In the year 2009-10, against a budgetary provision of Rs. 481 lakhs for this purpose, funds of around Rs. 472 lakhs were spent and in 2010-11, against the budget availability of Rs. 254 lakhs, an amount of Rs. 347 lakhs was spent for the purpose. In the year 2011-12, realizing the demand, a bigger provision of Rs. 650 lakhs was kept and against this, Rs. 427 lakhs were utilized, signifying an increase in expenditure of 27 % over 2010-11.

Major Policy Decisions / Reforms made by the State Government since June 2011

The following important policy decisions/reforms were made by the Government in the Department of Mass Education Extension & Library Services since June 2011:

- Disbursement of salaries of the employees of Government Sponsored Public Libraries to be available on the first day of every month. This is in place now.
- Introduction of exclusive all women's libraries on a pilot basis, from the year 2012-13, in order to increase access to women readers including neo literates especially in the areas inhabited predominantly by minorities and other disadvantaged segments.
- Scope of modernization of public libraries has been widened by covering public libraries even at grass roots level. Accordingly, 200 rural libraries are being covered under the computerization initiative. The process for purchase of hardware and accessories regarding computerization programme has been started along with a comprehensive training programme of library personnel in phases. It has been further decided that to improve e-governance, internet connectivity will be given to 170 Town Libraries and 200 Rural Libraries.
- The vision is that the State Central Library, District Libraries and 370 Town and Rural libraries to begin with, will provide information relating to life and livelihood of people through Community Information Services with the help of Computerization Programme.
- Revamping the management structure of the Special Schools sponsored by the Government of West Bengal under the administrative control of this Department with a view to cleansing the academic environment and bringing about qualitative change, de-politicisation and transparency.
- Publication of a structured syllabus for the pre-primary students of all categories of disabilities, including MR, reading in the Special Schools sponsored and recognized by the Government in the MEE & LS Department.
- Constitution of a Committee to review the existing Scholarship Scheme administered by this Department for students with disabilities studying above Class VIII.
- Targeted intervention for providing relief to the less privileged and socially and economically marginalized sections of the people across the State, and towards this end, decision to set up 10 Model State Welfare Homes in the State including in North Bengal and Jangalmahal areas and one in Rajarhat.
- Decision to upgrade at least one Special School into Model Special School in each district of the State.
- Introduction of specific changes in the format of special schools for ensuring wider coverage of students with special needs, with focus on PPP mode through enlisting participation of the corporate sector as a part of their CSR.

Micro & Small Scale Enterprises & Textiles Department



Department of Micro & Small Scale Enterprises and Textiles through its various wings, adopted a new approach in the year 2011-12 to implement its programmes & schemes of training, providing infrastructure support and raw materials for self employment of people in a time bound manner, for the overall growth and development of the Micro & Small Scale Enterprise and Textiles.

MICRO AND SMALL SCALE ENTERPRISES

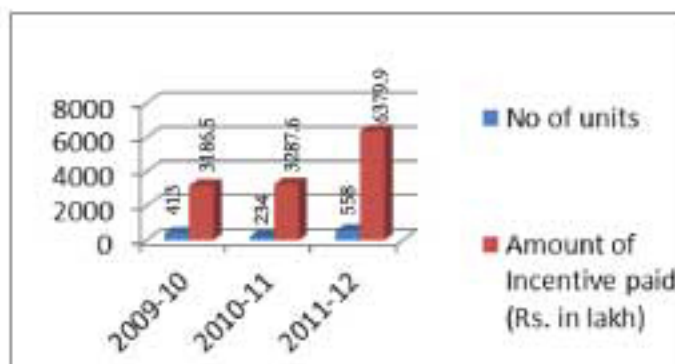
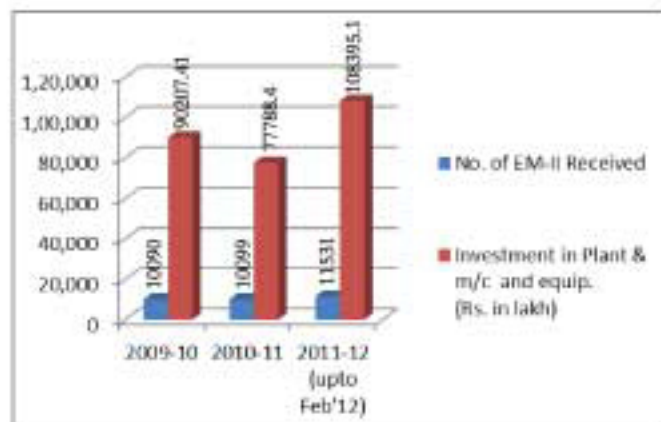
1. No. of EM-II Received

EM-II is filed for intimation to District Industries Centre regarding commencement of production by the new micro and small scale enterprises.

- It may be noted that the investment in plant & machineries in 2011-12 has increased by 39% compared to previous year.

2. Nos. of units covered under West Bengal Incentive Scheme

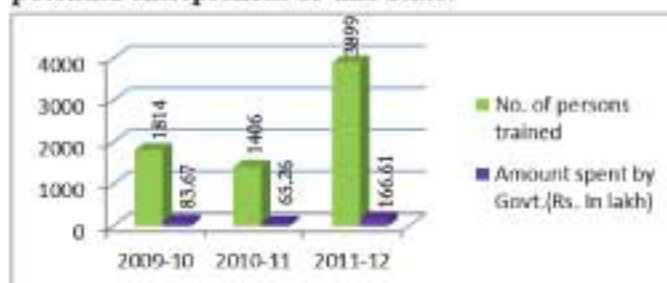
West Bengal Incentive Scheme provides capital investment subsidy, interest subsidy, waiver of electricity duty, subsidy on energy charges etc. for promotion of Micro and small scale enterprises in the state.



- During 2011-12 the no of units covered under West Bengal Incentive Scheme increased by 138% and amount of subsidy disbursed increased by 93% compared to previous year.

3. Entrepreneurship Development Programme

Entrepreneurship Development Programme is undertaken to cater the growth and development of potential entrepreneur of this State.

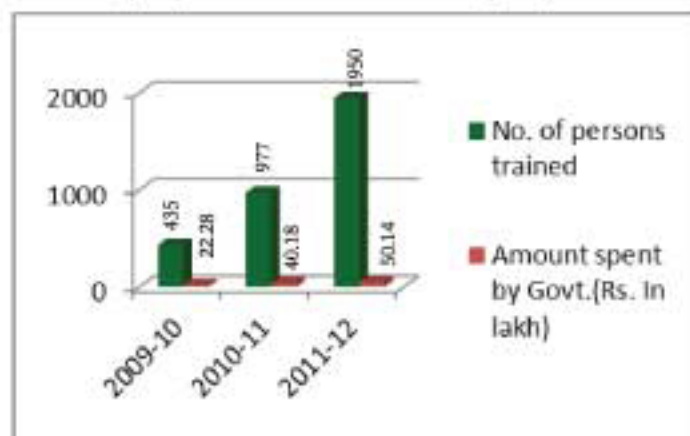


- The no of persons covered increased 277% and amount of govt. fund involved increased 263% in 2011-12 compared to previous year.

HANDICRAFTS

4. Skill Development Programme

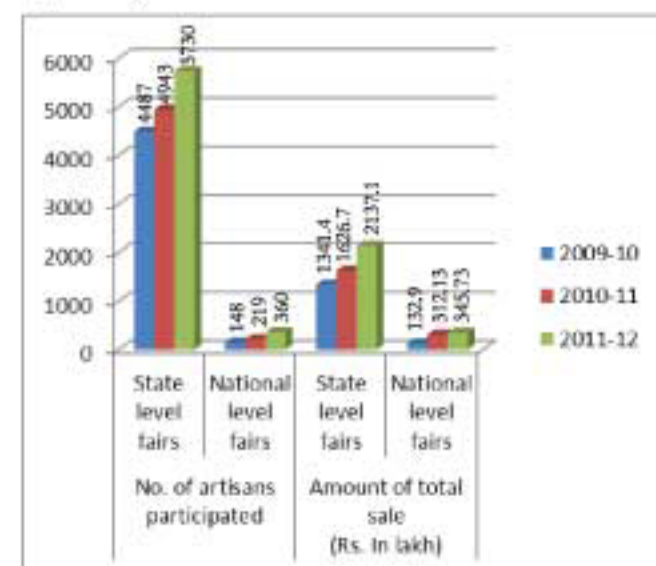
Skill development programme is undertaken to develop the skills of persons engaged in handicraft sector as per present market demand quality standard



- The no of persons covered increased 99% and amount of govt. fund involved increased 24% in 2011-12 compared to 2010-11.

5. Handicraft Exhibitions and fairs

The Department provides marketing support to handicraft units by coordinating their participation in state / national level exhibitions and fairs and organising such events.



- The amount of sale in state level as well as National level fairs increased 31% and 10% respectively in 2011-12 compared to 2010-11.

6. Old age pension to Handicraft Artisans

The old age artisan pension scheme is a programme to provide support for livelihood for the old and infirm handicraft artisans above the age of 60 years @ Rs.750.00 per month

Year	No. of persons got pension	Amount spent by Govt. (Rs. in lakh)
2009 -10	2423	221.83
2010 -11	2458	188.77
2011 -12	2500	246.37

- The amount spent by Govt. has been increased 30% in 2011-12 in respect of 2010-11.

The West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd.

Performance of WBSIDCL during the period from 2009-10 to 2011-12

(Rs in Lakh)

		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12 (Unaudited)
1	TURNOVER	3844.04	4017.00	4238.65
2	NET PROFIT	262.14	258.85	325
3	NET WORTH	2666.00	3583.00	3750
4	WORKING CAPITAL	2268.00	2300	2420

KHADI & VILLAGE INDUSTRIES

Comparative Analysis Of The Achievements Of The West Bengal Khadi & Village Industries Board In Respect Of 2009-2010, 2010-2011 & 2011-2012 With Statistical Bars / Charts / Diagrams

- Production achieved and Employment Opportunities Created during the year 2009-10, 2010-11 & 2011-12

Sl. No.	Particulars	PRODUCTION (RS. IN LACS)			EMPLOYMENT (IN NOS.)		
		YEARS			YEARS		
		2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12	2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
1.	Khadi	2486.06	2560.65	2816.72	35602	35656	36369
2.	Village Industries	75556.60	80845.57	87853.47	691000	697000	711000
3.	TOTAL	78042.66	83406.22	90670.19	726602	732656	747369

(II) Expenditure under State Plan for Khadi & Village Industries during last three years

Sl. No.	Year	Amount of Expenditure (Rs. in lacs)	Coverage of Beneficiaries (In Nos.)
1.	2009 -2010	274.00	750
2.	2010 -2011	334.00	1022
3.	2011 -2012	760.00	2840

Year-wise Plan Expenditure for Development of Handloom Sector in West Bengal

Rs. In lakh

DESCRIPTION	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Plan Expenditure Towards Development Of Handloom Sector In The State	2,799.18	6,383.68	6,480.88

Plan expenditure for development of Handloom Sector has increased steadily over 2009-10 to 2011-12 periods.

Expenditure in Handloom Cluster Development Projects, Group Approach Projects & Marketing Incentive Scheme under Integrated Handloom Development Scheme (IHDS)

Rs. In lakh

DESCRIPTION	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Expenditure On Handloom Cluster Development Group Approach Projects & Marketing Incentive Scheme.	317.82	736.55	1,585.11

PRODUCTION OF MULBERRY RAW SILK

Raw Silk production has continued to exhibit increasing growth trend in 2011-12

Achievement of Mulberry Raw Silk Production (in MT)		
2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
1790	1885	1923.78

• Natural Fibre Mission

The State Govt. has drawn up a 'Natural Fibre Mission' Project for generation and improvement of rural livelihood in all the eleven backward districts, viz., Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur, Purulia, Bankura, Jalpaiguri, Uttar Dinanpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, Birbhum, South 24-Prgs, Murshidabad, and Malda, which is expected to lead to the development of natural fibre based enterprises, like, Mat, Bamboo, Babui grass, Sisal grass, Jute, coir, silk, cotton etc by harnessing the potential of the rural community in the identified districts of West Bengal. The following interventions will be made :-

- Capacity building through skill development programmes.
- Supply of tools / implements to the artisans.
- Setting up of community production centre(CPC).
- Setting up of Common Facility Centre (CFC).
- Setting up of Common Natural Fibre Centre (CNFC).

The project cost of Rs.257 crore for the above mission has been approved under 'Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF)' for the state of West Bengal.

• Rural Haat

To provide marketing assistance to the artisans of Micro and Small Scale Enterprises including handicraft and village industries, 4 no. of Rural Haats will be set up at Jhargram in Paschim Medinipur, Bishnupur in Bankura, Alipurduar in Jalpaiguri and at Purulia, at a project cost of Rs.3.00 crore per Rural Haat, which have been approved by the Planning Commission under BRGF.

The scheme will be implemented by the respective District Industries Centres under the guidance of a committee under the Chairmanship of the District Magistrate of the districts concerned.

- **Design Clinic Scheme**

To address the need for design development, quality up-gradation of products and cost optimization, so as to ensure sustainability of the micro and small enterprises in the present globally competitive market, 29 M&SSE clusters have been identified for intervention through 'Design Clinic Scheme' under National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme (NMCP) and a sum of Rs.20.61 lakh has been sanctioned for the purpose in the first phase.

- **Urban Haat**

The Department has already set up an Urban Haat at Durgapur similar to Delhi Haat at New Delhi. Construction of two more Urban Haats at Central Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata and at Santiniketan in Birbhum district are also in progress.

This Department is also taking steps to set up an Urban Haat at Siliguri.

- **Cluster Development Programme under MSE-CDP**

Work for setting up of Common Facility Centre for Surgical Instrument Manufacturing Cluster at Baruipur has been completed and handed over to SPV.

105 no. of Micro and Small Enterprises clusters have been identified to cover under MSE Cluster Development Programme so far. Out of which cluster intervention are in progress in 37 no. of clusters.

Work for setting up of CFC has been started for (i) Re-rolling Mill, Howrah (Project cost –Rs.15.56 Cr.) (ii) Leather Goods, Santiniketan, Birbhum (Project cost –Rs.3.38 Cr.) (iii) Brass & Bell Metal, Khagra, Murshidabad (CFC building cost –Rs. 1.14 Cr.) (iv) Fan Manufacturing, Bansdrani, Kolkata (project cost –Rs.2.06 Cr.) & (v) Silver Filigree, South 24-Parganas (Project cost –Rs.1.49 Cr.) .

- **Photo Identity Card & Health Insurance Card**

This Department has taken up a programme for providing Photo Identity Cards to all the handicraft artisans as well as handloom weavers of the state. During 2011-12 1,58,906 number of photo identity cards have been issued to the artisans and 92,819 number of artisans were covered under health Insurance Schemes.

- **Diagnostic Survey of Closed units**

District –wise detailed survey and Diagnostic study of closed enterprises with the technical assistance of Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, has been started and final report is likely to be submitted by ISI, Kolkata by July, 2012. West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd (WBSIDC Ltd)

- **e-Governance**

1) WBSIDC Ltd. has launched a dynamic website (www.wbsidcl.com) January, 2012 also introduced e-tendering.

- **Setting up of New and Upgradation of Industrial Estates**

1. WBSIDC Ltd. has taken steps to set up new Industrial and Commercial Estates in different districts, specially in the backward districts such as Birbhum, Paschim Medinipore, Dakshin Dinajpur, Uttar Dinajpur district, Bankura and Purulia district. It is also working towards upgradation of basic infrastructure of the Industrial Estates by utilizing the fund received from State Government.
2. To avert any accident caused by fire in industrial estates, WBSIDC LTD. has decided to make necessary fire fighting arrangement with the assistance of State Govt. and Kolkata Municipal Corporation and Fire and Emergency Services Deptt. Joint inspection of different industrial estates in Kolkata has already been carried out.
3. WBSIDC has also taken steps to take back land from those entrepreneurs who have not utilized the land after completion of 3 years from the day of allotment.

KHADI & VILLAGE INDUSTRIES

- **Introduction of Market Development Assistant Scheme under Khadi Programme**

The Government has introduced Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme in favour of West Bengal Khadi & Village Industries Board to provide financial support @ 10% on Annual Production for the welfare of the Khadi Artisans of the State and also for overall development of Cotton Khadi, Muslin Khadi and Silk Khadi Industries Programmes of WBKVIB and KVIB in West Bengal.

- **Participation in Rastriya Krishi Vikash Joyana (RKVY) Scheme:-**

The Government has included WBKVIB for availing of financial support from Agricultural Department for development and extension of Post Cocoon Activities under Silk Khadi Programme.

HANDLOOM

- **Mega Handloom Cluster Development Project**

A Mega Handloom Cluster Development Project covering the entire Murshidbad district and part of Nadia district with a project cost of Rs. 101.68 Crore has been planned.

- **Mill Gate Price Scheme for supply of Yarns to Weavers**

Objective of the scheme is to make available all types of yarn at 'Mill Gate Price' to the eligible handloom weavers so as to facilitate regular supply of basic raw materials to the handloom sector and help utilise the full employment potential of the sector. During the year 2011-12, a new component namely, 10% price subsidy on hank yarn has been introduced.

- **Indian Institute of Handloom Technology**

At the instance of the State Govt., The Ministry of Textiles, Government of India has agreed to set up an Indian Institute of Handloom Technology at Santipur, Nadia in the Central Sector. This will be a premier institute of the country.

- **Weavers' Identity Card**

Out of 5,79,631 Weavers' Identity Card, 2,91,620 cards have been distributed up to 31.03.12. Work of distribution of the remaining cards is in progress.

- **Weavers' Credit Card**

The Department has taken initiative to distribute Weavers' Credit Cards to eligible individual weavers, who will get loan up to Rs.2.00 lakh by way of working capital cum term loan for a period of 3 years at subsidised rate of interest.13,600 credit card applications have already been sponsored to banks.

- **Comprehensive Development of Handloom Sector in the Backward Districts of the State**

- a). A project namely "Comprehensive Handloom Development Programme in Dakshin Dinajpur District" has been approved for implementation under Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) Scheme a cost of Rs. 46.77 Cr. covering 11153 handloom workers.
- b). The State Government has also taken initiative for sanction of 16(Sixteen) mini Handloom

Development Projects covering 2,650 handloom weavers in the districts of Bankura, Paschim Medinipur & Birbhum, for implementation under Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) Scheme, at the total cost of Rs. 15.56 Cr. Dhaniakhali and Baluchari Sarces have been registered during 2011-12 under Geographical Indication of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999.

POWERLOOM, HOSIERY AND READYMADE GARMENTS SECTOR

Keeping in view the huge potential of the Powerloom, Hosiery and Readymade Garments Sector in West Bengal, the present Government advocates the policy of giving encouragement to the development of this sector.

- Training to develop a skilled workforce.
- Modernization of machinery.
- Setting up of Common Facility Centres.
- Cluster Development for promotion of the industry

SERICULTURE

- New initiative for Strengthening and Development of Sericulture (including RKVY)

The Directorate of Textiles (Sericulture) has recently stepped its efforts to promote Bivoltine Silkworm rearing and as a result a quantum of 89,000 BV commercial Disease free Layings (DFLs) were reared this year as compared to 56,500 Nos. in the year 2010-11.

Steps have been initiated towards Evolution of climate /season specific, disease resistant, hardy and robust Silk worm breeds (long standing issue of the State) in consultation with Central Silk Board (CSB) with assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The activities of the Kaliachak cocoon market have been streamlined through necessary upgradation of the infrastructural facilities. The computer based marketing system has ensured transparent and hassle free transaction of cocoons in the market

Shift of focus to Non Mulberry Sector with special emphasis on comprehensive development of Tasar culture

in the Jungle Mahal area of the State. Crop insurance support in Tasar sector has been extended to 1793 beneficiaries in 2011-12 compared to 1244 beneficiaries in the year 2010-11

Specific steps were taken during 2011-12 to enhance the volume of Muga rearing and to attain self sufficiency in the production of Muga DFLs. It is encouraging to note that we are now supplying Muga DFLs on a regular basis to the State of Assam on whom we were solely dependant for Muga DFLs earlier.

- Setting up of a Silk Park at Malda

Steps have been taken towards establishment of a Silk Park

at Malda with state-of-the-art infrastructure for overall promotion of the industry

- Introduction of Provident Fund Benefit for Sericulturist

The Directorate of Textiles (Sericulture) has taken up the programme for extending Provident Fund benefit to the Sericulturists under State assisted scheme of Provident Fund for unorganized workers (SASPFUW) Scheme of Labour Department, Govt. of West Bengal to provide further succor to the poor Sericulturists of the State. They are also being given Kishan Credit Card.



Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education



The Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education Department is responsible for overall development and welfare of the minority communities in the State. **Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Sikhs, Parsis and Jains** are the minority communities in West Bengal and they constitute more than about 30 % of the State's total population.

It is the commitment of new Government to provide to the minority communities in the State better access to education, skill development, employment, social security, housing, healthcare etc. and ensure their equitable and proper development.

With this vision in mind, the new Government has worked consistently over the last year to achieve a number of significant milestones and has launched a number of new schemes and projects that will have a major contribution towards improvement of overall quality of life, in respect of people belonging to the minority communities in Bengal.

Urdu, Hindi, Oriya, Nepali, Gurumukhi and Santhali speaking people will be identified as Linguistic Minority. A Bill seeking to give recognition to Urdu as second language in districts, sub-divisions, blocks and municipalities where 10% of the population belongs to Urdu speaking community has already been introduced and passed in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly.

Imams of Mosques hold a very respectable position in the Muslim community. They play a leading role in mobilization of the community for good purposes including health and hygiene, education and for promotion of various Government schemes. But many Imams in the State are living in a very pitiable state without proper income, housing and educational opportunities for their children due to lack of any initiatives on earlier occasion. It is the commitment of the new Government to take the Imams out of this condition.

Decision has been taken to offer honorarium of Rs.2,500/= per month to Imams through Wakf Board on receipt of recommendation in this regard from Task Force for Welfare of Imams. Payment will be made through Bank Account. Similarly, Moazzins have also been offered

honorarium of Rs. 1000/- per month through Waqf Board.

Other welfare measures that are being envisaged for Imams include housing assistance through the Urban Development Department or the Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education Department in the urban areas and through the *Nijo Griha Nijo Bbumi Prakaalpa* of the Land & Land Reforms Department in the rural areas, and scholarships/stipends to children of the Imams to pursue studies at all levels including professional courses.

The Government has finalized the guidelines for grant of minority educational institution status and pending applications will be suitably disposed very soon.

To give special thrust to education, the Government has decided to grant recognition to ten thousand un-recognised Madrasahs in the state and actions have already been initiated to achieve the target. 650 posts of teachers have been created for Madrasahs. Teachers and non-teaching employees of 609 Madrasahs in the state are receiving salary on the first day of the month through banks.

Scholarships and loans are important components of financial assistance and support to students belonging to minority communities. Since taking over of the new Government, more than sixteen lakh fifty seven thousand students have been provided financial assistance worth more than Rs.269.47 crore under various scholarship/loan schemes.

Break up of financial assistance is given as under:

1. Incentive for poor girl students of Class IX – XII in Madrasahs

Sector	2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
Financial Achievement (Rs. in Lakh)	745.53	1289.69	1476.09
Physical Achievement	69221	150000	20000 0

2. Pre-Matric scholarship for students belonging to Minority Community

Sector	2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
Financial Achievement (Rs. in Lakh)	638.78	853.62	4445.75
No. of students given scholarships	238271	490718	955205

3. Post-Matric scholarship for students belonging to Minority Community

Sector	2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
Financial Achievement (Rs. in Lakh)	1843.12	2576.50	4687.25
No. of students given scholarships	75660	71226	118441

4. Stipend to meritorious students

Sector	2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
Financial Achievement (Rs. in Lakh)	550	2099.97	1199.90
No. of students given stipend	6593	14000	14597

5. Merit-cum-means based Scholarship for professional and technical courses

Sector	2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
Financial Achievement (Rs. in Lakh)	1454.07	2045.24	1425.41
No. of students given scholarships	5732	6569	5293

During 2012-13, the Government is considering to cover all eligible students under the pre-matric and post-matric scholarship schemes and to extend the merit-cum-means scholarship scheme to cover all eligible students pursuing professional courses. Attention is also being given to improve the infrastructure of the Madrasahs. It is under consideration of the Government to upgrade all High Madrasahs to Higher Secondary (Science) level in the ensuing Five-Year Plan period.

20 acres of land at New Town have been allotted to Aliah University. Steps have been taken for construction of main campus at Newtown. HRBC is entrusted to construct the campus with an amount of Rs.156.00 crore (approx.). Another campus of the university is being constructed at Gorachand Lane by Public Works Department with an estimated amount of Rs.62.00 crore.

Third Haj House is being constructed at New Town. 5 acres of land has been allotted by HIDCO. Construction of 2nd Haj House is complete and is in use. 9783 Haj Pilgrims of West Bengal visited Saudi Arabia to perform obligatory Haj Pilgrimage. Haj Committee, with the help of State Government, provided satisfactory service to the pilgrims for their onward and return journeys.

In connection with implementation of **Prime Minister's New 15-Point Programme** for the welfare of minorities, State Level Monitoring Committee headed by Chief Secretary has been formed. Nominated MPs, MLAs, Secretaries of the concerned Departments, Members of nominated NGOs and Members nominated from Panchayati Raj Bodies are members of the said Committee. Due importance is being given in the field of all beneficiary oriented schemes so that at least 25 per cent financial and physical quota is kept and implemented by the concerned Department.

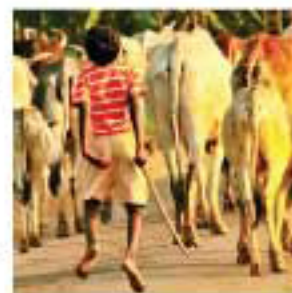
Multi-Sectoral Development Programme designed to address the development deficits, especially in education, employment, sanitation, housing, drinking water etc. has been launched in minority concentrated districts. Under this programme, 24175 IAY houses, 379 Health Centres, 6213 nos. of Tube-well/Hand Pump, 4835 Anganwadi Centres, 3868 Additional Class Rooms (ACR) in Schools and Madrasahs have been made and Rs.454.3 crore has been utilized so far. The Balance work is in progress. Six ITI and two Polytechnics will be set-up in minority concentrated areas of the State under MSDP Scheme.

A new scheme by the name **Integrated Minority Development Scheme** has been introduced in this financial year on the pattern of Multi-Sectoral Development Programme in Minority Concentrated Blocks in non-Minority Concentrating Districts of the State.

Budget of the Department has been enhanced 73% over last year from Rs.330 Crores to Rs.570 Crores.

Skill development, vocational training and loans for self-employment are other focal areas of the new Government for social and economic development of minority communities. More than 10,000 minority youths were given entrepreneurship training recently. 15101 persons given loan involving Rs.10.55 crores in 2011-12

Animal Resources Development



Livestock sector offers significant potential for human development through poverty reduction and enhanced nutritional security. It also provides crucial economic support during natural calamities, such as draught. The medium/ long term vision of ARD Department is:

- Self sufficiency in production of milk, meat, egg, etc.
- Preservation of milk, meat and egg as per WHO guidelines.
- More private investment in dairy, poultry, etc.

Table -1: Comparative analysis of the achievement

Sl. No.	Activity	2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
1	Semen Straw produced (No. in Lakh)	19.64	20.21	24.73
2	Artificial Insemination(AI) done (No. in Lakh)	27.77	32.89	34.05
3	Calves born (No. in Lakh)	8.22	10.92	12.57
4	No. of heifers benefitted	-	4987	106445
5	Cattle Insured	20,876	15,058	35,203
6	Vaccination of cattle, buffalo & small animals (No. in Lakh)	81.12	90.96	161.78 *
7	Animal treated at veterinary dispensaries/hospitals/health camps (No. in Lakh)	107.38	111.99	121.34 *
8	Chicks / Ducklings distributed (No. in Lakh)	19.00	24.00	32.00

*Provisional

Highlights on major policy decisions/ reforms/ infra structure development projects taken up during 2011-2012

- Development works in LWE Blocks:** Each of the 23 LWE blocks has been covered through a major initiative in the ARD sector:

- 12 blocks have been covered under Bishes Go-sampad Bikash Abhijan.

- 5 blocks have been covered for intensive goat production.
- 6 blocks have been covered under bullock rearing scheme with two bull calves

Besides, following infrastructure development projects were taken up in LWE districts during the year:

- Construction of a new State Poultry Farm in Paschim Medinipur (for augmentation of egg and

against previous year's 10400 persons involving Rs.8.32 Crores. 12086 persons received training against 8089 persons of previous year. The Government's expenditure for this was hiked to Rs.1.45 Cr. in 2011-12 from Rs. 1.16 crores in 2010-11.

The Government is in the process of setting up an **Employment Bank** for job-seekers of all categories including minority communities. Unemployed educated youth will get access to information of employment opportunities in Government and Private Sectors. Around **10,000 jobs are anticipated to be generated** through the Employment Bank this year.

"Gitanjali" Scheme for construction of dwelling units for Minorities is being implemented in remote areas of North 24 Parganas, Bankura, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, Malda, Murshidabad and South 24 Parganas.

To help people access easily various Government schemes and contact officials responsible for their implementation, offices of the Minority Affairs & Madrasah Education Department, **Minority Bhavan**, are being set up in all the **eighteen Districts**.

Other important achievements for the welfare of minority communities during last one year are:

- o For Printing of Nationalised Text Books of 52350 Children at Primary Rs. 1.31 Cr. spent
- o For School dress of 22500 Girl Students in primary schools Rs. 4.50 Cr. spent
- o For 200 Science Laboratories in Madrasah Rs. 70.02 Lakh spent
- o For Improvement of Libraries, Reading Rooms etc. in 506 Madrasah, Rs. 90 Lakh spent
- o For construction of Common rooms for Girls, Toilets & Drinking Water Facilities in 150 Madrasah, Rs. 3.50 Cr. spent
- o For Support for equipment and furniture of 620 Madrasah, Rs. 2.30 Cr. spent
- o For improvement of Buildings of 150 Madrasah, Rs. 22.25 Cr. spent
- o For Coaching Camp, sports meet in Districts, zonal & state level Rs. 88.95 Lakh was spent
- o For Extension / Renovation of Carmichael / Bekar Hostel for Minorities, Rs. 1.50 Cr. spent.
- o For Skill Development and Employment of Minorities, Rs. 10.52 Cr. spent
- o For Housing (EWS) for Destitute Minority Women (DMWRP), Rs. 3.75 Cr. spent.
- o For Construction of Muslim Students' Hostels, Rs. 4.87 Cr. was spent. All the works are in progress
- o For Empowerment of Minority Women (DMWRP) (Loan disbursement to destitute minority women) Rs. 1.00 Cr. was spent
- o For construction of minority bhabans in districts Rs. 7.00 Cr. has been released

Boundary wall surrounding public graveyards are being constructed to safe-guard the graveyards from encroachment, defilement etc.

6. Boundary Walls surrounding Muslim/Christian Graveyards

Sector	2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
Financial Achievement (Rs. in Lakh)	500	76.28	900
No. of graveyards provided financial assistance	64	13	130



Municipal Affairs



Initiatives Of Department Of Municipal Affairs On The Completion Of One Year Of New Government

The newly elected State Government under the dynamic leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister coupled with the direction and regular supervision of Hon'ble Minister-In-Charge, Municipal Affairs & Urban Development Departments, Department of Municipal Affairs within this limited span of one year has evolved various policy directions in the sphere of municipal management.

Municipal Affairs Departments has necessitated the urban local bodies to speed up the creation of both physical and social infrastructure in the urban areas: from drinking water to drainage, from housing and transportation to the beautification of urban areas and preservation of urban green with an aim of not only to provide a better living environment for the citizens but also to make the urban centres, the focal point of growth and economic development.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE:

Urban Beautification

- Municipal Affairs Department has been identified as a Nodal Department for implementation of Urban Beautification Programme. State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) has been designated as a nodal agency for this purpose and the work for ornamental street lighting is being implemented by Municipal Engineering Directorate in consultation with the Urban Local Bodies.

- In the first phase ornamental street lighting has been taken up in 45 ULBs

Baranagar	Khardah	Haldia	Kamarhati	Barrackpore
Dum Dum	Banikata	Kalyani	Baruipur	Suri
Barasat	Memari	Parulia	Medinipur	Rampurhat
Bolpur	Kalna	Habra	Ranaghat	Nabadwip
Bongaon	Krishnanagar	Tarakeswar	Panihati	Hooghly-Chinsurah
Banaberia	Rajpur-Sonarpur	Jainagar-Mazilpur	Diamond Harbour	Kanchrapara
Uttarpara-Kotrung	Dankuni	Senampore	Uluberia	Asansol MC
Kharagpur	Nalhati	Durgapur MC	Panskura	Tamluk
Konnagar	Chandannagar MC	Sainthia	Bidhannagar	Bishnupur

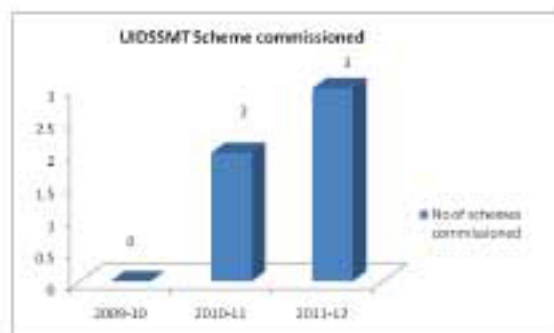
- Similar ornamental street lighting has been taken up for the
 - Stretch of road between Ultadanga and Barasat for length of more than 20 km.
 - Stretch of Jessore road between R.G.Kar Medical College and Gate No.1 of Kolkata Airport for a length of around 8 km.
- Kolkata Municipal Corporation has taken a number of measures to beautify the city of Kolkata which includes riverside beautification, removal of hoarding from the Central Business District of Kolkata, ornamental street lighting and other remedial measures.
- Nabadiganta Industrial Township Authority has also taken up the similar works from the stretch of roads from Haldiram Point to Airport Point for a length of 2 km.

Water Supply

The new State Government has taken all out effort to provide potable water supply to all urban areas, particularly to the small and medium towns.

Urban Infrastructure Development Schemes For Small And Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) -

- o As a result of active and repeated interactions by the newly elected State Government with the Union Urban Development Ministry, **water supply schemes of 8 more small and medium towns** could be sanctioned over and above the overall allocation for the State of West Bengal under this sub-mission.
- o The towns with project costs are:
 - **Egra** - 14.97 cr
 - **Birnagar** - 9.77 cr
 - **Chandrakona** - 15.57 cr
 - **English Bazar** - 41.40 cr
 - **Ramjibanpore** - 11.01 cr
 - **Sainthia** - 13.00 cr
 - **Balurghat** - 41.60 cr
 - **Cooch Behar** - 36.35 cr
- o During the last one year **3 water supply projects** have been commissioned at
 - Krishnagar ▪ Tamluk ▪ Nalhati
- o A comparative figure on **commissioning of water supply schemes** is produced below:



Special Backward Region Grant Fund (Special BRGF Fund) -

- o To ensure **water supply** to the urban populace living in arid regions and in the western part of the State, water supply schemes of 5 towns with project cost of Rs.210.87 crores have been made specially sanctioned under "**Special BRGF Fund**".

o The towns with project costs for water supply schemes are

- **Purulia** - 56.35 cr
- **Raghunathpur** - 17.44 cr
- **Bishnupur** - 35.84 cr
- **Sonamukhi** - 15.44 cr
- **Kharagpur** - 85.79 cr

- In order to prepare a **roadmap for providing drinking water** to all the towns of the state, a detailed matrix has been prepared. This will help the state government for prioritization of towns.

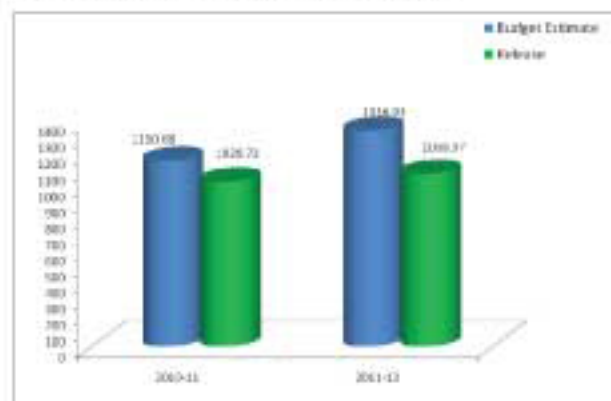
Release of Plan Fund

- During the year, an amount of Rs. 1068.97 cr has been released, which is 80% of the revised budget estimate.
- **Release Of Plan Fund To The Urban Local Bodies-**

• Development of Municipal Areas (for roads, drains, culvert, e-governance etc)	: 93.79 cr
• Water Supply in Urban Areas (Apart from JnNURM)	: 98.48 cr
• JnNURM (UIDSSMT/IHSDP for small non-mission towns)	: 270.08 cr
• Basic Minimum Services (Health improvement, slum improvement etc)	: 31.16 cr
• Employment Generation in urban areas	: 39.99 cr
• West Bengal Urban Employment Scheme	: 165.73 cr
• 13th central Finance Commission grant	: 94.18 cr
• 3rd State Finance Commission grant	: 117.34 cr
• Construction of Municipal Buildings	: 5.16 cr
• Others	: 80.11 cr
TOTAL	: 1068.98 cr

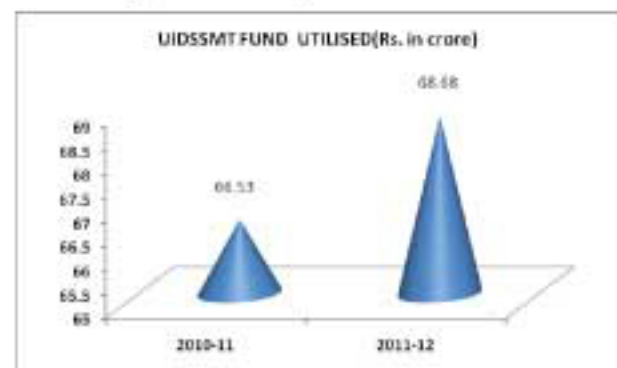
The release of plan fund is the highest among all the previous years.

A comparative chart is furnished below



Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme For Small & Medium Towns (UIDSSMT)

- This scheme caters to the infrastructure development for Small and Medium Towns.
- As a result of active and repeated interactions by the newly elected State Government with the Union Urban Development Ministry, water supply schemes of 8 more small and medium towns could be sanctioned.
- Till date, **34 projects have been sanctioned** by Government of India at a cost of Rs. 569.32 crore. **30 projects relate to drinking water supply (316.61 cr)**, while 2 relate to **drainage (49.22 cr)** one relates to sewerage (12.51 cr) and another relates to **construction of bye-pass road (7.30 cr)** to improve connectivity.
- During the last three years, 1 project on trans-municipal road and 5 water supply schemes have been commissioned, out of which **3 schemes have been commissioned in last 1 year.**
- Fund utilized** during the last one year is Rs 68.68 cr which is higher than last year.



To meet up the escalated cost, new State Government has released **23 crore as Additional State Share** apart

from normal matching State share in order to complete the ongoing projects.

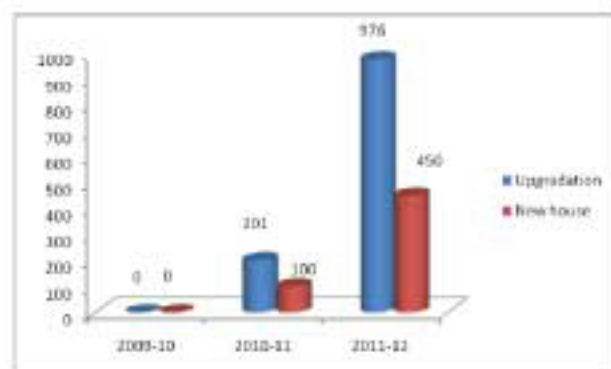
INITIATIVES FOR URBAN POOR

Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP)

- This scheme provides for construction of houses for slum dwellers and provisioning of necessary infrastructures in the identified slums to improve the living environment.
- Till date, 94 projects have been sanctioned for all 80 Non- Mission Urban Local Bodies involving Rs. 925.85 crore. This involves construction of 52,591 nos. of houses for urban poor and requisite infrastructure facilities in the slums.
- So far Rs. 615.65 crore has been released to ULBs including State & Central share, out of which Rs. 533.79 crore have been utilized which, is to the tune of 87%.
- So far, out of 52,591, fully completed no. of Dwelling Units is 35,560 and work of 7033 no. of Dwelling Units is in progress.
- Due to enhancement of project cost in regard to escalation of cost of building material, the new State Government has released Rs. 47 crores **Additional State Share** apart from normal matching State share in order to complete the ongoing projects.

State Scheme For Housing For Urban Poor

- In order to provide affordable housing for all urban poor, State Government has taken up the scheme. So far 101 ULBs have submitted proposals to SUDA, which is acting as nodal agency.
- Till date proposals from 99 ULBs have been sanctioned that includes 3861 new construction and 7789 up-gradation.
- During the last year 976 houses have been upgraded and 450 new houses have been constructed which is much higher than the last year performance.
- A comparative chart is produced below:



Physical Progress for Housing for Urban Poor Scheme

Socio- Economic and Caste Census (SECC) for identification of BPL populace in urban areas has been taken up. This is the first of its kind in the urban areas of the state, being implemented by the ULBs under supervision of State Urban Development Agency of Municipal Affairs Department.

Recently, as a result of active and repeated interactions by the newly elected State Government, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has agreed to include all 47 ULBs of Kolkata and Asansol metropolitan cities under **Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY)**.

Swarna Jayanti Sahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY)

It seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed / underemployed youth through setting up of self employment ventures or provision of wage employment.

The highlight of the programme is the empowerment of the women by facilitating them to form Thrift and Credit Groups and also Self-Help groups.

Till date 39,217 **Neighbourhood Groups (NHGs)**, 3,696 **Neighbourhood Committees (NHCs)** and 306 **Community Development Societies (CDS)** have been formed in different municipal areas of the State.

Under Self-employment Programme 1,07,824 loan applications have so far been sponsored by the ULBs to different banks. 46,607 cases have been sanctioned

5,991 Groups comprising of women members of BPL families have been formed for Development of Women and Children in Urban Areas (DWCUA). Out of these groups, 4,554 groups have been credit linked.

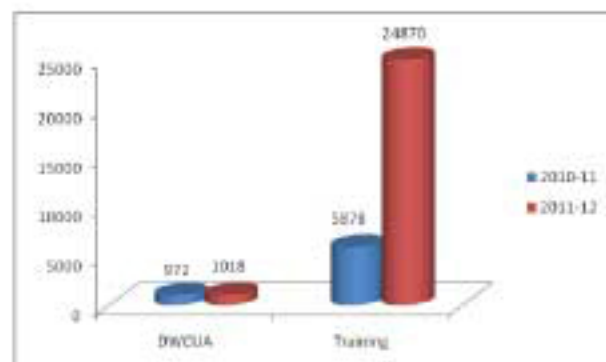
37,454 Thrift and Credit Groups have been formed and the total no. of BPL families involved with these groups is approximately 5 lakhs.

So far 99,154 unemployed/ under-employed youths have undergone vocational training.

To provide market support to the DWCUA and TCG group members fund is being provided to ULBs for construction of Community Seva Kendra. Self-Help Groups from different ULBs have also been participating in different fairs with support from ULBs and State Govt.

During the last one year, 1891 Thrift and Credit Groups, 24,870 youths have undergone vocational training and 1018 DWCUA groups have been formed and the expenditure incurred is Rs. 81.11 cr.

A comparative progress of SJSRY is furnished below



Legislation

- The State Government has initiated steps for protection of livelihood of hawkers through legislation by way of framing a **Draft West Bengal Urban Street Vendor Bill** has been prepared by Municipal Affairs Department and is being examined by a High Powered Committee.
- Necessary amendment in the West Bengal Municipal Act has been made in the last assembly session to empower all urban local bodies to create a separate **non-lapsable Basic Service for Urban poor (BSUP) fund** and to earmark and spend at least 25% of their budgetary provisions for the poorer sections of the society.
- Necessary amendment of Schedule I Kolkata Municipal Corporation Act, 1980 has been made to include **Joka-I and Joka-2 G.P.** within Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

OTHER INITIATIVES

E-Governance

- A comprehensive e-governance module, with integrated financial accounting system has been developed under KUSP for all 40 KMA Urban Local Bodies. I

It contains 15 Modules like - Infrastructure Management System (IMS), Birth & Death, Payroll, Property Tax, ULB Infrastructure, Trade License, School Information System, Ward Wise Management, Public Grievance and Redressal etc.

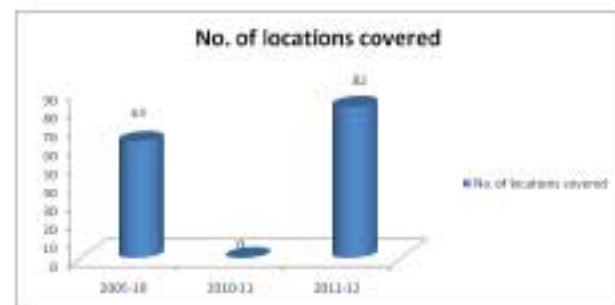
- Kolkata Municipal Corporation has developed a very successful citizen centric service using e- governance and has set up a number of e-seva kendras (e-kolkata) in various locations of the city. A number of non KMA ULBS are already providing citizen centric e-governance module on stand-alone basis. Steps have been taken to extend this integrated system to the rest 80 non- KMA urban local bodies also.

Video Conferencing

- Municipal Affairs Department, with cooperation from Information Technology Department has taken up the work of WBSWAN connectivity, along with INVC (software based Video Conference) facility, between all Urban Local Bodies of West Bengal, Development Authorities, District and Sub-Divisional Administration, important State-level offices of both Municipal Affairs Department and Urban Development Department at Kolkata for providing Video Conferencing facility.

This is in an effort to improve the direct interaction with respective ULBs with the Departmental personnel without having physical movement.

- Presently all the remaining 82 Urban Local Bodies is being covered with the funding from the State Government.



Video Conferencing under e-Governance

- Steps are being taken to make enabling provision in the WB Municipal Act for introduction of Unit Area Method of Valuation of properties. Kolkata Municipal Corporation has published the Draft

Scheme on unit area method of valuation of properties within KMC. This is the first of its kind in the State.

Service Level Benchmarking

- To ensure civic services to the citizens, Service Level Benchmarking on 4 essential civic services to be provided by all 127 ULBs during 2011-12 has been published in the Kolkata Gazette. Similar notification for 2012-13 is being processed.

Fire Hazard And Mitigation Plan

- In order to prevent fire accidents, Fire hazard and Mitigation Plans for Kolkata and Howrah have been prepared in consultation with corporations and Fire Services Department and has been notified in Kolkata Gazette. A High Power Technical Committee has been constituted to suggest changes in the Municipal Building Rules and KMC Building Rules to ensure fire safety.

Inventory On The Lands

- A detailed inventory on the lands under the ownership of all the 127 ULB areas has been prepared.

Department For International Development (DFID)

- UK has agreed to initiate some consultancy studies in urban West Bengal using Change management Unit of KUSP and likely to continue its association upto 2015.

Municipal Election

- to Raigunj, Pujali municipalities held and recently, with active intervention from State Government, election to 4 hill municipalities could be held after a stalemate of 2¹/₂ years.
- Election to the 6 municipalities will be held in June, 2012.

Payment Of Salary Through ECS

- To cope up with the instruction of the State Government, the monthly salary of all the employees under this department and of all the urban local bodies through **banking system by way of ECS** has already been made effective from October, 2011. This facility is also being extended to thousands of beneficiaries under various social pension schemes under National Social Assistance Programme so that they do not have to wait long for receiving their pensions from the ULBs.

North Bengal Development



After the new government came into power, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, on the very first day of assuming office, announced the creation of a new Department for the overall development of the six districts of North Bengal. The North Bengal Development Department was notified on 8th July, 2011.

For the development of North Bengal, Rs. 200 crore had been allocated in the budget for 2011-2012 and accordingly a scheme bank has been prepared in consultation with the MLAs of North Bengal and Members of Uttarbanga Unnayan Parishad.

Activities & Achievements during 2011-2012

1. **Branch Secretariat** of North Bengal Development Department has **started functioning** at Vivekananda Bhawan, Hill Cart Road, Siliguri after its inauguration by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. **23 posts of officers and staff** have so far been sanctioned for the Department **apart from 19 senior engineering officers, 24 Sub-Assistant Engineers and 3 Data Entry Operators.**
3. **Construction of the CM's Secretariat** in North Bengal has already been conceptualized and land for the same has been identified and **foundation stone has been laid** by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
4. Conceptualization of the Jalpaiguri Sports Complex has been initiated.
5. Number of ongoing schemes as on 31-5-2011 was 361. It has come down to 159 due to close monitoring and meetings with the District Magistrates of North Bengal.
6. The **total allocation of fund upto May 2011 under Uttarbanga Unnayan Parishad (UUP) in 10 years was Rs. 380 crore.** (since its formation in 2000-2001). On the contrary, Rs. 200 crore has been allocated in a single financial year, i.e. 2011-12 after the new Government came into power.
7. **PWD** has been asked to prepare estimates and requested to **execute 27 schemes** approved by the Finance Department and Rs. 45.54 crore has been sanctioned for this purpose and has been allotted to the PWD.
8. **A scheme bank containing 84 schemes** has been prepared with the help of Members of UUP and approved by it. A sum of Rs. 54 crore has been sanctioned by the Finance Department to the UUP. Out of this sanctioned amount, **some schemes have already been taken up for execution.**
9. In observance of the death anniversary of Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore, a **cultural programme** was held at **Rabindra Bhawan, Mungpoo at Darjeeling** on 8 August 2011. Renovation/repair of the Rabindra Bhawan at Mungpoo was done at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 lakh.
10. **Existing bottlenecks for construction of Adabari Ghat Bridge** have been cleared. This bridge will considerably shorten the distance between Sitai and Dinhata in Cooch Behar. Total estimated cost is Rs. 102 crore out of which Rs. 60 crore will be contributed by PWD and the rest will be provided by North Bengal Development Department.
11. Rs. 4.77 crore has been sanctioned for the completion of setting up of **Circuit Bench of Kolkata High Court at Jalpaiguri.**
12. An amount of Rs. 10 crore (approximately) was allocated to Tourism Department for **promotion and renovation of tourist spots like Murti and Jaldapara** in Jalpaiguri district and renovation of tourist lodges in **Kalimpong**, development of

- gateway of Siliguri (Mainak Tourist Lodge), Eco-Park at **Takdah**, Darjeeling.
13. Rs.10 crore has been sanctioned for the purchase of medical equipments, machines etc through West Bengal Medical Services Corpn. Ltd. Health Department for the 5(five) district hospitals in North Bengal.
 14. A sum of Rs. 125.51 lakh has been sanctioned for **renovation of Dinabandhu Mancha at Siliguri.**
 15. **Dry food, garments and medicines distributed to the labourers of closed Dheklapara Tea Garden.** Also, electrification and water supply project have been completed in the area.
 16. The **problem of wage revision** for tea garden workers resolved at the initiative of North Bengal Development Department in coordination with Labour Department.
 17. **Roads From Raiganj To Barsoi-** Construction of road from Raiganj in Uttar Dinajpur to Barsoi will start soon. This road will facilitate the local businessmen and passengers to avail train services from Barsoi Jn. in Bihar. The Government of Bihar also gave consent to construct the rest of the road from Bengal border to Barsoi Jn.
 18. **Heritage Road In Cooch Behar-** Construction of a heritage road from Khapaidanga to Bochamari in Cooch Behar has been approved by the Finance Department. The work of this road will start soon.
 19. **Natya Utkarsha Kendra-** A proposal to set up a Natya Utkarsha Kendra at Balurghat has been sanctioned and fund has been allocated for this purpose.
 20. **Bhutni Bridge-** A bridge over River Fulhar connecting Bhutni with Manikchak has been approved. Construction of the bridge will start soon.
 21. **Central Bus Stand, Malda-** The unfinished work of Central Bus Stand, Malda at an estimated cost of Rs. 6.2 crore has been **taken up for completion.**
 22. **Alipurduar Indoor Stadium-** The incomplete work of Alipurduar Stadium in Jalpaiguri district has been taken up for **early completion.**
 23. **Market Complex At Gangarampur-** Construction of a market complex at Gangarampur in Dakshin Dinajpur district **has been taken up.**
 24. **Agricultural College At Majhian-** Process is on to set up an **agricultural college at Majhian in Dakshin Dinajpur.** Fund has been allotted for the improvement of existing building to run the college.
 25. **D.G.H.C.-** For **widening and strengthening of different roads** under Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council (DGHC), an amount of **Rs. 20 crore has been provided to D.G.H.C.** For the improvement of Darjeeling District Hospital and drainage system of the adjoining area, Rs. 75 lakh has been sanctioned.
 26. **R.I.D.F.-** Development & Planning Department of the Government of West Bengal was entrusted with the task of execution of different schemes under R.I.D.F. for North Bengal Development Department for the year 2011-12. The budget allocation was Rs. 30 crore out of which schemes worth Rs. 18 crore have been sanctioned by NABARD for the year 2011-12.
 27. In pursuit of talent hunt from amongst Adivasis of Terai and Dooars, **"Birsha Munda Adivasi Football Tournament"** was held on 14th November 2011 at Metelli in Jalpaiguri and Gazole in Malda. 54 blocks and 18 sub-divisions participated. Shri Baichung Bhutia distributed the prizes.
 28. **Uttarbanga Utsav 2012** was inaugurated in all the six districts of North Bengal on **10 February 2012** by Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal. The festival was **celebrated at 17 different places in North Bengal.** The festival was held from 10 February to 16 February keeping Siliguri Sub-Division and Jalpaiguri as focus areas of the festival. Besides 2269 local artistes, as many as 2619 eminent artistes from Kolkata participated in the Utsav. While some reputed artistes from Bangladesh also participated in the festival, a lot of folk artistes from other North-eastern States of India took part in the festival with active support of Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Kolkata under Ministry of Culture. In the sit-and-draw competition, 4872 children participated which is considered to be one of such largest programmes so far held in India. As many as 1050 track suites were given to 70 clubs of North Bengal in addition to Rs. 50,000/- to each of the 70 clubs for infrastructure

development. Moreover, 15 eminent personalities in different fields, as under, were awarded 'Banga Sanman' with Rs. 1 lakh each and a citation.

Sl. No.	Name of the Awardee
1.	Shri Joy Goswami
2.	Smt. Sandhya Roy
3.	Shri Shirsendu Mukhopadhyay
4.	Shri Sanjeev Chattopadhyay
5.	Bibhas Chakraborty
6.	Shri Nachiketa Chakraborty
7.	Shri Chranjeet Chakraborty
8.	Anjan Dutta
9.	Shri Baichung Bhutia
10.	Shri Ranjit Mullick
11.	Ustad Rashid Khan
12.	Shri Harisankar Roy
13.	Harimadhab Mukhopadhyay
14.	Dr. Indra Bahadur Rai
15.	Dr. Ashrukumar Sikdar

An enthralling 8.69 lakh audience of six districts with satellite audience of 2.5 crore viewed and enjoyed this captivating programme.

29. 30 computers for 4949 students of Mahabir Hindi High School at Birpara, a tribal belt in Jalpaiguri, has

been approved and a sum of Rs. 9 lakh has been sanctioned for this purpose.

30. Rs. 50,000/- for seriously injured and Rs. 25,000/- for minor injured have been sanctioned to 38 persons and 17 persons respectively being earthquake victims. The Department also took initiative to arrange for sending of the dead bodies to Kolkata. Apart from that, the victims of Bijanbari Bridge collapse incident and a bus accident were provided free medical assistance in Siliguri and Kolkata.
31. At the initiative of North Bengal Development Department, the victims of hail-storm that hit Chopra were given 1000 saris, 1500 tarpaulins, chirah, gur and also Rs. 10,000/- each to two families affected most.
32. Departmental website has already been launched.

Upcoming Projects

- To set up a Field Unit of National Institute for Cholera & Enteric Diseases (NICED), a site has been selected with the help of the Health Department.
- The construction of a fly-over at Alipurduar on cost sharing basis between the Railways and the North Bengal Development Department is to start shortly.
- St. Xavier's College at Raiganj in Jalpaiguri is to be made a Centre of Excellence.

Personnel and Administrative Reforms



INTRODUCTION :-

The Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department acts as the Cadre controlling authority of IAS, WBCS (Executive), West Bengal Secretariat Service and Assistants & Typists in the West Bengal Secretariat. The department deals with various matters relating to its attached offices of (i) the Administrative Training Institute (ii) the Resident Commissioner, West Bengal at New Delhi (iii) the Vigilance Commission (iv) the West Bengal Information Commission and (v) the Lokayukta, West Bengal. It has also been designated as the Nodal Department for implementation of two important Acts, viz. 'The Right to Information Act, 2005' which is a Central Act and 'The West Bengal Lokayukta Act, 2003'.

Major Policy decision/reforms made by the P&A.R. Department since June' 2011

- a) Maximum age for recruitment of Govt. employments has been raised from 37 years to 40 years in case of General Categories, from 40 years to 43 years in case of OBC Categories and from 42 years to 45 years in case of SC, ST Categories.
- b) 'The West Bengal Staff Selection Commission Act, 2011' (West Bengal Act XVII of 2011) has been enacted for constitution of Staff Selection Commission in the State, which would be responsible for recruitment of Gr. 'B' & Gr. 'C' category of Govt. Staff. The office accommodation of the commission has also been identified will be at Mayukh Bhaban, Salt Lake & it would start functioning from 1st week of May' 2012.
- c) With a view to strengthening the State Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Machinery, the State Government has reconstituted the existing Vigilance Commission into a 3-member State Vigilance Commission based on the recommendations of 2nd Central Administrative Reforms Commission. The State Vigilance Commission would now be responsible for implementation of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 apart from being an apex advisory body in charge of matters relating to Anti-Corruption.
- d) Separate DDO functioning has been introduced in 11 (eleven) Departments including P & AR Department with effect from 1st December 2011. All remaining Departments would be covered by June.
- e) A new AIS pension cell has been created in Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department which would handle Pension Cases of all the AIS Officers in place of AG, West Bengal. The pension is being directly debited to Government of India account, thereby reducing the burden on State Exchequer.
- f) In view of acute shortage of IAS Officers in the Cadre the State Government had sent a proposal for midterm Cadre Review. Govt. of India has approved the proposal of the State Government and the total authorized strength of IAS has gone up to 359 from existing 314.
- g) The induction training of the WBCS (Exe.) Officers have been restructured on the lines of IAS officers. The seniority of the Officers in service would henceforth be decided based on the total marks obtained in PSC Examination and the marks obtained during induction training. This is being implemented by Administrative Training Institute (ATI).
- h) The West Bengal Civil Service (Exe) Recruitment Rules' 1978 have been amended in order to streamline the promotion process to WBCS (Exe) feeder posts.
- i) The WBCS (Exe) cadre is being restructured to make the job content more meaningful and excluding the jobs which can be performed by functional cadres.
- j) Introduction of e-office and e-governance in this Department on pilot basis has been given utmost priority. A programme has been taken for introduction of online gradation list and electronic data bank for the Secretariat Common Cadre.
- k) NIC has been assigned the task of creation of a new Website of the department and also for computerization of Pension Cell and Service Records.
- l) Child Care leave up to two years has been introduced for women employees.

meat production) was started.

- ii) Modernization of Black Bengal Goat (a threatened breed) Breeding Station at Kotulpur, Bankura was taken up.

2. **Mother Dairy Calcutta (MDC):** In addition to collection of fresh milk from village level dairy cooperative societies (through district level cooperative milk union under West Bengal Milk Producers Federation Ltd.), Mother Dairy is now also collecting raw milk from Hooghly, Burdwan, Purba Medinipur, Pashim Medinipur from self help group engaged in dairy activities in Non-MPCS areas. This has resulted in increase of collection capacity of Mother Dairy from 80,000 litres to 2 lakh litres per day.

MDC has launched several new varieties of milk under the brand name 'Maa-Shakti' Cow Milk, Toned Milk, Cholesterol Free Milk and Full Cream Milk. MDC has also launched several new milk products - Flavoured Yoghurt, Mishti doi, Paneer, Ghee, Whey drinks as well as packaged drinking water. As a consequence to all these activities, Mother Dairy has been able to make a successful turn around from losses to an operating profit of Rs.35 lakhs from March-2012.

3. **Strengthening of HIMUL:** With a view to strengthen HIMUL, Rs. 4.96 crores was released for payment of arrear bills of raw milk procured from primary milk producers' societies under HIMUL as well as for some statutory dues. In addition, about Rs.6 crore National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) loan to HIMUL was liquidated.

4. **Bishes Go-Sampad Bikash Abhijan** (a special campaign for breed improvement of cattle for augmenting milk production) was operating in 5 Blocks till 2010-11. Its coverage has been extended to total 62 Blocks covering all the districts.

5. **Heifer rearing:** With a view to reduce mortality of calves, greater focus was given during 2011-12 to Heifer rearing component under the scheme Bishes Go-sampad Bikash Abhijan. This component provides health coverage, nutrition support and compulsory insurance to all heifers born through artificial insemination.

6. **Infrastructure development works:** A number of infrastructure development works were either started or completed during the year 2011-12. Some of them are as follows:

- (i) Construction of two storied BLDO cum BAHC Office Building at 19 Blocks.
- (ii) Construction of new Veterinary Poly Clinics at Coochbehar, Siliguri and Burdwan.
- (iii) Construction of 50 bedded farmers' hostel "KISHAN BHAWAN" at WBUAFS Campus, Belgachia.
- (iv) Expansion of 4000 Lakh Per Day (LPD) Milk Processing Unit at Kusumgram, Burdwan.
- (v) Installation of 5000 LPD Bulk Milk Cooler (BMC) each at Gopiballavpur, Sabang and Talibhata in Medinipur.
- (vi) Bulk Milk Cooler of 4000 LPD each at Duck Bungalow and Gopalnagar in North 24 Parganas.
- (vii) BMC installation at Amta, Howrah; Tehatta, Nadia and Deuli, Purulia.
- (viii) Expansion and renovation of Feeder Dairy, Berhampur, Murshidabad.
- (ix) Annual capacity of Salboni Feed Plant has been raised from 11,800 MT to 17,700 MT.
- (x) Two grain "Silos" of 500 MT capacities each were built at Kalyani Feed Milling Plant.



ATTACHED OFFICES OF P&A.R. DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING INSTITUTE

- (1) In the Disaster Management Wing of the ATI, 3 (three) more class rooms and one computer laboratory have been constructed.
- (2) The Administrative Training Institute (ATI) has started training programme for Secretariat staff in a newly designed module.
- (3) A new hostel in the ATI is being constructed to augment the hostel accommodation by another 100 seats. Training of Engineers recruited by different departments at their induction level in the ATI has also been started.

PRINCIPAL RESIDENT COMMISSIONER (RC) AT NEW DELHI, W.B.

- (1) It has been decided to restructure of RC office in a way to ensure that RC has administrative control over all the staff of different departments of the State Govt. at New Delhi. All the posts of different departments (excluding Technical posts) are being brought under the control of RC, who would also be delegated the power of the Secretary to the State Government. One more Deputy RC, one liaison officer and 3 protocol and IT manager posts have been created.
- (2) With a view to project Banga Bhavan as the face of Bengal at New Delhi as well as to provide better services to the public of West Bengal, its control has been transferred to the Resident Commissioner, New Delhi.
- (3) The Office of the RCWB has introduced a web portal for integrating all the State Government Offices in Delhi and online tracking of files/references pending with the Central Government. Daily updating of Room and Vehicle Allotment for visiting officials on the web portal has also been started along with an SMS alert facility for reconfirming the arrangements.
- (4) The Office of the RCWB has started online reservation facility for tourists aspiring to visit various destinations in West Bengal. A media centre has been constructed at Banga Bhavan to allow healthy exchange of information. A new web page "Media Reflections" has been created to collate all the news items pertaining to West Bengal in the print media, along with facility of posting a comment, if any.

- (5) A Toll Free Disaster Management service on number 1800-11-3330 has been started in the Resident Commissioner's Office to help the tourists stranded in various places outside the State.
- (6) The entire Office of the RCWB is being converted into a highly integrated web-enabled system.

WEST BENGAL INFORMATION COMMISSION (WBIC)

- (1) Government has decided to strengthen the WBIC by appointment of another Information Commissioner. This would help in clearing the backlog of appeal cases, which were pending in the Commission.
- (2) The West Bengal Information Commission (WBIC), has organized Seminars / Workshops in all 18 (eighteen) districts of West Bengal to educate the public servants on the provisions of the RTI Act.
- (3) In order to generate awareness on the RTI Act among the public, the WBIC has published the RTI Act along with the rules and leaflets containing guidelines on the provisions of the RTI Act in vernacular language as well as in English for easy understanding by the citizens and for its wide circulation among the public.
- (4) In order to facilitate on-line registration of the appeals and complaints by the citizens, the West Bengal Information Commission (WBIC) has installed software named 'Electronic Office Management System (EOMS)'.

NEW INITIATIVES :

- (1) Various Corporation / Commission such as Information Commission, West Bengal Human Rights Commission, Vigilance Commission, Lokayukta, and Minority Development & Welfare Directorate are mainly manned on the deputation basis so far by this Department. En-cadrement of all such ex-cadre / deputation post is under process.
- (2) In order to overcome the dearth of adequate office space, the WBIC has planned to construct its own building "State Information Commission Bhavan".
- (3) The cadre Restructuring of West Bengal Secretariat Service is proposed to be taken up to streamline the promotion prospects of WBSS officers.

Panchayat & Rural Development Department



Panchayats & Rural Development Department:
Increasingly reaching out to the people in the one year of the new dispensation

1. Introduction

Panchayats & Rural Development Department implements major Rural Development Programmes of the Government and the Department has made major strides in implementation of all the major schemes and programmes and has been able to achieve new milestones.

2. Major policy reforms

In a major move, the West Bengal Panchayat Act 1973 has been amended to incorporate the provisions for reservation of seats for Other Backward Classes along with the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Reservation women in Panchayat have also been enhanced from the existing 33.33% to as close to 50% of seats in all the categories.

3. MGNREGA:

Work under MGNREGA has gained significant momentum and almost all the parameters relating to number of days of employment generated per family and amount of expenditure incurred have **started showing improvement.**

The fourth quarter of 2011-12 saw a huge expenditure of Rs. 1688.71 Cr, creating over 33 days of employment per family under MGNREGA.

To enhance participation of job-card holders in MGNREGS, the **Schedule of Rates (SoR)** have been revised in January, 2012 and reduced from 89 cft of earth work to 69 cft of earth work in regular soil condition.

4. Developing Rural Infrastructure - Rural connectivity through Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and infrastructure building through RIDF

In PMGSY, we built 1154 K.M of metal road connecting 243 habitations for which Rs.417 crores was incurred as expenditure. However, the major initiative under PMGSY was taken during the last quarters of the financial year when Detailed Project Reports (DPR) covering a total length of nearly 874 K.M with the projected cost of Rs.407.45 crores were sent to the Government of India. Under RIDF rural infrastructures are constructed with NABARD loans ranging from 80-90 percent of the total project cost. In 2011-12 the State could utilise Rs. 15,937.44 lakhs which is higher than the financial performance in previous years.

5. Providing shelter to the rural houseless families under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)

In Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) there was slow but steady increase in performance figures over the previous two years. An amount of Rs. 925.76 crore could be utilized out of an available fund of Rs.1141.52 crores. 195770 houses were constructed which too is substantially higher than the previous years.

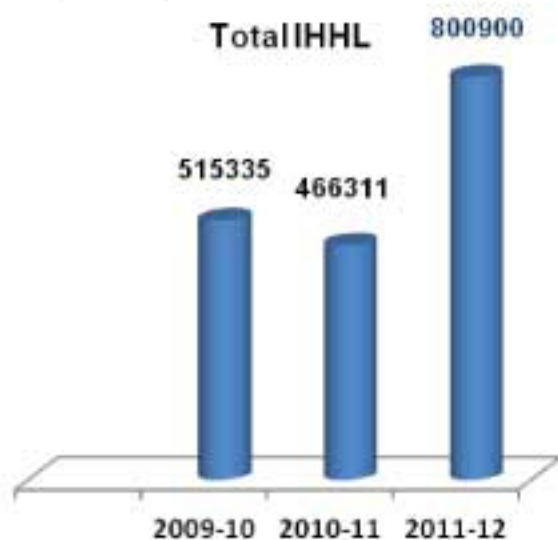
6. Empowering rural poor, especially women through Self-Help Groups (SGSY)

2011-12 marked the end of SGSY in its present form and initiated a restructured mission-mode programme in the form of National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). The State Mission named "Anandadhara" has already been constituted and is

expected to start functioning shortly. There was improvement in disbursement of cash credit to the SHGs and formation of SHG Clusters at the Block level improved substantially. Through participation in thirteen State, National and International Fairs and other promotional activities we could provide marketing support to the SHGs to the tune of Rs.50.32 crores.

7. Total Sanitation Campaign: Improving personal hygiene and healthcare practices

In 2011-12, the State could construct 8,00,900 IHHL, as compared to 4,66,311 in 2010-11 and 5,15,335 in 2009-10 financial years. In School Sanitation category, the State could construct toilet blocks in 16,898 Schools across the State which is higher to the achievement figures in 2010-11 (12,060). In providing sanitation facilities in the ICDS centres, performance witnessed steady increase and we could construct 9148 ICDS toilets as compared to 6180 in the previous year.



8. Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF): Focused development initiative for the 'backward districts'

BRGF is being implemented in eleven districts of West Bengal. In 2011-12, the Department took up 43,142 schemes in eleven BRGF districts for which a total amount of Rs. 27,844 lakh was released to the districts. Fund utilization status has improved over the years and at the end of the financial year, the district could utilize a total amount of Rs. 22,688.71 lakh which is 81.37 % of the released amount.

9. Finance Commission Grants for the three-tier Panchayats:

Untied assistance to the Panchayat Bodies 2011-12 witnessed substantial increase in Finance Commission Grants to the 3-tier Panchayats in the State over the previous years. In 13th FC, the hike was from Rs. 19,293 lakh in 2010-11 to Rs. 62,361 lakh in 2011-12. Grant released to the Districts on the basis of the awards of the 3rd State Finance Commission too witnessed substantial increase from Rs. 30,180 lakhs in 2010-11 to Rs. 55,126.99 lakh in 2011-12.

10. Application of e-Governance for better transparency and effectiveness of PRIs:

Computerization of accounts of PRI: All ZP, 333 PS out of 341 and 3179 Gram Panchayats out of 3351 GPs are computerized. Zilla Parishads are issuing and processing tender in an online format for values of more than Rs. 5 lakhs since 01.01.2012. Pensions are being disbursed to beneficiaries' bank account directly using IT applications. Four districts have identified where pensions will be disbursed through Business Correspondent mode by the banks. e-Panchayat applications have been adopted and 600 GPs have already developed their portals under the National Panchayat Portal.

11. SAHAY

Under the SAHAY Programme one cooked meal per day is being provided through the SAHAY BANDHU SHGs for identified destitute families of rural West Bengal. Besides cooked food non-food support including clothing, medicines, cooking utensils etc. are also provided from out of BRGF and own source revenue of the PRIs. From 1st October, 2011 the rate of state Government support to the Gram Panchayats per destitute person fed under SAHAY has been enhanced to Rs. 20.00 per destitute person per day.

12. Alternative avenues for ensuring the Right to Education (RTE): SSK and MSK

Under SSK and MSK, the Department, apart from providing regular support for payment of honorarium to the Sahayikas and Samprasarakas, provided support for construction of New School Buildings for both the SSKs and the MSKs. In 2011-12, Rs.6998.73 lakh for construction of 1035 new SSK buildings was released to the districts. Similarly, for construction of 64 MSKs, an amount of Rs. 828.75 lakh was utilized. In SSK, 6390 Additional

Class Rooms (ACR) was constructed with an expenditure of Rs.22871.11 Lakh.

13. Community Health in Community Hand-Community Health Care Management Initiative (CHCMI)

In CHCMI, there was substantial increase in AYUSH dispensaries in the uncovered Gram Panchayats. Formation of the Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee too received a boost under the new Government.

14. NSAP, PROFLAL and Aam Admi Bima Yojana

National Social assistance programme (NSAP) is a combination of Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme, Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) and the National family Benefit Scheme (NFBS). In 2011-12, the Department could provide assistance to 1515705 BPL old age pensioners with an expenditure of Rs. 47285.13 lakhs under IGNOAPS. 287508 widows could be provided pension against an expenditure of Rs. 13392.32 lakhs under IGWPS and 29192 disabled persons were given pension with an expenditure of Rs. 684.11 lakhs under IGNDPS. One-time financial assistance under NFBS could be provided to 20613 BPL families against an expenditure of Rs. 2061.29 lakhs. Under PROFLAL, 4478 SSY beneficiaries were assisted and 19,115 PROFLAL claims were settled. Total expenditure incurred under PROFLAL was to the tune of Rs. 957.61 lakhs. Under AABY, the State paid premium to the tune of Rs. 288.01 lakhs and 29 AABY claims were settled during the financial year.

15. Capacity building of elected Panchayat functionaries and the official of the Panchayats & Rural Development:

During 2011-12, 47,921 elected panchayat members and 87,242 officials were provided training on different issues connected with Panchayat functioning and implementation of rural development programmes.

16. Major Initiatives in 2012-13:

1. To give effect to the newly amended provision of reservation for the OBC category and women before the Panchayat General Election 2013 the West Bengal Panchayat Election Rules, 2006 and the West Bengal Panchayat (Constitution) Rules, 1975 are under processed of amendment.

2. The department has taken a giant initiative to conduct a State-wide survey to obtain information on people belonging to OBC category in every Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samity and Zilla/Mahakuma Parishad of the State under a very tight time schedule so as to make it possible to effect reservation for these categories during the Panchayat Generation Election, 2013.
3. Within the first year of assuming charges, the Government could conceptualize and put in the idea of an ICT and Biometry-based end-to-end solution in implementing MGNREGS in the State. The solution has been visualized in such a way that all critical events in implementation the Act (MGNREGA) and the Scheme (MGNREGS) from registration of Job Card holders through taking attendance in the field, taking measurement of work, geo-referring of the worksite, preparing e-muster rolls, issuing advice to banks and finally to paying the labourers could be made by using this computer-based system. Once implemented, the software would make it possible to pay the workers on a by-weekly basis. The provision of appointing Business Correspondents by the Banks has also been included in the scope of the system.
4. To provide improved marketing support to the SHG members, the Department has already initiated steps for setting up of Special Marketing Hubs at Block, District and State levels.
5. The Department has prepared an ambitious plan to convert all the Gram Panchayats of the State into 'Nirmal Gram' within the five year period of the 12th Five Year Plan. A detailed Plan of Action (POA) has been prepared and shared with the Government of India.
6. Socio-economic survey and census work has started in most of the districts and enumeration work is expected to be completed soon.
7. World Bank aided project on institutional strengthening of Gram Panchayats has started and more than one thousand Gram Panchayats have been assisted so far.

Parliamentary Affairs



Youth Parliament Competition & Quiz Contest for Schools & Colleges is the flagship programme of Parliamentary Affairs Department.

The ongoing Youth Parliament Competition & Quiz Contest Scheme at School & College level as well as other statewide programmes that the Deptt. of Parliamentary Affairs has been organising are a collective steady step towards creation of a transparent and healthy parliamentary culture based on ethical and moral values essential for mutual sharing of democratic ideals and understanding among our young school and college-going children. Conduct of Youth Parliament has been proved to be essential for creating awareness of a spirit of vibrant parliamentary democracy among the citizens of the state, particularly the youngsters, and the budding generation next of our state. It indeed happens to be a vital part of Human Resource Development Programme.

Youth Parliament Competition & Quiz Contest for schools & colleges-

Year	No. of Schools participated	No. of colleges participated
2009-2010	2410	401
2010-2011	2410	401
2011-2012	2410	412

No. of Bills passed by West Bengal Legislative Assembly during the last year is 29.

1. After formation of the fifteenth Legislative Assembly a number of important bills have been passed by W.B.L.A. Some of them are mentioned below:
 - I. The Singur Land Rehabilitation & Development Bill, 2011;
 - II. The Gorkhaland Territorial Administration Bill, 2011;
 - III. The West Bengal Staff Selection Commission Bill, 2011;
 - IV. The West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2011;
 - V. The West Bengal Tax on Entry of Goods into Local Areas Bill, 2012.
2. Further, In order to propagate the patriotic feelings and create democratic mindset among our school and college-going youngsters, it has been decided that Essay Writing Competitions will be held from the current year in Bengali/English/Hindi/Urdu languages. For this year (2012), so far 170 essays at school level and 36 at college level have been received.

Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs



In the year 2011-2012, the budget allocation was increased about 3 times as Rs.180.63 crore. On getting enhanced budget allocation for the year 2011-12 in July, 2012, frequent meetings were held in different districts with the District Magistrates, Sub-Divisional Officers, Block Development Officers, Officers of Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad, Bankura and heads of other line departments working in the district when proposals were sought for to submit suitable schemes duly vetted by the appropriate authority. In this way many schemes were received which were processed for sanction and release of funds for execution by the various departments like P.W.D., Irrigation, Forest, Agriculture, Health, P.H. Engineering etc. In the previous years, this Department sanctioned most of the schemes of small nature which were executed by the B.D.Os. In the year 2011-12, this department sanctioned and released considerable amount of funds to the respective department for execution of various schemes of major nature.

The above measures so taken gave better results for effective release of about Rs. 134.55 crores in the last effective 8 (eight) months of the financial year 2011-2012. All implementing agencies have been instructed properly to complete the schemes as early as possible and to submit utilization certificate early to us. Most of the schemes have made substantial progress.

Some schemes worth mentioning are :

1. Construction of buildings and others civil works for upgradation of Raipur Rural Hospital in Raipur Block

of Bankura at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.84 Cr.

2. Lac Cultivation in Block Baghmundh, Jhalda-1, Bandwan and Manbazar in the district of Purulia at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.00 Cr.
3. Construction of RCC Bridge at Jharukhamar over Purulia-Barakar Road at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.53 Cr.
4. 3 numbers of Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRC) at Bari, Bandwan and Sirkabad of Block Primary Health Centre (BPHC) have already made functioning in the district of Purulia at an estimated cost of Rs. 47.79 lakh. In Bankura and Paschim Midnapore and Purulia more NRCs are under construction
5. Drinking water schemes in 11 L.W.E. Blocks at Paschim Midnapore. Out of 550 numbers of tubewell, 105 have already been completed, 50 numbers have already been sunk and rest number of 145 tubewell will be completed by 1st week of May, 2012. Tender for balance 250 number of tubewell will be completed within 1st week of May, 2012. Total estimated cost Rs. 4.67 Cr.
6. Funds have been provided for construction of building and staff quarter to Referral Eye Hospital at Para which is a joint collaboration with Health Department. The projected cost is about Rs. 3.00 Cr.
7. Fluoride Removal Plant for drinking water have been sanctioned in 66 schools and 18 inhabitants in Purulia District at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.58 Cr.



Lac Cultivation

Block - Baghmundi, Jhalda-1,
Bandwan & Manazar, Dist.-Purulia
Projected Cost : Rs. 1,00,00,000/-



Sinking of Tubewell

Block - Balarampur, District-Purulia
Projected cost Rs. 1,00,000/-

Position of sector wise fund received

Sector	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Road, Bridge, Culverts	3,91,55,000.00	2,39,42,000.00	51,17,78,988.00
Education including ICDS	4,83,06,000.00	3,66,38,000.00	29,95,56,095.00
Income Generation schemes	65,70,000.00	1,17,95,000.00	14,28,77,687.00
Health, Sanitation and supply of drinking water	1,42,16,000.00	5,42,99,000.00	26,77,86,796.00
Agriculture including Horticulture	73,40,000.00	24,23,000.00	3,13,30,250.00
Irrigation including excavation of ponds etc.	38,81,48,000.00	15,67,58,000.00	9,26,79,103.00
Total	50,37,65,000.00	28,58,55,000.00	134,60,08,919.00

Power & Non-conventional Energy Sources Department



The major roles of the Department of Power & Non-conventional Energy Sources are:

- To evolve general policies and programmes as well as perspective planning on development of electricity in the state and ensure implementation of the same through various power utilities in public and private sectors.
- To exercise control over the generation, distribution and utilisation of electricity in the state for the general well-being of the people.
- Overseeing and providing requisite inputs towards acceleration of the implementation of power projects and processing investment decisions and loan agreements therefor.
- Matters pertaining to Rural Electrification Programme and Rural Electric Cooperative Societies.
- Matters relating to Energy Management, Energy Audit, Conservation of Energy, Pilferage/loss of energy, Pollution Control measures, Renovation & Modernisation of power plants.
- Promotion and commercial exploitation of non-conventional sources of energy.

For the first time, the state has experienced round the clock power surplus situation on sustained basis in the summer this year.

Plan outlay of the Department has been hiked by over 94%, from Rs.520.60 Crores in 2011-12 to Rs. 1010.50 Crores in 2012-13.

Some significant achievements of different state-owned utilities under the Department, viz. WBPDC, WBSEDCL, WBSETCL, DPL, WBGEDCL and WBREDA are:

- Construction of a new 250 MW (No.6) power plant of Santaldih Thermal Power Station completed on a war footing. Started commercial operation from 30th September, 2011.
- Order placed for renovation of 210 MW (Unit

No.5) of Bandel Thermal Power Station (World Bank aided).

- Two more units (1000 MW) are coming up at Sagardighi and one more unit (250 MW) is coming up at DPL.
- WBPDC achieved highest-ever generation (peak) of 3759 MW on 4th March, 2012.
- WBSETCL has completed Muriganga River Crossing Line and has extended grid power to Sagar Island from the mainland from 19th October, 2011.
- Grid power has been extended to Gosaba Island in the Sunderbans (commissioned on 16th April, 2012).
- Comprehensive Rural Electrification Programme, "Sabar Ghare Alo", has been sanctioned in 11 (eleven) backward districts under Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF).
- First-ever policy on Cogeneration and Generation of Electricity from Renewable Energy Sources has been drawn up and will be formally released soon.
- Number of WBSEDCL consumers crossed the 1 Crore milestone.
- More than 14 lakh new connections were given during 2011-12 including BPL families by WBSEDCL.
- State-of-the-art Data Centre and Disaster Recovery Centre of WBSEDCL, the first of its kind in India, made operational.
- Pace of rural electrification work speeded up significantly.
- Capacity of grid connected Solar Power generation station of WBGEDCL at Jamuria enhanced from 1 MW to 2 MW.
- Record power generation in excess of demand conserved through Power Banking process.
- Public grievance disposal system in the Department has been modernized to reduce response time.

Salient comparative performance in respect of select parameters is shown here:

Sl. No.	Parameters	As on 31st March-2010	As on 31st March-2011	As on 31st March-2012
1	No. of new consumer added (WBSEDCL) (in lakhs)	3.28	8.79	16.35
2	No. of Mouzas intensified (WBSEDCL) (Cumulative)	0	7854	11302
3	New Measures taken for improvement of voltages in transmission Sub-Stations (WBSETCL)	1	2	17
4	Total Generation in MU (WBPDCCL) (Cumulative)	20887.13	22400.47	23806.79
5	Hydro Power generated by WBSEDCL (In MU) (Cumulative)	264.60	356.40	427.60
6	No. of new 33 KV Sub-Stations added (for RE extension work)	17	9	14
7	Transformation capacity added in 33 KV Sub-Stations (voltage improvement measure)	275 MVA	240 MVA	674 MVA
8	Solar Home Lighting Programme (families) (Cumulative)	0	2100	3800
9	Solar Water Heating Programme (Litres per day) (Cumulative)	5000	5000	6500
10	Solar Lantern Programme (families) (Cumulative)	0	500	1800
11	Solar Cooker Programme (Cumulative)	0	0	1035
12	Battery Operated Vehicle Programme (Cumulative)	2000	3000	5,000
13	Biogas Plants (family) (Cumulative)	15,000	15,000	18,000
14	Solar Power Plant (installed capacity) (Cumulative)	0	11 kWp	1 MW
15	Remote Village Electrification Solar (street lights) (Cumulative)	315	335	1000



16	School Electrification- Solar (schools covered) (Cumulative)	0	6	108
17	Rice-husk based bio gassifier (Cumulative)	5340 kW	6380 kW	6850 kW

SALES TURN OVER

	WBPDC (Rs. in crores)	5142.91	5832.12	6098.00
	WBSEDCL (Rs. in crores)	9163.24	10261.75	13672.95 (provisional)
	WBSETCL (Rs. in crores)	729.56	765.54	983 (provisional)

	<u>PROFIT AFTER TAX</u>			
	WBSEDCL (Rs. in crores)	96.47	95.13	134.76 (provisional)
	WBPDC (Rs. in crores)	23.35	77.96	153 (provisional)
	WBSETCL (Rs. in crores)	174.68	174.49	215 (provisional)

N.B.	Abbreviations used above are as follows :			
	WBSEDCL- West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.			
	WBSETCL- West Bengal State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.			
	WBPDC- West Bengal Power Development Corpn. Ltd.			
	WBREDA- West Bengal Renewable Energy Development Agency			
	DPL - Durgapur Projects Limited			
	WBGEDCL - West Bengal Green Energy Development Corporation Ltd.			
	MW - Mega Watt			
	MU - Million Unit			
	MVA- Mega Volt Ampere			



Backward Classes Welfare



BCW Department has been working with an aim of social, educational, economic and cultural development of the SC, ST and other Backward Classes of people of the State. The Department has adopted a few fundamental changes in the delivery system during the last year. Quick disposal, monitoring, and outreach to the poor SC/ST/OBC people have been the essence of administrative changes. Efforts have been made to revamp and upgrade the Human and Other Resources of Cultural Research Institute (CRI). Emphasis is given on capacity building, skill development and vocational training to ensure empowerment of SC/ST beneficiaries & students.

- **Budgetary Expenses:** During the last financial year the Department spent more than 92% of the provisions under the State Budget. This is significantly higher than the performance during the previous two years. In the SC sector, the increase in expenditure is more than 85% of the expenditure of 2010-11. A bar chart showing expenditure incurred by the Department during the last three years is shown below:

Sector	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
SC Sector	284.04	270.86	503.5
ST Sector	257.52	306.51	328.21
OBC Sector	13.81	2.43	5.83
Other Sector	2.91	3.09	3.52
Total	558.28	582.89	841.06

- **Addition to OBC List:** Survey of 47 communities applied for inclusion in the lists of OBC has been completed and report submitted. Out of these, 44 communities belong to minority. The survey aims at determination of relative backwardness of these communities for identifying and placing them into Category-A (More backward) and Category-B (Backward) for the purpose of availing the reservation & other benefits. Currently, 108 communities are enlisted as OBC, 56 of those being identified as OBC – A (More Backward) and 52 communities as OBC – B.
- **Issuance of Caste Certificate:** During the last year, initiatives have been taken due to which issuance of certificates has been faster and hassle-free. Time limit for issuance of caste certificates has been reduced from 8 weeks to 4 weeks. The application form has

been simplified and reduced to 2 pages from 8 pages. Facility of on-line issuance of certificates has been introduced in the seven districts of North 24 Parganas, Hooghly, Murshidabad, Burdwan, Paschim Medinipur, South 24 Parganas and Dakshin Dinajpur. In 2011, 6,00,210 Caste Certificates have been issued during the period from January to December, against 4,82,962 caste certificates issued during 2010. This increase is due to initiatives of the Department and by organising special camps. A graphic report on the improvement in issuance of caste certificates is shown below:

Issuance of Castes Certificates

Year	Total no. of certificates issued
2009	328694
2010	482962
2011	600210

Public Enterprises and Industrial Reconstruction



PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

Prior to 2003 total number of PSEs in West Bengal was 87. During the 1st Phase of Restructuring Programme between 2003-2006 and 2nd Phase between 2008-2011, 22 PSEs have been closed and 4 have been transformed into Joint Ventures. Present number of PSEs is 57, out of which 13 PSEs are functioning under the administrative control of PE Department.

5 PSEs under this department have been restructured during the programme and remained profitable for a number of years. However, after extending 5th Pay Commission benefits all these 5 PSEs have gone into financial crisis and are trying hard to become viable. 3 PSEs viz. National Iron & Steel Co. Ltd, Lily Products Ltd. and Neo Pipes & Tubes Co. Ltd. have had negligible or no production for the last 5 years. In the Blood Bag Division of Electro-Medical & Allied Industries Ltd. also the production has come to a halt since 2009. However the Belghoria Unit of the company is performing more or less well. The remaining 4 PSEs viz. Saraswati Press Ltd., Mackintosh Burn Ltd., W. B. State Warehousing Corporation and Eastern Distilleries & Chemicals Ltd. are performing satisfactorily with a reasonable margin of profit. Of them, Mackintosh Burn Ltd. and Saraswati Press Ltd. are paying dividend to Government.

TOWARDS A PLAN OF ACTION

As far as PE Department is concerned, the following 3 PSEs have little or no production activity for last few years and the State Government is granting Non-Plan assistance to them for payment of salary of the employees:-

- a. National Iron & Steel Co. Ltd. (121 acres of land, land owned by the company, 130 employees, Rs. 240.00 Lakhs per annum paid from state budget as salary of employees).
- b. Neo Pipes & Tubes Co. Ltd. (7.10 acres of land, land owned by the company, 105 employees, Rs. 168.00 Lakhs per annum paid from state budget as salary of employees).

- c. Lily Products Ltd. (12.5 acres of land divided between Ultadanga and Barasat sites, land is not owned by the company, company has lease-hold right on the land, 85 employees, Rs. 200.00 Lakhs per annum paid from state budget as salary of employees).

The department has started interacting with the management and other stakeholders of these three companies for revival of industrial activity and / or utilization of industrial resources.

In addition to this, this department is also contemplating inter-PSE collaboration e.g. Westinghouse Saxby Farmer Ltd — Britannia Engineering Ltd. and Electro-Medical & Allied Industries Ltd. — Gluconate Health Ltd. for better utilization of existing infrastructure facilities for mutual benefits of the PSEs.

The financial performance of the PSEs under this department are as follows :

- o Eastern Distilleries & Chemicals Ltd. (EDCL) succeeded to make Rs. 23 lakh more profit in 2011-12.
- o Saraswati Press Ltd (SPL) similarly earned Rs. 163 Lakh more profit in 2011-12.
- o The Shalimar Works Ltd. (SWL) made Rs. 4 lakh more profit in 2011-12
- o W.B. State Warehousing Corporation (WBSWC) was able to keep a profit margin of Rs. 370 Lakh which is Rs. 92 Lakh compare to previous year.
- o Mackintosh Burn Ltd.(MBL) was not able to create more profit than 2010-11.
- o Gluconate Health Ltd. (GHL), Durgapur Chemicals Ltd (DCL), Britannia Engineering Lt. (BEL) and Electro-Medical Allied Industries Ltd. (EMAIL) are continuously running in loss since some years.

This department has no specific plan scheme or central scheme being operated by it. The budget allocation in respect of this department has been provided under the three heads of account viz. Revenue Expenditure, Capital Expenditure and Loan for meeting expenditure towards revival/rehabilitation of closed/sick/weak industrial units on an approved scheme formulated by any of such eligible units with support of its secured creditors and other stake-holders and final approval of the Hon'ble BIFR.

Industrial sickness pertaining to medium/large scale industrial units-comparative analysis of revival through BIFR-route is tabled below(cumulative position):

Status		PRIVATE			CENTRAL SECTOR			PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS
		09-10	10-11	11-12	09-10	10-11	11-12	
A	Revived/ceased to be sick and have come out of BIFR	27	36	43	4	5	6	Progress of revival is higher in 2011 -12
B	BIFR -approved revival packages at various stages of implementation/failed/revised scheme under consideration by BIFR	42	28	29	7	7	8	No. of sanction is higher in 2011 -12
C	Pending	114	123	101	2	1	2	Disposal of the cases by BIFR is higher in 2011-12

It may be noted that no state-sector industrial unit has so far been referred to BIFR as the government itself is exploring all the possibilities for their revival on long-term basis.

The new government led by Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, has taken the oath of office on 20th May 2011. The new government is committed to keep the wheels of all the major and medium scale industrial units running for the protection of employment as well as economic growth of the state.

- Upon coming in power, the new government had observed that the economy of the state was in dire straits and many units were cash strapped. The earlier government had failed to formulate any pragmatic policy in addressing industrial sickness in the state. There was no worthwhile rejuvenation of sick industries by that government.
- The basic thrust of the policy taken by the new government is to play a facilitating role for the revival and rehabilitation of closed and sick industrial units by way of proactive guidance and coordinating the implementation of revival packages with support of certain reliefs and concessions; advising the

rejuvenation of management structures; co-ordinating transfer of excess vacant land of closed and sick industrial units to generate resources for investment in their revival efforts vis-à-vis use of these lands for setting of new projects therein by intending entrepreneurs and guiding improvements in labour-management relations, with a view to ensure the continued productive use of their industrial assets.

- Despite several constraints, all effective steps have been taken by this new government under the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in turning around the state from industrial sickness since the government took over the charge. Some of the progresses achieved during this short period of 10 months toward this objective are:
 - I. A comprehensive survey on sick/closed/weak industrial units in the state is being undertaken and the study-report is expected to be completed early.
 - II. Unblocking of industrial lands held by sick and/or closed industries for the proposed land bank for setting up new industrial units.

- III. It is decided by the new government that no industrial land would be allowed to change its prospective character. Surplus land held by any sick/closed industrial unit could be transferred strictly for industrial use only.
- IV. It is suggested that if an investor wishes to invest in the state he would be requested to explore the possibilities of taking one closed unit of the state along with new proposal.
- V. The industrial policy adopted by the earlier government in 1994 having failed, new policy is going to be taken for addressing industrial sickness.
- VI. Development of industrial clusters in different parts of the State.
- VII. Priority would be given to reopen most of the existing closed industrial units in the state for the sake of employment.
- VIII. Rejuvenation of sick jute mills and tea gardens.
- IX. Approach to Government of India to transfer the idle lands held by sick central sector for setting up new industrial units.
- X. Towards creation of a favourable environment for industrial development which will attract new entrepreneurs in course of time for taking-over closed/sick units having prospective viability, as expected by this government.
- XI. During the period, this department has closely monitored the progress of revival of sick units in private as well as in central sector. Implementation of revival packages has been successfully completed in 6 CPSUs and 43 private units under the provisions of their respective revival packages duly approved by BIFR.
- XII. Being urged by the state government, Govt. of India in its Ministry of Textiles have decided to run two closed jute mills of M/s National Jute Manufacturers Ltd. viz. Kinninson and Khardah.
- XIII. Upon persuasion of this government, Government of India in its Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers has since decided to

- reopen and revive the closed units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corpn. Ltd. located at Durgapur and Haldia in this state.
- XIV. Strategic JV partners comprising three major CPSUs viz. BEML, CIL and DVC have been formally transferred the factory land owned by GoWB for reopening/revival of closed MAMC unit at Durgapur.
- XV. With the support of this department, take-over by Indian Railways has been completed in respect of Braithwaite and Burn Standard, both CPSUs having their major wagon manufacturing units located in this state.
- XVI. Efforts have been taken by GOWB in consultation with GOI so that some other closed CPSUs could be revived with permission of the Hon'ble High Court as well as GOI. GOI/Ministry of Textiles has been requested by this government for setting-up of a textile-hub in the closed jute mills of M/s NJMC at Sankrail, Howrah.
- XVII. Admissible relief/concessions for some deserving/eligible units having fully tied-up revival schemes duly approved by Hon'ble BIFR have already been granted "in principle" clearance by the department in accordance with the latest policy guidelines of the government.
- XVIII. The government is taking proactive steps to reopen Dunlop plant at Sahaganj in consultation with all stakeholders.
- XIX. Despite threat of winding-up by BIFR, this department is trying its best to revive M/s New Central Jute Mills at Budge Budge, in consultation with all of its Trade Unions.
- XX. The new government has explored induction of new investors for reopening/revival of some closed/sick industrial units from their liquidation proceedings initiated at the Hon'ble High Court. A few entrepreneurs have already evinced interest in taking over some of these closed units upon seeking permission of the Hon'ble High Court.
- XXI. The department has also declared the status of 'Relief Undertaking' to 10 ailing industrial units during the period under review.

Public Health Engineering



Main activities of PHE Department are related to Rural and Urban Water Supply Sectors. In the Urban Water Supply Sector, sectoral activities are mostly limited within areas of the State outside Kolkata Metropolitan Area.

The present government has taken some path breaking initiatives towards providing safe drinking water to the rural population.

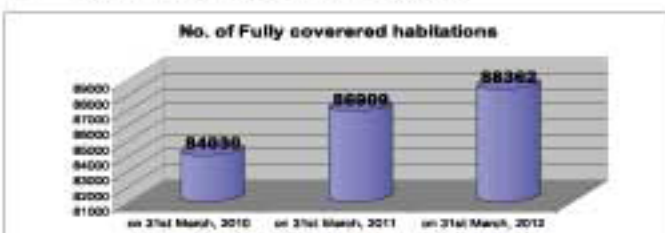
Major Achievements since June, 2011

1. Vision 2020 Plan document was prepared for the first time with an objective to supply potable drinking water through piped water supply to all rural people of West Bengal.
2. For supply of drinking water permanently in 23 LWE affected blocks under Paschim Medinipur, Bankura & Purulia 50 schemes with total project cost of Rs.142 Crores have been sanctioned. All schemes are at an advance stage of implementation.
3. Two water supply schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 144.15 crore, based on River Bhagirathi as source, have been inaugurated in Nadia district. These two schemes will supply arsenic free water to 7.56 lakh people of 164 villages.
4. Four big surface water based water supply schemes drawn under Master Plan, i.e. Murshidabad Central Sector, Ragunathganj, Chakdah and Haringhata are in advanced stage of implantation. Approx. 25.97 lakh people will be benefitted through these schemes.
5. Technical sanction has been given to a solar power based project in Sunderban area which would use reverse osmosis technology to supply saline free drinking water in Kamakhyapur and its adjoining areas.
6. An alternative intake arrangement of water collection has been conceived in the upper side of Teesta Barrage with estimated cost of Rs.303.92 Crore to solve drinking water problem of Siliguri Corporation and its adjoining areas.
7. To solve the acute water supply problem in Darjeeling, an extensive scheme has been made at the cost of Rs. 1031.00 Crores, which will be effective through 20 years. Balason Pumping Scheme will be launched shortly which will solve the drinking water problem to a great extent.
8. To mitigate the problem of drinking water in rocky areas of South Bengal more rig machines are being purchased with cost of Rs. 2.08 Crores
9. E-Tendering system has been launched as 'One More Step Ahead Towards e-governance to ensure transparency.
10. An International Conference on Water Quality with special reference to Arsenic was organised in Kolkata on 18th -20th February'2012. Also PHE Department organised a National Seminar in Kolkata on Safety and Quality of Food and Water which are sold in crowded area.

11. Government of India has decided to establish an International Institute of Arsenic Studies in West Bengal.
12. The department will construct a 50 bed hospital at Coopers Camp, Nadia.
13. **Projects in pipeline:**
 - Surface Water Supply in 902 mouzas of 10 blocks under South 24-Parganas with estimated cost of Rs. 1332.41 Crores- DPR prepared.
 - Water Supply Project for Bakura (Phase-I) with estimated cost of Rs.1011.22 Crores- Sanctioned.

- Water Supply Project for Bakura (Phase-II) with estimated cost of Rs.690.74 Crores- DPR prepared
- Water Supply Project for Purulia with estimated cost of Rs.1287.51 Crores- Cleared by departmental committee.
- A de-salination project in East Medinipur District to supply saline free water.

1. No. of fully covered habitations



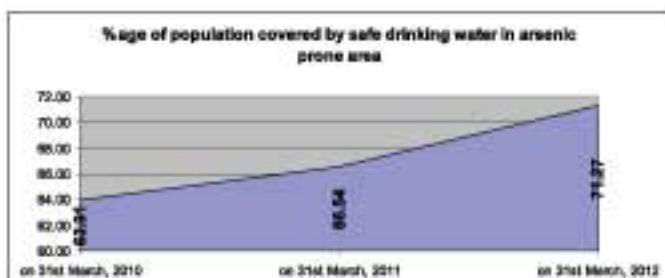
2. No. of Commissioned Piped Water Supply and Financial Outlay

Financial Year	No. sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. In Cr.)
2009 -10	1111	1755.49
2010 -11	1170	1807.56
2011 -12	1262	2334.40

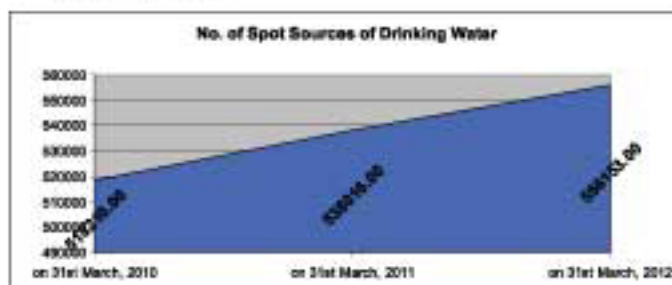
3. No. of Sanctioned Piped Water Supply Scheme and Sanctioned Amount

Financial Year	No. sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Cr.)
2009 -10	97	232.93
2010 -11	83	321.00
2011 -12	168	601.87

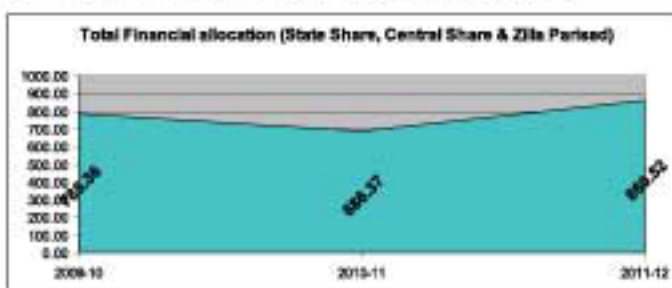
4. Safe Drinking water supply in Arsenic Affected area (percentage of population covered by safe drinking water in arsenic prone area (Cumulative)



5. No. of Spot Sources of Drinking Water executed (Cumulative)



6. Total Financial allocation (Rs. In Crores)



Public Works Department



PWD is one of the prestigious departments under the control of Government of West Bengal. Under PWD, the Public Works and Public Works (Roads) Department are presently charged with the planning, survey, design, construction and maintenance of Road, Bridges and Buildings throughout the state as well as having various responsibilities for emergency and relief activities.

PWD also provides infrastructural support for both original and repair works to all the departments directly under the Government of West Bengal as well as different semi-Government/Government Undertakings etc. Besides construction of buildings/structures, Bridges, Roads including national and state highways, PWD also carry out works related to electrification, sanitary plumbing, air-conditioning, fire-fighting & detection, lifts, water supply, Generators, EPABX, Information Technology etc.

A. Achievements:-

1. After the opening of the state-of-art press Corner and a Cafeteria, a new-look Canteen to cater to 60 persons at a time has been built in the Ground floor of Writers' Buildings with all hygienic facilities and traditional foods in plate. IRCTC is managing both the Cafeteria & the Canteen.
2. A state-of-art Intensive Therapeutic Unit (ITU) has been built by this department at PG Hospital (SSKM) within record time. As desired by Health & Family Welfare Department 22 nos of Sick and Neonatal Care Units (SNCU) have been constructed in different district hospitals and another 17 projects are in the pipeline which will be completed very soon.
3. Construction of another new Guest House (2nd Banga Bhavan) at Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, with 44 rooms has been fully completed which will be operational within few days.
4. A ten storied High Court Annex Building with gothic features was inaugurated few days back by Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Chief Justice of Kolkata High Court.
5. As promised by Hon'ble Chief Minister, a bridge over river Subarnarekha at Bhasraghat,

Nayagram, Paschim Medinipur at a cost of Rs.170 crores is getting constructed from this month itself which will be completed within 2 years.

6. An elevated corridor (Fly Over) of about 1.86 km on VIP road from Kestopur to Joramondir is going to be constructed within a period of 11/2 year, starting from this month which will certainly decongest the Airport bound traffic on VIP road.
7. Big Bridges like : (1) Over River Ichhamati at Lakshmikantapur, North 24 Parganas (2) Bridge over River Kaljani at Coochbehar and (3) Bridge over River, Mansai at Sagardighat, Dinhat, Coochbehar are under construction.
8. Under Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) Scheme a total of 141 schemes of Roads & Bridges have been taken up in 11 districts at a total cost of Rs.1474 crores. The major schemes are as follows :

District - Murshidabad

- Widening & strengthening of Kuli - Moregram Road from 0.00 Kmp to 4.00 Kmp & 10.00 Kmp to 20.00 Kmp. at a cost of Rs.1170.00 lac
- Strengthening of Berhampore-Bhagabangola- Lalgola - Raghunathganj Road (SH-11A) 2 - 12 kmp, 12-15 Kmp, 18-19 Kmp, 20-22 Kmp, 24-27 Kmp, 37-38 Kmp, 40-43 Kmp, 46-47 Kmp (total length - 24.00 Km) (Total length of road = 66.00 Km) at a cost of Rs.1200.00 lac
- Improvement of Berhampore-Hariharpara- Amtala road from 10.00 to 32.50 km at a cost of Rs.1370.13 lac
- Widening & Strengthening of Gramsalika - Majlishpur road from 0.00 to 12.00 kmp at a cost of Rs.1195.60 lac

District - Birbhum

- Widening & Strengthening of Suri - Sainthia Road from 0.00 Kmp to 18.00 Kmp-under Backward Region's Grant Fund

- during the year 2011-2012. (Total length of road = 18.00 Km) at a cost of Rs.1530.00 lac
- Widening and strengthening of Mollarpur-Majipara- Bolpur road from 0.00 to 14.00 kmp at a cost of Rs.1441.17 lac
- Widening and strengthening of Chatra-Rudranagar- Jajigram road from 0.00 to 11.00 kmp at a cost of Rs.1092.66 lac

District - Jalpaiguri

- Strengthening of Falakate - Madarihat Road portion from 0.00 Kmp to 22.70 Km connecting NH-31 to NH-31/C during 2011-2012. (Total length of road = 22.70 Km) at a cost of Rs.1135.00 lac
- Improvement of Riding Quality of Buxa Forest Road (SH-12A) by from 0.00 Kmp to 25.50 Kmp (Total length 25.50 Km) with replacement of 3 nos. culvert at 12th Kmp, 14th Kmp & 16th Kmp during 2011-2012. (Total length of road = 26.40Km) at a cost of Rs.1060.00 lac
- Improvement of Riding Quality of Rajabhatkhowa - Jaigaon Road (SH-12A) 0.00 Kmp to 24.00 Kmp with replacement of 2 nos. culvert at 8th Kmp & 16th Kmp during 2011-12. (Total length of road = 24.50 Km) at a cost of Rs.1200.00 lac
- Widening from Intermediate Lane to standard 2 lane Highway including strengthening of Maynaguri-Changrabandha road from 1.50 to 18.50 km at a cost Rs.3592.47 lac
- Widening and strengthening of Jalpaiguri-Chaulhati road from 3.00 to 18.60 km at a cost Rs.1056.76 lac

District - Purulia

- Strengthening of Barakar - Purulia Road (SH-5) from 0.00 Km to 32.00 Kmp and from 33.50 to 74.00 kmp Under Backward Region's Grant Fund during the year 2011-12. (Total length of road = 74.00 Km) at a cost of Rs.3625.02 lac
- Widening & Strengthening of Purulia - Ranchi Road (SH - 4A) from 17.50 km to 25.00 kmp & from 27.00 to 56.80 km with a construction of Bridge over river Subarnarekha at Tulin under Purulia District Bridge Portion of span 137.484 m : 627.96 Lakh Road Portion : 3436.54 Lakh at a cost of Rs.4064.50 lac
- Widening and strengthening of Sindri - Manbazar - Bansa road from 5.00 to 9.00

- kmp & from 23.70 to 28.00 kmp at a cost of Rs.1224.65 lac
- Widening and strengthening of Balarampur- Barabazar- Sindri road from 19.00 to 33.00 kmp at a cost Rs.1966.46 lac
- Widening and strengthening of Barabazar-Bundwan road from 0.00 to 24.50 km (excluding Jharkhand portion) (from 3.70 to 15.54 km) at a cost of Rs.1215.66 lac
- Widening and strengthening of Hura-Kashipur- Adra-Raghunathpur road from 14.00 to 29.00 kmp at a cost of Rs.1062.28 lac
- Widening and strengthening of Damda-Chakoltore-Daradi-Kenda-Manbazar road from 24.00 to 32.00 kmp at a cost of Rs.1076.70 lac

District - Paschim Medinipur

- Widening & strengthening of Lodhasuli - Dahijuri - Kupannad Road from 0.00 Kmp to 15.00 Kmp during the year 2011-12, at a cost of Rs.1200.00 lac
- Widening & Strengthening of Panskura-Ghatal road (SH4) from 0.00 to 33.75 km at a cost of Rs.3240.00 lac
- Widening & Strengthening of Keshpur-Chadrakona road (SH7) from 0.00 to 21.25 km at a cost of Rs.1763.75 lac
- Widening and strengthening of Pirakata-Chandra road from 0.00 to 13.30 km at a cost of Rs.1119.23 lac
- Construction of a Bridge over river Subarnarekha at Bhansraghat in Kesiary block between Kharagpur - Kesiary Road and Nayagram - Dhumsai Road at a cost of Rs.16949.65 lac

District - Purba Medinipur

- Strengthening of Contai - Digba Road from 0.00 to 9.78 km, 10.63 to 12.20 km, 14.00 to 22.00 kmp, 24.00 to 30.60 kmp at a cost of Rs.1298.00 lac
- Strengthening of Contai - Belda Road from 0.00 to 10.00 kmp, 10.454 to 10.60 km, 10.818 to 11.00 kmp, 11.20 to 11.34 km, 11.814 to 33.80 km & Contai Bypass from 0.00 to 3.00 kmp at a cost of Rs.2404.90 lac
- Widening and strengthening of Panskura-Durgachak road (SH4) from 5.00 to 25.45 km at a cost Rs.2597.12 lac

District - Bankura

- Strengthening of Bankura - Khatra - Ranibandh Road from 11.00 Kmp to 19.00

- Kmp, 20.00 to 25.00 Kmp, 28.00 Kmp to 30.00 Kmp and 32.00 Kmp to 60.00 Kmp at a cost of Rs.2150.00 lac
- Strengthening of Bankura - Taldangra - Simlipal Road from 11.00 Kmp to 40.00 Kmp at a cost of Rs.1450.00 lac
- Improvement and strengthening of Indpur-Belut road from 0.00 to 20.40 km at a cost of Rs.1223.13 lac
- Widening & strengthening of Krishnapur-Raipur- Phulkusma-Benagoria road from 0.00 to 27.30 km at a cost of Rs.2627.23 lac
- Widening and strengthening of Ranibandh-Jhilimili road from 0.00 to 21.00 km) at a cost of Rs.1453.11 lac
- Widening of Gangajalghati-Saltora road from 10.08 to 12.20 & 21.00 to 22.00 kmp and strengthening from 0.00-22.00 kmp at a cost of Rs.1856.18 lac

District - Malda

- Widening & strengthening of Malda - Samsi Road from 0.00 to 25.00 kmp, 34.50 to 45.20 km at a cost of Rs.1944.00 lac

District - Uttar Dinajpur

- Widening and strengthening of Ramganj - Daspara Road from 0.00 Kmp to 22.00 Kmp during 2011-2012. (Total length of road = 22 Km) at a cost of Rs.1652.90 lac
- Widening & strengthening of Raiganj - Kaliyaganj - Buniadpur Road (SH-10A) from 1.60 Kmp to 35.00 Kmp during 2011-2012. (Total length of road = 33.4 Km) at a cost of Rs.2872.40 lac
- Improvement of Hemtabad-Bishnupur road by Widening and strengthening from 0.00 to 16.70 km at a cost of Rs.1704.83 lac
- Improvement of Makdampur-Bhatole road by widening and strengthening from 0.00 to 13.50 km (except from 11.00 to 11.50 km) at a cost of Rs.1188.91 lac

District - Dakshin Dinajpur

- Widening & Strengthening of SH-10A from 35.00 KMP to 55.60 KMP and providing paved shoulders at congested areas at Buniadpur, Jordighi, Amirpur and Kushmandi for segregation of slow moving local traffic from main carriageway at a cost of Rs.1751.00 lac
- Widening and strengthening of Shibpur-Mahipaldighi road from 0.00 to 14.30 km at a cost of Rs.1344.05 lac
- Widening and strengthening of

Fulbari-Kumarganj road from 0.00 to 5.00 kmp, from 9.00 to 20.30 kmp, 21.40 to 26.00 kmp at a cost of Rs.1486.33 lac

District - South 24-Parganas

- Widening & strengthening of Purbabishnupur-Lakshmikantapur-Kulpi Road portion from 0.00 Kmp to 16.60 Kmp during 2011-12. at a cost of Rs.1494.00 lac
- strengthening of Purbabishnupur-Raidighi Road portion from 0.00 Kmp to 19.63 Kmp during 2011-12. at a cost of Rs.1079.65 lac
- Improvement (strengthening) of Riding surface by laying bituminous mastic /MSS type-A from 0.00 Kmp to 1.00 Kmp and 1.90 Km to 20.25 Km in different stretches including upgrading of two nos. culvert Thakurpukur Bibirhat-Birbitihat-Raipur Road during 2011-12. at a cost of Rs.1064.25 lac
- Improvement of riding quality of pavement of Jibanmondalhat-Sonatikerihat road from 0.00 to 23.00 kmp at a cost of Rs.1064.62 lac
- Improvement of riding quality of Kolkata-Basanti road from 0.00 to 29.00 kmp & Widening & Strengthening from 60.00 kmp to 86.00 kmp (Excepting 16.00 kmp to 19.30 km and 64.00 to 67.00 kmp) at a cost of Rs.4100.34 lac
- Widening and strengthening of Basanti-Gathkhali road from 0.00 to 10.00 kmp at a cost of Rs.1297.47 lac

- Under State Plan 723 Km of roads have been widened & strengthened and 10 Nos. Bridges completed at a total cost of Rs.402.74 crore during 2011-12.
- Under RIDF 373 Km of roads have been widened & strengthened and 3 Nos. Bridges completed at a total cost of Rs.258.31 crore during 2011-12.
- Under Central Road Fund (C.R.F.) 78 Km of roads have been widened & strengthened at a total cost of Rs.80.97 crore during 2011-12.
- Under 13TH Finance Commission 987 Km of roads have been improved at a total cost of Rs.145.16 crore during 2011-12.
- 10 Nos. Road over Bridge (R.O.B.) are being constructed at a total cost Rs.192.56 crore. The list of R.O.B.s are as follows :

- Bagnan Construction of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Bagnan Railway Station in

replacement of the existing B - Class Level Crossing at Bagnan East Cabin at km 44/18-20 km on Kharagpur - Howrah Section of South Eastern Railway.

Dankuni Construction of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) in replacement of the existing Level Crossing No. 8 (Special) near the Dankuni Railway Station on Howrah - Burdwan Chord Section of Eastern Railway in the district of Hooghly.

Barrackpore Construction of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Barrackpore in replacement of Level Crossing No.15A/3T on Sealdah - Naihati Section of Eastern Railway on Barrackpur - Barasat Road in the district of North 24 - Parganas.

Baruipur Construction of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Baruipur in replacement of L - Xing No. 21/B/T on Sealdah - Diamond Harbour section of Eastern Railways on Garia - Kulpi Road (SH - 1) alongwith a pedestrian subway in the district of South 24 Parganas.

Durgapur Construction of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Durgapur in replacement of level crossing No. 113/B/T on Burdwan - Asansol Section of Eastern Railway on Durgapur Bridge Road (SH - 9) in the district of Burdwan.

Construction of Pedestrian Underpass near Jadavpur Railway Station at the Level Crossing No. 8/S/T at Km. 7/21 - 23 on Sealdah - Diamond Harbour Section of Eastern Railway in the district of South 24 Parganas.

IIT, Kharagpur (Kharagpur-Keshiary Road) At Kharagpur-Puri Gate Level Crossing on Howrah-Kharagpur Section of South Eastern Railway.

Construction of Road over Bridge (ROB) at Miapur in replacement of Level Crossing No. 23 / B / T at km 212 / 1 - 2 near Jangipur Railway Station in the district of Murshidabad.

- Construction of Road over Bridge (ROB) at Jhargram at Km. 153 / 31 to 154 / 1 of South Eastern Railway in the district of Paschim Medinipur.
- Construction of Road over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of L.C. No. 52at km 90 / 21 - 23 on Howrah - Kharagpur Section at Balichak under South Eastern Railway.

B. MAJOR POLICY DECISION TAKEN:

1. In a major policy shift to bring in **transparency and fairness, e-procurement and e-tendering** have been made compulsory for all tenders above Rs.5 lac in value and any purchase above that amount. The time taken for completion of tendering procedure as per PW Code has been reduced from 45 days to 21 days along with the introduction of e-tendering procedure.
2. The **arbitration clause** from contract documents have been omitted, which was otherwise draining out lots of fund from Government ex-chequer due to total misuse of the procedure.
3. **West Bengal Highway Development Corporation Limited (WBHDCL)**, a Public Limited Company, has been formed which will take up of the task of up-gradation of all State highways under Public Private Partnership (PPP) Module on BOT-TOLL or BOT-Annuity basis.
4. A State of the art departmental Website (www.pwdwb.in) with all the details of schemes including schemes that have been taken up in all the districts and with information about **e-tendering** and allied activities.
5. Training for stakeholders of **e-procurement and e-tendering** with the help of NIC is going on in regular basis to educate the Engineer Officers as well as the Contractors / Agencies involved in e-tendering process.
6. A dedicated system of accounting and administrative procedure for implementation of all schemes of Health Department under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) Project has been introduced which has given rise to efficiency gain and has reduced the time for completion of the projects to a great extent.
7. Negotiations are going on with **leading bankers** to have a payment getaway for payment of earnest money and security deposit through e-tendering procedure and to minimize un-due delay in getting back the money of un- successful tenderers are minimized

Refugee Rehabilitation & Relief



1. Deed Distribution Among Displaced Persons :

The State Government has been handing over Free Hold Title Deeds continuously over last one year to the displaced families living in RR colonies located in 17 districts in West Bengal except Purba Midnapore and Purulia.

2. Deed Distribution Among Non-displaced Persons :

Non-displaced families residing in approved refugee colonies are being regularised by way of conferring Lease Hold Right only in respect of Home-stead plot for 99 years on payment of a token salary of Re. 1/- and token lease rent @Re. 1/- per annum.

Position of such deed distribution year-wise is as follows :

Financial Year	No. of deeds issued
2009-2010	477
2010-2011	59
2011-2012	657

3. Revenue Earned From Water Bodies :

Year-wise position of Revenue earned is as follows :

Financial Year	Revenue earned
2009-2010	Rs. 1,07,099.00
2010-2011	Rs. 2,62,334.00
2011-2012	Rs. 4,30,213.00

4. Revenue Earned From Other Sources :

Revenue from other sources like leasing out of shops and markets, issuing certified copy of deeds, using

vacant land etc. Is furnished below :

Financial Year	Revenue earned
2009-2010	Rs. 1,24,635.00
2010-2011	Rs. 81,817.00
2011-2012	Rs. 5,52,886.00

5. Revenue earned from Production Centres through outsourcing:

Year	Cost of items supplied (Rs. In Cr.)	Revenue earned therefrom (Rs. In Cr.)
2009-10	4.95	0.98
2010-11	4.10	0.74
2011-12	5.76	1.04

6. Position of Lease Deed issued in favour of school /college /club /social welfare organisation etc. Situated within RR colonies is as follows :

Financial Year	No. of deeds issued
2009-2010	06
2010-2011	24
2011-2012	29

7. No objection issued / transfer of RR Land to different local bodies (Panchayat/ Municipality/ Corporation) for public purpose :

Financial Year	No. of such cases
2009-2010	02
2010-2011	03
2011-2012	05

- **Implementation of Educational schemes:** There are number of schemes in the BCW Department for assistance to SC/ST students for pursuing studies. One such popular scheme is Post-Matric Scholarship. During this financial year, Rs.243.45 Crore for 6.99 Lakh SC students and Rs.29.17 Crore for 75600 ST

students have been disbursed as against Rs.70.75 Crore for 2.70 Lakh SC students and Rs.8.88 Crore for 27800 ST students during the last year. Statements and graphs in respect of achievements on some of the Educational Schemes are shown below:

Amount utilized for different educational scheme

Name of the Scheme	Amount utilized (Rs.) 2009-10	Amount utilized (Rs.) 2010-11	Amount utilized (Rs.) 2011-12
PMS to SC*	908411176	707549114	2434468400
PMS to ST*	102300819	88807005	291733400
BG to SC**	495270222	433711363	431881000
BG to ST**	61302839	72330824	84505600
HC to SC#	223809542	285166700	338001000
HC to ST#	213110631	259840258	278027000
Ashram Hostel##	81022853	89106237	96013080
MC to SC\$	76168320	116230640	131322000
MC to ST\$	123932520	125934920	150670000
OCC to ST£	8502140	8973935	10480595
Total	2293831062	2187650996	4247102075

- * Post Matric Scholarship to Scheduled Caste & Tribe Students @Rs.10,000/- to Rs.15,000 per annum.
- ** Book Grant to Scheduled Caste & Tribe Students @Rs.20/- to Rs.300/- per annum depending upon class.
- # Hostel Charges to Scheduled Caste & Tribe Students @Rs.750/- per month for 10 months.
- ## Providing hostel charges to Scheduled Caste & Tribe Students residing at Ashram Hostels @Rs.750/- per month for 12 months.
- \$ Maintenance charges for Scheduled Caste & Tribe day scholar students @Rs.40/- per month.
- £ Other Compulsory Charges for Schedules Tribe Students @Rs.35/- per annum.

Science & Technology



The aims and objectives of the Department of Science & Technology are:

- **Promotion of scientific research activities** for fulfillment of socio-economic needs of the people of the State.
- To identify need-based problems and solutions.
- **Using Remote Sensing Technology** in planning and development of the entire State.
- **Popularization and awareness of science & technology for the benefit of the common people.**

1. **Scientific Research Activities-** Every year, the Department promotes various scientific research activities with the help of the Universities, Colleges and Research Institutes in the State in the field of Public Health, Traditional Medicinal plants, Physical Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Earth Sciences, Disability Management, Low-cost rural technologies, Bio-technology & Tissue Culture, Environment etc.

In 2011-2012, total 49 Scientific Research Projects have been funded to various Universities, Institutes, Medical College and Research Institutes.

2. **Need Based Problems & Solutions-** In 2011-2012 – Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM) phase IV: seven districts of South Bengal, viz. Murshidabad, Nadia, Howrah, Hooghly, North 24 –Parganas, South 24-Parganas & Purba Medinipur.

3. **Remote Sensing & GIS Technology in Planning & Development of the State.**

- (i) Land Bank phase III for six North Bengal Districts of West Bengal as per request of L & LR Deptt.

- (ii) Application of Remote Sensing & GIS in Sericulture Development in nine selected districts of West Bengal, viz., Murshidabad, Malda, Jalpaiguri, Coochbihar, Birbhum, Bankura, Purulia, Purba Medinipur & Paschim Medinipur.

- (iii) Seismic Hazard Assessment, Microzonation & Evaluation of vulnerability, Risk & Socio Economic Impacts for the City of Kolkata-WBSCST Component: Economic Impacts for Megacity of Kolkata.

- (iv) Application of High Resolution Data (World view-2) on plot wise vegetables and Crop Discrimination : parts of Chakdah block of Nadia district, parts of Farakka Block of Murshidabad district and parts of Panskura-II block of East Medinipur district.

- (v) Natural Resources Census : Landuse/Landcover 50K Mapping=2nd Cycle: entire state of West Bengal.

- (vi) 6.Human Resource Development: Training Courses on Geoinformatics

(a) P.G. Diploma-WBUT Affiliated.

(b) Certificate Courses.

(c) Short term Course.

- (vii) Space Based Information Support for Decentralized Planning : entire state of West Bengal.

4. **The 19th West Bengal State Science & Technology Congress was held on 1st & 2nd March, 2012** with the active assistance of Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Salt Lake, at the said Institute's venue, which was attended by many dignitaries and a large number

of common people. The aim of the Congress is to encourage study and documentation of scientific research in Bengali language and to disseminate scientific ideas to common people.

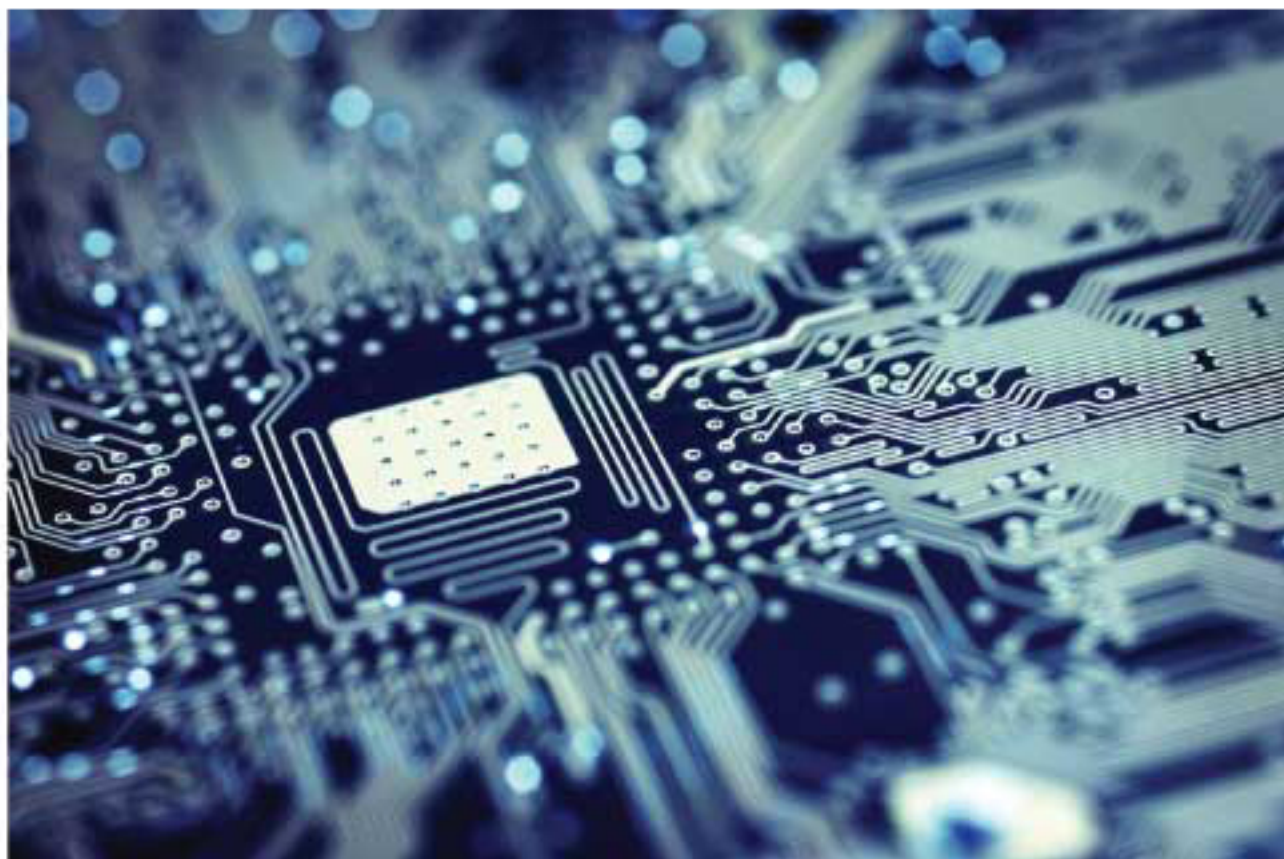
Besides this, fund has been channelized to a number of NGO's, Colleges, & Universities for holding Seminars/Workshops/ symposiums/exhibition on Science & Technology related topics for the benefit of common people both in the urban & rural areas of West Bengal.

Major Policy decisions/reforms made since June, 2011

- o The West Bengal State Council of Science &

Technology, an autonomous body under administrative jurisdiction of Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of West Bengal, has been **re-constituted** with effect from 02.04.2012 for a period of three years for more effective functioning and better implementation of various Scientific Projects.

- o A **new initiative** has been taken up by the Deptt. for setting up of **district community science centres** in each district of West Bengal for more direct approach to the rural masses for spreading scientific awareness, scientific educational and training programmes and attempt to eliminate superstition and prejudices.



Self Help Group and Self Employment



Achievements of Bangla Swanirbhar Karmasansthan Prakaalpa (BSKP)

Society for Self Employment of Unemployed Youth, West Bengal, as subsidiary organ of the Department of Self Help Group & Self Employment, Govt of West Bengal implements the flagship scheme Bangla Swanirbhar Karmasansthan Prakaalpa (BSKP) all over the state. Unemployed youths on fulfillment of certain criteria laid down in the scheme are helped out to start individual or

group enterprises with bank finance. Govt. subsidy representing 20% of the project cost (maximum Rs. 1 lakh for individual and Rs. 2.5 lakh for group of five & above) is provided by Society for Self Employment of Unemployed Youth, West Bengal as nodal agency. Performance of the scheme for the year 2009-10 to 2011-12:

Year	No. of cases sanctioned (Rs. in crore)	Total project cost involved (Rs. in crore)	Total subsidy involved (Rs. in crore)	No. of cases for which subsidy released	Amount of subsidy for released cases (Rs. in crore)
2009-10	25098	588.85	130.27	18947	85.91
2010-11	20679	472.85	97.91	19446	92.94
2011-12	22606	517.67	113.03	29786	134.00

Performance of the Department in respect of different training programmes for SHG members for the year 2009-2010 to 2011-2012 :

Year	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)
2009-2010	43.49
2010-2011	227.61
2011-2012	441.22

Performance of the Department in respect of Scheme under RIDF

Year	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)
2009-2010	111.74
2010-2011	223.94
2011-2012	312.08

A: Bangla Swanirbhar Karmasansthan Prakaalpa (BSKP)

- Vision of the present Government towards this scheme is to train, arrange for institutional finance & opening of marketing avenue. Training programmes have been organized in – paper bag making, sewing & embroidery, leather products, packaging, computer hardware & networking, fridge & air conditioner repairing, jori work, imitation Jewellery manufacturing, preparation of different articles from paper pulps, mushroom cultivation and its preservation, care etc.
- Decision for extensive training programme has been taken for unemployed youth of 23 Blocks under Jangal Mahal in the District of Bankura, Purulia & West Midnapur.
- West Bengal Swarojgar Corporation Limited will build its own team of Resource Persons called Swanirbhar

Sahayak (SS) who will serve as the ground-level link between the State Government and the Non-SGSY SHGs.

- SS will be the anchor-cum-operator of WBSCL's marketing and infrastructure plans in the days ahead.
- Each Block, Subdivision & Municipality will have one SS each whose work will be supervised by existing SHG Supervisors.
- The aforesaid 491 SSs will build-up Master Data Base for all the saving-linked and credit-linked Non-SGSY SHGs of the State; number of such SHGs in the State has already touched several lakhs. SSs will also be assigned work relating to optimal utilization of West Bengal Swanirbhar Sahayak Prakalpa (WBSSP), tie-up with consumer co-operatives and big market players for sale of SHG products, micro insurance for SHG members etc.
- WBSSP, which remained lack-lustre along the initial year of 2010-11 and 2011-12, will get a major boost by way of changing the payment structure through electronic mode. Under the proposed Scheme which is awaiting the approval of the Finance Department, each SHG account holder will get direct credit of the subsidy amount through RTGS or NEFT.

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMMES.

- **Training Programmes :**

The SHGs face major constraint specially in regard to skill upgradation training, marketing of their products and flow of institutional finance. Keeping this in

mind, the Deptt. has organized several training programmes of SHGs to enable them to produce quality goods so that they can get remunerative prices from their products. Special emphasis has been given to Jungal Mahal areas in this matter. The training programmes organized by the Deptt. are on different trades viz. Packaging, Interior Decoration, TV Repairing, Mobile Repairing, Bee-keeping, Book Binding, Zari Work, Kantha Stitching, Paper & Jute Bag Making, Leather Goods Making, Artificial Jewellery, Poultry Farming, Cultivating of Dry Mushrooms, Scented & Decorated Candle Making, Fashion Garments Making, Beautician, Repairing of Refrigerators, etc.

- **Sabala Mela :**

The Department organized District level 'SABALA' mela in 2011 in most of the Districts with a view to providing an opportunity to Self Help Groups in the far flung areas of the districts to sell their products from an important place in the district headquarters.

- **Scheme under RIDF :**

It has been decided by the Department to set up Training Centre-cum-Marketing Complexes under RIDF and State Plan at important locations and district headquarters to facilitate training of Self Help Groups and for marketing of their products. Projects under RIDF could help SHGs in marketing their products from the permanent counters of the Market Complexes. The Deptt. has decided to set up one bigger Marketing Complex-cum-Training Centre in each district headquarters or near to it.



Sports



Financial Expenditure in last three years (Rs. In Cr.)

2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
25.97	22.93	41.78

Promotion of Sports throughout West Bengal is the top priority of Sports Department. There are hidden sports talents in rural area who if given the opportunity can be groomed and do well in their respective fields. It is not always possible to fully promote sports activity and search hidden sports talents by the Government itself. Clubs and Sports Associations can play a pivotal role in organizing sports activities which help young talents to join in bigger sports arena. These club and associations have poor resources and infrastructure and often they need fund for survival. Sports events like football matches and cricket matches have been organized in Jungle Mahal area and in the districts of North Bengal with huge success with the involvement of local clubs.

- In order to give thrust and promote sports activities 700 clubs throughout the state have been provided with a grant of Rs. 2.00 Lakh each for development of Sports.
- East Bengal, Mohun Bagan and Mohammedan Sporting club has been granted with Rs. 1.00 Crore each for development & improvement of their Ground, Gallery etc.
- Rs. 1,77,50,000/- has been sanctioned and released in favour of SPs of Paschim Medinipur, Bankura and Purulia for distribution among 710 club @ Rs. 25,000/- each for promotion of sports activities in junglemahal.
 - a) **Paschim Medinipur**- Rs. 83.00 Lakh to 332 clubs @ Rs. 25,000/- each.
 - b) **Bankura** - Rs. 39.50 Lakh to 158 Clubs @ Rs. 25,000/- each.
 - c) **Purulia** - Rs. 55.00 Lakh to 220 Clubs @ Rs. 25,000/- each.

- Up-gradation of stadium at Leborg, Darjeeling has been taken up by this department and Rs. 1.92 Crore has been released to DGHC.
- Rs.75,00,000/- has been released for installation of Flood lighting System at Kanchanjungha Stadium, Siliguri.
- The job of Installation of new flood-lighting system at Yuba Bharati Krirangan has been taken up by WBSEDCL with a tentative budget of Rs. 15.00 Crore. Rs. 4.00 Crore has already been allotted for the same. An amount of Rs. 11.48 Crore has been released for overall renovation, installation of new flood-lighting system and other works of Yuba Bharati Krirangan.
- 4th National Level Rural Tournament under Panchayat Yuba Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) for 3 disciplines viz. Volleyball, Taekondo and Athletics has been successfully conducted at Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Salt Lake from 4th January to 7th January, 2012. Kho-Kho and Kabadi competition has been organized at Siliguri from 09.02.12 to 12.02.12.
- About 170 sports personalities were felicitated on 19th June 2011 at Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kolkata for their excellent contribution in different fields of sports. Entire Santosh Trophy champion Bengal team and other eminent players of different disciplines like Mountaineering, Athletics, Swimming, Chess and Boxing was felicitated too for the occasion.
- An international Exhibition Football Match between Argentina and Venezuela was organized on 2nd September, 2011 at Yuba Bharati Krirangan, for which the stadium had been fully renovated as per international standard.
- An exhibition football match between Junglemahal Team comprising of local adibasi youths and Team from Kolkata was held at Lalgurh, Paschim Medinipur District on 26.06.2011. More than 25000 local people from the surrounding areas of Lalgurh witnessed the football match.

- Rs.1,00,000/- has been released for organizing Olympic Day Run.
- Rs.5,56,000/- has been released for organizing Adibasi Football Tournament in the six districts of North Bengal.
- Rs.10,00,000/- has been released in favour of Kolkata Police for organizing Football Tournament.
- Rs. 35,00,000/- has been provided as financial assistance for organizing Gorkha Gold Cup Football Tournament at Darjeeling.
- Rs. 6.50 Lakh has been released for organizing Jungle Mahal Cup Football Tournament organized by the concerned S.P.s of Paschim Medinipur, Jhargram(Police), Bankura and Purulia District.
- Murshidabad Swimming Association has been provided with a sum of Rs. 4.00 Lakh for conducting their internationally known long distance swimming competition.
- District Magistrates have been requested to review the functioning of DSA and re-constitute DSAs if necessary
- Rs. 10.00 Lakh has been sanctioned and released in favour of West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. for promotion of Sports & Games during "Digha Beach Festival".
- Health and Personal Accident Insurance Policy with sum insured of Rs.1,00,000/- for 5,000 sports persons has already been launched.
- More than 50 sports personalities have been sponsored to continue their activities: we have been successful to retain excellent talent, like Sk. Mumtaz, Sushmita Singha Roy and Sri Saurav Chakraborty from leaving West Bengal. We adequately motivated them and they changed their minds.
- Rs.1.00 crore out of Rs. 2.84 Crore has been released for up-gradation of Jhargram Stadium. A Sports Academy has been proposed to be established at Jhargram.
- Construction of stadium at a cost of Rs. 3.57 crore each at Nayagram and Salboni is likely to be taken up in the year 2012-13.
- Rs. 1.50 Crore has been allotted for construction of Sports Academy at Purulia out of an total estimate of Rs. 4.14 Crore.
- Rs.12,00,000/- has been released for up-gradation of Uluberia Stadium, Howrah.
- New Managing Committee has been formed with MIC Development & Planning as Chairman for Kishor Bharati Stadium at Jadavpur.
- Rs. 52,69,000/- has been released in favour of PWD for maintenance of Netaji Indoor Stadium.

- Through special (7X24 hrs.) control room at Netaji Indoor Stadium, we are in a position to offer immediate medical service to at least 1000 players and sports persons.
- Online Booking system of Netaji Indoor Stadium & Yuba Bharati Krirangan is proposed to be introduced. NIC has already been entrusted upon with the entire job and within a few months this facility will be available to the general public.
- Thorough renovation and modernization of Kshudiram Anushilan Kendra with Central Govt. financial assistance has been taken up. Total Project Cost is to the tune of Rs. 6.00 Crore. Rs. 3.00 Crore has already been released for the purpose.
- A.C. Ambulance has been arranged for operation in 24X7 hours control room at Netaji Indoor Stadium for helping sports persons.
- There were no changing room in Maidan other than East Bengal, Mohan Bagan & Mohammedan Sporting Club. Two rooms at Netaji Indoor Stadium have been exclusively kept for changing by the players.
- Rs. 7,05,038/- has been released for maintenance of Swimming Pool at Subhas Sarobar, Beliaghata.
- In commemoration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda a mass rally was conducted by this department from Golpark to statue of Swami Vivekananda near Rabindra Sadan, in the morning on 12th January 2012. In that colourful rally various colleges, schools, sports associations, sports clubs took part. In the afternoon on the same day a football exhibition match between Maharaj XI and Sports Minister XI was conducted at East Bengal Playground wherein eminent players of yesteryears participated.
- The West Bengal State Council of Sports conducts a good number of coaching camps under the experienced NIS coaches in Kolkata and in the districts in various disciplines like football, kabadi, kho-kho, swimming, volleyball etc. Long Terms Non Residential Coaching Scheme is being run by the Council since 1989. This coaching scheme is executed in different schools mainly in rural areas and at present 30 schools are under the coverage of this scheme. School children of 10-14 years of age group are imparted with training under various events under this scheme.
- West Bengal State Council of Sports has organized Panchayat Yuba Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) programme at Gram Panchayat & Block level during the year.
- Training of Krirashree under Panchayat Yuba Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) is being held regularly at Yuba Bharati Krirangan.

Statistics and Programme Implementation



INTRODUCTION

The State Government with a new vision has created a new department, namely, **Department of Statistics & Programme Implementation (DOSPI)** in the line of the **Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation** of the Union Government.

Activities

- Bureau of Applied Economics & Statistics is a Directorate under the administrative control of the Department of Statistics & Programme Implementation. Main function of the Bureau is to collect statistics on all sectors of the State Economy for planning, decision making and to prepare yield rates of 19 major crops, report on State Domestic Product (SDP), District Domestic Product (DDP), Index of Industrial Production (IIP), Consumer Price Index, Wholesale Price Index for Agricultural Commodities, Participation in National Sample Survey Work, etc.
- The MOU regarding SSSP of West Bengal has already been signed between Govt. of India and Govt. of West Bengal on 28.03.2012.
- The strategy is to strengthen statistical capacity across the entire State Statistical System. The outcomes of the implementation of SSSP will be a developed consistent system of data collection, analysis and dissemination.
- At present most of the district statistical offices are located in rented buildings. Under this scheme construction/renovation of buildings of district statistical offices and state head quarter will be made.
- 13th Finance Commission has released funds Rs.3.80 crore. Out of this Rs.1.70 crore and Rs.2.10 crore will be used for preparation of Business Register and Network connectivity among districts, state head quarters and also some line departments.
- The 6th Economic Census will be undertaken under the guidance of CSO, MOSPI, Government of India, with a view to fill up the data gaps in the unorganized sector of the economy in the country which seeks to provide an updated frame of enterprises and related information.
- This department will monitor and review different programmes by means of collecting information from different districts and line departments.

Sundarban Affairs



Sundarbans the land of 'Pneumatophores' has been the focal point of attraction world wide; for its rich bio-diversity and network of rivers and intervening island.

The Sundarban region is bounded by the River Hooghly on the West, the Bay of Bengal on the South, the Ichamati-Kalindi-Raimongal rivers on the east and the Damplur-Hoodges line on the North. It spreads in 19 (nineteen) blocks 16 (sixteen police stations) of North & South 24 Parganas Districts of the State of West Bengal. The land area measures about 9629 sq. Km. of which, 4493 sq. km. is inhabited whereas the rest is Reserve Forest. Approximate population in Sundarban region is 45 lakhs.

A. Major Programmes implemented through Sundarban Development Board & Sundarban Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited.

One of the prime reasons of creation of Sundarban Development Board was to increase road connectivity & other infrastructure of civil nature in the Sunderban area. Agriculture & allied jobs being prime activity in the region, support in the agriculture sector and allied sectors has also been emphasized. Other major activities are mostly centered in fishery, social forestry, agriculture extension programs, livelihood programs for women and extension of non-conventional energy in non-electrified villages.

Creation of civil infrastructure like culverts, bridges, jetties, tube wells, sluices, rain water harvesting, strengthening of river embankment etc. are also being implemented.

Special programmes-

1. Integrated Coastal Zone management Project (ICZMP):-

World Bank has sanctioned this project in Sundarban for development of ecotourism. This pilot project will be taken up in Sagar block of South 24 Parganas District & the implementing agency is Sundarban Infrastructure Development Corporation under this Department.

2. Preparation of a integrated plan for holistic socio economic development and biodiversity conservation of Indian Sundarban with the Non Lending Technical Assistance of World Bank (NLTA).

3. 13th Finance Commission sanctioned grant for Rs. 450 Crores for development of river embankment and drainage network in Sundarbans. The nodal department of this programme is Irrigation & Waterways Department of Govt. of West Bengal. Out of the total grant, share of this department is Rs. 50 Crores.

The fund will be available for the period from 2011-12 to 2014-15.

Ongoing Projects for 2012-13

Bridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge over Piyali River at Dhosahat; Block – Joynagar – I & Canning – I. • R.C.C. Bridge over Sutarbagh; Block – Mathurapur – I, • R.C.C. Bridge over Saptamukhi; Block – Kakdwip & Pathar Pratima – Bridge proper is complete; approach road in progress. • R.C.C. Bridge over Atharogachi Canal at Kumarpur Bazar connecting Achintya Nagar Adibasi Bazar and Dakshin Kashinagar; Block – Pathar Pratima, • R.C.C. Bridge over Mridangabhang; Block – Mathurapur – II & Pathar Pratima, • R.C.C. Bridge over Sonatikari Khal at Dhakirmukh; Block – Joynagar – II & Mathurapur – II • R.C.C. Bridge over Atharogachi Canal (Tidal) connecting Kumarpur Bazar and Lakshimpur Bazar in Block – Pathar Pratima • R.C.C. Bridge over River Bidyadhari at Boalghata in Block – Haroa • R.C.C. Bridge over River Bali connecting Jeliakhali Bazar and Durgamondap in Block – Sandeshkhali - II
Brick Paved Roads	100 Nos. of Brick Paved Roads; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region.
Bituminous Roads	15 Nos. of Bituminous Roads; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region.
Concrete Roads	7 Nos. of Concrete Roads; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region
R.C.C. Jetties	32 Nos. of R.C.C. Jetties; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region
Sports Complex	3 Nos. of Sports Complex; Block- Kakdwip, Canning –I & Roydighi
Sinking of Tube Wells	Sinking of tube – wells in different Blocks of Sundarban region
Construction of I.T.I. Building	7 Nos. of I.T.I. Buildings; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region
Eco-Tourism Project	2 Nos. of Eco –Tourism Projects; at Frezarganj in Block Namkhana & at Bali in Block –Gosaba

No. of Beneficiary under different EDUCATIONAL SCHEMES

Name of the Scheme	No. of beneficiaries 2009-10	No. of beneficiaries 2010-11	No. of beneficiaries 2011-12
PMS to SC	344138	270191	699509
PMS to ST	29720	27810	75695
BG to SC	2328861	2060712	2052500
BG to ST	311474	365844	418705
HC to SC	46102	44609	48507
HC to ST	43606	39199	45206
Ashram Hostel	8980	8869	9205
MC to SC	158684	242117	273588
MC to ST	207424	262368	313895
OCC to ST	243013	256271	299445
Total	3722002	3577990	4236255

Besides, education loan for higher studies in Engineering / Medical / MBA / Nursing are available for SC/ST students living below double the poverty line. The maximum limit of such loan is fixed at Rs.5.00 Lakh with very low rate of interest. This year, 84 number of SC students have availed Rs.2.10 Crore of education loan from WB SCST Development & Finance Corporation.

- **Special economic package for development of backward classes in LWE affected area:** Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced distribution of Bicycles for all girl students studying in classes IX-XII in the 23 LWE Blocks of Jangalmahal areas. Delivery of bi-cycles has been completed in January, 2012. In 3 districts 39893 no. cycles were distributed.
- **Tribal Development Schemes by WBTDCC Ltd:** WBTDCC Ltd has provided training to 4830 trainees for Skill Development, Leadership Development and Orientation training. Besides, Micro Credit has been extended to more than 9000 SHG units.

- **Financial help to economically weaker OBC students including minority students studying in higher (secondary) level:** There are number of schemes for assistance to OBC students for pursuing higher studies. One such popular scheme is Post-Matric Scholarship. In 2011-12 Rs.7.66 Crore for 54,200 OBC students have been disbursed as against Rs.3.71 Crore for 26,352 OBC students in corresponding period last year. Besides education loan for higher studies in Engineering/ Medical/ MBA / Nursing are available for OBC living below double the poverty line. The maximum limit of such loan is Rs.5.00 Lakh with very minimum interest. This year 36 number of students have availed Rs.19.94 Lakh as loan from West Bengal Backward Classes Development & Finance Corporation.
- **Comprehensive development plan for Darjeeing & Jangalmahal:** Rs.5.00 Crore has been sanctioned to WBTDCC to assist the LAMPS for purchase of

Upcoming Projects of 2012-13

1.	Construction of Bituminous Roads in different blocks of Sundarban region – for the length of 96 K.m.
2.	Construction of Concrete Road in different blocks of Sundarban region – for the length of 70 K.m.
3.	Construction of Guard Wall & Boundary Walls – for 2 nos.
4.	Construction of approach road in different blocks of Sundarban region – for 8nos.
5.	Construction of 20 Nos. of R.C.C. Jetties in different blocks of Sundarban region
6.	Construction of WBM road in different blocks of Sundarban region
7.	Ancillary works in Sundarban region – for 1 no. Women's Hostel at Roydighi under Mathurapur – II Block
8.	Construction of Drainage system in Sundarban region – in the Block – Canning – I
9.	Construction of Slab over drain and sluice – in the Block – Kultali
10.	Distribution of 13000 Nos. of Ladies' Bi – cycles to the Girl Students of High School, Higher Secondary School and High Madrasahs in Sundarban region
11.	Sinking of 505 Nos. of Tube – Wells in different blocks of Sundarban region
12.	Extension of Grid Power to the non – electrified mouzas of Sundarban region – Works for some Mouzas of Gosaba & Pathar Pratima have been taken up. Work for extension of Grid Power in Sagar Block is almost completed.
13.	Construction of B.P. Roads in 19 Blocks of Sundarban Region (223.74 K.m.); in North & South 24 – Parganas
14.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge over Sundarika – Dewarika River in Haripur G.P. under Namkhana Block, Dist: South 24 – Parganas; Estimated cost – Rs. 10.09 crores
15.	Improvement of road from Jharkhali Bazar on Basanti – Herobhanga Road to Jetty Ghat on Herobhanga River, Dist: South 24 – Parganas; Estimated Cost – Rs. 7.41 cores
16.	Supply of drinking water in the villages of Sundarban to hand operated tube – wells in North & South 24 – Parganas; Estimated Cost – Rs. 2.99 cores

17.	Construction of R.C.C. Slab Culverts in different Blocks under Sundarban region
18.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge over River Bidya from Godkhali to Gosaba Bazar connecting Basanti & Gosaba Blocks
19.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge over River Chemaguri at Chemaguri Ferry Ghat in Sagar Block
20.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge over River Kalnagini Khal near Nrisingha Ashram in Kakdwip Block
21.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge over Kurulia Branch canal at 5 No. Hat in Kakdwip Block
22.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge over River Kalnagini at Ghatihara
23.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge at Nagendrapur Kankandighi Paramaniker Kheya in Nagendrapur & Kankandighi in G.P. & Block –Mathurapur –II
24.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge over Mahamaya Canal (near Kshirishtala) in Gilerchhat G.P. Block –Mathurapur –II
25.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge at Barada Nagar Giripara to Daktar Gheri Hatuapara in Nagendrapur & Kankandighi Gram Panchayats under Block –Mathurapur –II

Physical Achievements

Sl. No.	Different Sector of Works	2009 -2010	2010 -2011	2011 -2012
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Concrete Road	0.3 K.M.	12 K.M.	35 K.M.
2.	Bituminous Road	17 K.M.	39 K.M.	61 K.M.
3.	R.C.C. Jetty	24 Nos.	22 Nos.	30 Nos.
4.	Bridge	2 Nos.	3 Nos.	3 Nos.
5.	Foot Bridge/culvert & Others	4 Nos.	Nil	6 Nos.
6.	Sports Complex	Nil	Nil	1 No.
7.	Agriculture & Allied Input of growers (Rabi/Kharif program)	37812	3810	94500
8.	Plantation	Nil	Nil	1 No.
	i) Mangrove	600 Ha	1125 Ha	1600 Ha
	ii) Jhow	300 Ha	500 Ha	500 Ha

Item	Unit	2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
Agriculture & Allied -Input of Growers (Rabi/ Khariff Programme)	Ben (No)	37812	3810	94500
Plantation	Ha	600	1125	1600
i) Mangrove plantation				
iii) Jhaw Plantation (Creation)	Ha	300	500	500

Annual Planned Expenditure (Rs. in Crores)

Plan Component	2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
Core Plan	13.80cr	30.80cr	78.13cr

Tourism Department



The tourism potential of Bengal is phenomenal. We have the fascinating Himalayas, the wild Sunderbans, the captivating beaches by the Bay of Bengal, the green forests and wildlife sanctuaries of Dooars, the serene Shantiniketan of Rabindranath Tagore and the immensely rich cultural, heritage and divine circuits like Kalighat, Belur Math, Dakshineswar, Mother House, Tipu Sultan Masjid, Jorasanko Thakurbari, to name just a few.

The thrust of the new Government, therefore, has been on focussing the tourism possibilities of the State and putting it on the global map of leading destinations in the world.

A number of major achievements and initiatives of last one year are:

Promises Delivered

- Digha, Darjeeling tourism development Master Plan made.
- Special focus on Sunderban tourism-Task Force report made.
- Tourist lodges and resorts being renovated.
- Investment possibilities in PPP route opened up.
- Online services introduced. New departmental website launched.
- Exclusive tourism circuits planned.
- Thirty Six Swiss Cottages at Digha made.
- C. R. Das Museum, Darjeeling : permanent photography exhibition curated
- Tea Museum, Darjeeling made.
- Jetty, Solar Light and Gate at Sajnekhali
- Tourism Counter at Banga Bhawan, New Delhi
- Installation of signages in Kolkata, Mirik and Darjeeling
- Launch of Sutanuti Trail in North Kolkata
- Repair and renovation of Ganga Sagar Tourist Lodge
- Illumination at Ganga Sagar Mela
- Illumination at Park Street Christmas Festival
- Illumination of Dalhousie Square in Durga Puja /Facelift of Tourism Information Centre at B B D Bag
- 'Bengal Leads' Tourism Pavilion : 40 Private Entrepreneurs participated.
- Construction of Airport Counter, Kolkata
- High Mast lighting at Ganga Sagar and Digha
- Information Counter at Chowrasta Mall, Darjeeling

- Tea Boutique, Darjeeling
- Chandannagar Strand Illumination
- Construction of Tarakeswar Arch Gate
- Kathgola Festival
- Digha Beach Festival
- 150 permanent toilets at Ganga Sagar
- Renovation of Darjeeling Tourist Lodge
- Refurbishment of St. Andrews Church, Darjeeling
- Refurbishment of Sajnekhali Tourist Lodge
- Advertisement in In-flight Magazines

ONGOING/UPCOMING PROJECTS

1. Lamahata Project, Darjeeling – Tourism Department has cleared the project and assigned funds to Forest Department.
2. Thirty cottages at Murti, Jalpaiguri
3. First meeting of Task Force on North Bengal held.
4. A joint inspection with IRCTC and Railways will be held for reviving Darjeeling Himalayan Railway and introducing the Green Train in Duars.
5. Department of Food Processing Industries / Horticulture and Department of Tourism are jointly setting up an Orchid Farm in Kalimpong. Project report prepared.
6. Central Financial Assistance received for Furfura Sharif for creation of Musaphirkhana , Pilgrim Shed, High Mast Lighting, Public Convenience.
7. Department of Food Processing Industries agrees to handover land at Munsong near Kalimpong for developing it as a tourist destination.
8. IL&FS has completed survey for Gajoldoba which

includes areas for Eco Tourism Resorts, Art & Crafts village, Ayurvedic Spa Centre. Expression of Interest floated on 11.4.2012.

9. IRCTC has agreed to take over the Tourism Department's newly created Swiss Cottage Resort at Digha.
10. IRCTC to run the Tourist Lodge of Tourism Department at Ganga Sagar.
11. Action initiated on creation of 25 (thirty second) short films to be run as tourism campaign on television channels.
12. Railway land on Howrah river bank available for Kolkata Giant Wheel. Joint inspection made.
13. Investors' meet on Tourism Infrastructure (under PPP framework) for Digha, North Bengal and Sundarbans held on 11.4.2012 in Kolkata.
14. Illumination of 108 Shiva Mandir at kalna.
15. Textile Museum at 3/2, B. B. D. Bag.
16. Jhargram Jungal Mahal Crafts Museum.
17. Water Sports at Subhash Sarobar, Kolkata.
18. Renovation of Planters' Club, Darjeeling;
19. Renovation of Gymkhana Club, Darjeeling;
20. A Sound & Light Show on 1857 – on going project – ready for installation at Barrackpore.
21. Setting up of Swiss Cottages, Watch Tower, signages and improvement of Buxa Duars trek route – Rs 2.40 crores assigned to West Bengal Forest Development Corporation. Work in progress.
22. Restoration work of Morgan House Tourist lodge, Hill Top Tourist Lodge, Tashiding Tourist Lodge. Work in progress.
23. Audio Guide System placed in Jorasanko Thakurbari Museum Galleries.
24. Tourist cottages at Hatibari and Jhargram in West Midnapore district – nearing completion
25. Signages from Kolkata to Gadiara, Gadkhali, Dhamakhali, Jharkhali, Ganga Sagar, Jhargram, Santiniketan, Murshidabad, Kalimpong, Duars & Darjeeling. Work order given
26. Gadiara – restoration of the heritage building, creation of an Ayurvedic Spa - work on going
27. Two projects in Purulia and West Medinipore – prepared and placed for funding with Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs Deptt. They cover a cluster of villages and will directly impact the local artisans and crafts persons.
28. Restoration of Sahid Minar, Kolkata.

MAJOR INITIATIVES

1. Introduction of two 'big ticket' packages, viz. 'Experience Bengal', one week train trip to Murshidabad, Duars, Darjeeling and creation of 'Mayurpankhi Boat' accommodation in Sundarbans. Expected time of commencement – October, 2012.
2. The Government of West Bengal has accorded high

priority to tourism for employment generation and identified focus areas like Sundarban, Darjeeling, Duars, Digha, Kolkata, Bishnupur, Shantiniketan, Murshidabad, Ganga Sagar, Furfura Sharif and left wing extremist affected areas of Bankura, West Medinipur and Purulia. The plan budget for 2012 – 13 has increased by more than 100% - From Rs 38 crores to Rs 90 crores.

3. Tourism parks (as envisaged by Ministry of Tourism), and mooted for approval by the Planning Commission of India, have been identified by West Bengal Tourism Department. They are: Jalpaiguri (Gajaldoba, Kunj Nagar and Sylee), Digha (Mandarmoni, Tajpur, Shankarpur, Junput) and Darjeeling (Mirik, Sandakphu, Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, Kalimpong and Lamahata).
4. Rural clusters identified (again as envisaged by Ministry of Tourism and pending Planning Commission's approval). They are : Purulia Rural Cluster, Nadia Music Cluster, Malda Heritage Cluster. Special emphasis on developing Home Stays and community oriented tourism in Bankura and West Medinipur.
5. Large Revenue Generation projects viz. Kolkata Giant Wheel, Kolkata Marina, Marine Vessels on Ganga Heritage Cruise Circuit and in Sundarban, Piers in Digha, Adventure tourism hub in Duars.
6. Aggressive promotion and publicity on unique features of West Bengal for domestic and overseas market.
7. A model framework of public-private partnership under preparation. To be applicable for tourism parks, accommodation (both budget and high end), amusement parks, adventure sports, helicopter and marine vessel services and large revenue generating projects. The list is only indicative.
8. Emphasis on capacity development: Guides, rural resource base, hospitality services. Work on Institute of Hotel Management, Durgapur has recently commenced. Development of twelve points along Ganga for creating a Ganga Heritage Cruise Circuit from Kolkata to Murshidabad.

Year wise budgetary release of funds

(Rs. In lakhs)

Financial Year	Release
2010-11	1157.06
2011-12	2905.12

Wing wise revenue receipts of West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation (Rs. In lakhs)

Item	2010-2011	2011 - 2012
Lodges	1429.54	1527.68
Vessels	119.69	137.63
Package Tours	37.15	41.15
OffShop	850.92	954.29

Transport



Introduction:

Transport Department looks after provision of transport facilities and infrastructure on road, inland water and air within the domain of State Government. It also provides administrative and legal framework for the same. Its activities include issue of licenses and permits. The functioning of this vital public service oriented department remains an important area of concern and improvement for the new Government.

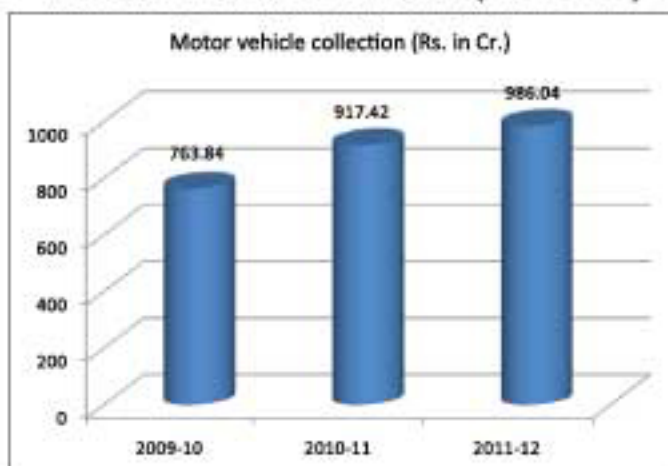
1. The Motor Vehicles (PVD) Office at Kasba in Kolkata was opened for the public. The renovation of the building for opening new PVD office at Salt Lake is in progress.
2. Eighteen (18) new ARTO offices have been approved to be set up in various sub-divisions in the State to provide transport related services to the public in these sub-divisions. New ARTO offices in Baruipur, Diamond Harbour, Bongaon, Basirhat and Kalna have already started functioning. Other ARTO offices shall also start functioning shortly.
3. All driving licenses, smart cards, and permits are being delivered only by registered post from 1.1.2012. This will reduce harassment and also ensure verification of address of the applicant.
4. The introduction of life time tax on private vehicles etc, are in the final stages of preparation by the Transport Department. The existing practice of five years tax will also continue.
This will help simplify the process of registration and various taxes such as road tax, additional tax, audio tax, video tax etc. will be merged into a single tax.
5. The online registration of new private vehicles has been planned to be introduced, making the process much easier.

6. The State Government is also exploring the possibility of starting helicopter services from Kolkata to Digha, Haldia, Asansol, Durgapur and from Siliguri (Bagdogra) to Darjeeling in the first phase.
7. Nager Bazar flyover under JNNURM Scheme at Dum Dum was dedicated to the public on 24th March 2012 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Smt. Mamata Bandyopadhyay. The said project has been completed within least possible time since the formation of the new Government on 20th May 2011.
8. Steps were initiated to improve the performance and functioning of the State Transport Corporations, which have started yielding positive results.
The State Government has to bear the burden of huge subsidy of Rs 600.00 crores annually for these Corporations.
9. East West Metro Project (KMRCI), which is a joint venture project of the Ministry of Urban Development, GoI, and the Government of West Bengal has made significant progress during the year. The State Government is in dialogue with the Ministry of Railways for furtherance of this prestigious project.
Underground tunnel work was recently inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal.
10. Fixation of High Security Registration Plate (HSRP) on the vehicles has started throughout the State.
11. Air Conditioned VOLVO bus service has been introduced from Howrah station from the CAB ROAD of both old and new terminals to various places. Air conditioned bus service has also been inaugurated from Kolkata to Diamond Harbour.
12. New system of " PRE- PAID" Taxi has been introduced at NSCBI Airport, Kolkata under the

control and supervision of the Commissioner, Bidhan Nagar Police from April 2012. Similar arrangements are planned to be introduced in Howrah, Sealdah, Santragachi, Kolkata, and Shalimar railway stations.

13. To ensure that the general public is not put in greater discomfort, the State Government made sure that there is no increase in bus/ taxi fares due to the increase in diesel prices.
14. Motor Vehicle Revenue Collection increased to Rs 986.04 Crore in 2011-12 from Rs 917.12 Crore in 2010-11.

Motor Vehicle Revenue Collection (Rs. in Crore)



15. Expression of interest has been invited from corporate/ large business houses to provide quality bus service in the State.
16. To increase road safety, 44 Auto-Manual Traffic Signals have been installed in different district headquarters, Municipal areas, Salt Lake and Kolkata. For this purpose, a sum of Rs 2.44 Crore was released.
17. A sum of Rs 5.25 Crore has been released to WBSTC Limited as well as a sum of Rs 1.57 Crore has been released for construction of one Loaded Carriage Tug (LCT) at a total estimated cost of Rs 3.00 Crore for

operation of LCT service between Nebukhali and Dulduli backward areas of the Sunderbans under Hingalganj block. Construction of Pontoon type jetty at Sagar Island in the district of South 24 Parganas is also in progress.

18. In order to reduce air pollution in Kolkata, the State Government is keen to introduce CNG/ CBM and also battery / electric driven vehicles in the city. Discussions with the oil marketing companies like Indian Oil Corporation are being held in this regard. Location in Kolkata and Howrah have been identified.
19. To increase passenger amenities, "Bus Stand Projects" at various places in the State were approved. These are:
 - Ramnagar-II, Tamluk Rly. Stn., Egra and New Digha Bus Terminus in Purba Medinipur
 - Ghatal Bus Terminus, Paschim Medinipur.
 - Purulia Bus Terminus, Purulia
 - Gobindanagar Bus Terminus, Bankura
 - Bolpur, Naihati Bus Terminus in Birbhum
 - Ranaghat, Nabadwip Bus Terminus in Nadia
 - Memari Bus Terminus, Burdwan
 - Baidyabati Bus Terminus, Hooghly
 - International Bus Terminus at Karunamoyee and Laboni in Salt Lake
 - Bus Terminus at Canal West Road, near Shyambazar, Kolkata
 - Titagarh Bus Terminus, North 24 Parganas
20. A record number of pilgrims visited Ganga Sagar Mela in January, 2012. Elaborate transport arrangements – bus, rail and ferry services and traffic arrangements were made for the pilgrims. A large number of ambulances were also deployed at various places for the pilgrims. The Ganga Sagar Mela was conducted successfully and peacefully without any untoward incident.

Urban Development



Initiatives Of Urban Development Department On The Completion Of One Year Of New Government

1. **Construction of Rabindra Tirtha** comprising facilities of auditorium, kiosks, exhibition centres, archives etc is going on in full swing and will be ready for inauguration soon.
2. **Financial Hub:** 25 acres of prime land in the Central Business District (CBD) of New Town has been identified for the Financial Hub. Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal laid the foundation stone of the Financial Hub on 10th March, 2012. Expression of Interest has been invited from Financial Institutes and Agencies. SBI has already procured 10 acres of land for setting up of Apex Training Institute. A building called Finance Center is earmarked for setting up of financial institutes. A Twin Tower is being planned in the Financial Hub for accommodating Financial Institutions.
3. **Eco - Tourism Park** has been taken up on an area about 480 acres of land at the heart of the New Town. The Master plan for beautification scheme with provision of rain forest, gardening, landscaping, decorative lightening, eco resort, food court, amphitheatre has been prepared. The work is going on in full swing.
4. Design for the **Nazrul Academy & Research Center**, Salt Lake has been finalised through a competition based bidding. Selection of the architect has been finalized. The laying of the foundation stone is slated on 25th May, 2012.
5. **Saheed Bhagat Singh Bhavan:** Design is being made for constructing a memorial building in the memory of Saheed Bhagat Singh.
6. **Convention Center :** A 10 acre plot has been earmarked for constructing a Convention Center by

WBHIDCO. Architectural Plans are being drawn up.

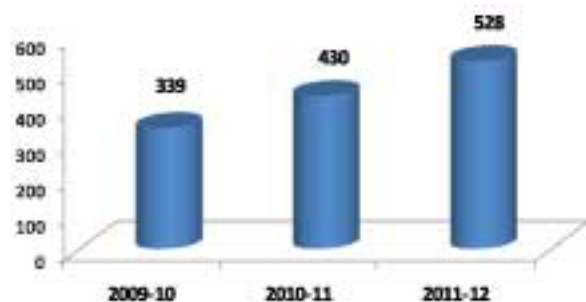
7. **New Planning for Raghunathpur of Purulia District:** In the industrialising zone of Purulia, Land Use Development and Control Plan is being done. Survey work is nearing completion. A new way of planned urbanisation is being contemplated.
8. **Digha Tourism Hub :** Mandarmoni, Tajpur mouza have been added in the Planning Area of Digha Sankapur Development Authority. A colour theme for the tourism hub has been introduced. Design Competition has been invited for a unique Gateway to Digha. Trident decorative street lights have been installed on foreshore Road. Central Bus Stand has been inaugurated and operation started.

Other milestones in Digha :-

- a. EOI invited for
 - Ayurvedic Spa & Health Centre
 - Tourism Hub with 3 - star hotel, aqua marine hub
- b. Land allotted to WBTDG for tented cottage accommodation
- c. Existing building in Amarabati Park is handed over to Fisheries Department for Aqua Hub.
- d. Water sports introduced.
- e. Bay Cafe, Saikatabas and parks renovated and revived.
- f. Master plan prepared by RITES.
- g. Coastal issues of Mandarmoni taken up with appropriate authorities.
- h. Roads in Digha upgraded
- i. Comprehensive Land survey started
- j. Project report for Deer Park under preparation
- k. Construction of Digha Bypass road with project cost of Rs. 9 crore nearing completion

- i. Project office set up for World Bank Assisted ICZM project.
9. **Shishu Tirtha** : A children's park along with play ground was inaugurated by Hon'ble MIC, UD & MA on 15th December, 2011. This park has been very attractive and popular with local residents.
10. **Community Market through Design Competition**: Two community markets are being built after inviting design competition among architects.
11. **Water supply to New Town, Salt Lake, Nabadiganta** : Detailed Project Report for Piped Water Supply from the river Hooghly to New Town has been drawn up. This will solve the long standing water problem of New town and neighbouring area.
12. **Land in New Town given to :**
 - a. Alia University
 - b. Haj House
 - c. St. Xaviers' College
 - d. Presidency University
 - e. SBI Training Institute
 - f. National Security Guard
 - g. Coast Guard

**Physical possession handed over
(No. of plots)**



13. E – Governance :

- a. File tracking software was installed in Urban Development Department. It was launched by Hon'ble MIC, IT and Hon'ble MIC, UD on 02.02.2012.
- b. Fund Flow software has also been installed in Urban Development Department.
- c. E -tender & e - Procurement have been introduced in many Development Authorities including KMDA.

- d. Biometric Attendance System has been introduced in WBHIDCO. It was inaugurated by Hon'ble MIC, UD on 02.01.2012.

14. Initiatives towards Urban Beautification

- a. Completed Street lighting in the following Municipalities.
 - Barrack pore
 - Khardah
 - Panihati
 - Kamarhati
 - Baranagar
 - Dum Dum
 - b. Illumination of HPL link road from City Center to Kshudiram Square in Haldia by high power energy efficient LED street lights.
 - c. Beautification plan of Belvedere Road taken up by KIT.
 - d.
 - Beautification and green covering of median from the Bridge over Krishnapur Canal up to HIDCO Bhawan on the Major Arterial Road
 - 8000 square mtr. green lawn on the dividers on first rotary of MAR
 - Installation of 412 trident lights along the Major Arterial Road
 - Plantation of ornamental plants on the median in a 3 Km stretch from the 6th Rotary towards airport.
 - e. Installation and illumination of decorative lights from entry point of Digha to Odisha border has been completed during this year
15. The plan for renovation work of **Ahindra Mancha** has been prepared by KIT and work will be taken up soon
16. **Achievements under NGRBA**
- a. Ghats completed in the year 2011-12 are
 - RFD of Rishra, Chandannagar, Bansberia, Baidyabati & Kolkata completed.
17. Achievement of KMDA in Housing Sector KMDA out of its own has completed the following
- a. Community hall and recreation facilities at Barrackpore Housing Complex (Ph-I)

- b. 3 nos of 4 storied A type Residential Buildings under Kalyani Housing Project (Ph-III)
- c. Housing at East (Purbo) Kolkata
- d. Construction of 24 residential quarters for upper subordinates of Kolkata police at Cossipore Police station campus.

18. Other infrastructure initiatives

- a. **Siliguri Jalpaiguri Development Authority (SJDA):** RCC Box Bridge including both side approach roads connecting Santinagar Main Road and Eastern By Pass road near Kankata More, Siliguri has been completed during this year. Construction of 4th Mahananda Bridge and 5th Mahananda Bridge along with both side approach road have been taken up.
- b. **Haldia Development Authority (HDA):** The work of laying of new water distribution network from Geonkhali to Chaitanyapur, Chaitanyapur to Basudebpur and construction of Clear Water Reservoir and pump house at Basudebpur (Ph-I) has been completed.
- c. **Midnapore Kharagpur Development Authority (MKDA):** Construction of Electric Crematorium at Padmabati Ghat, Paschi Midnapore has been completed during the year 2011-12 and ready for commissioning.

19. Achievements under JNNURM

- a. 13 New projects under UIG Sub-Mission involving a total project cost of Rs. 1469.52 crore have been sanctioned
 - Rail Over Bridge Bhatpara Municipality
 - Bus Terminus near Kalyani Rly Station
 - Four lane Fly Over at Kamalgazi Intersection on E M Bypass connector at the starting point of Adi Ganga in Kolkata
 - Construction of elevated road between Jinzira Bazaar and Batanagar on Budge Budge Trunk Road
 - Construction of Bus Terminus with office building/ Cafeteria in the outskirts of NDITA
 - Barrackpore-Kalyani-Dum Dum Expressway Road Project from Sodepur to MB Road
 - Water Supply Project (Ph- II) for Uluberia Municipality

- Trans- Municipal Water Supply Project for Municipal Towns of Madhyamgram, New Barrackpore and Barasat
- Trans-Municipal Water Supply Projects for Municipal Towns of Titagarh and Khardah
- Storm water Drainage System for Madhyamgram Municipality, Kolkata
- Integrated Storm Water Drainage System for Barasat Municipality, Kolkata
- Improvement ,Upgradation & strengthening of Road from Gammon Bridge to Gandhi More(NH- 2) via Mayabazar in Durgapur
- Improvement , Widening to 4- lane and strengthening of Road from Jubilee Dhaba to SCOB gate at Asansol

- b. 6 projects under UIG Sub-Mission completed during 2011-12

- 10 MGD Water Treatment plant for Uluberia West
- 24 hr Water Supply Scheme for Municipal Towns of Naihati, Halisahar, Kanchrapara, Gayeshpur and uncovered areas of Kalyani
- Trans-Municipal Scheme of removal of drainage congestion within Khardah, Panihati, North Dum Dum, Dum Dum & South Dum Dum
- Storm Water Drainage Scheme in Hooghly-Chinsurah Municipality
- Storm Water Drainage Scheme for Bansberia Municipality
- Development & Management of Sewerage System at Salt Lake, Sector- V

- c. 13 new projects under BSUP Sub Mission of JNNURM involving a total project cost of Rs.710.34 crore have been sanctioned during the year 2011-12

Dankuni Phase -I (1499 Units), Halisahar Ph-II(500 units), Madhyamgram Ph - III(1406 units), North Dum Dum Ph-III (2000 units), Kanchrapara Ph-II (240 units), Rajarhat Gopalpur Ph-III & IV (1573 units & 1469 units), Kumartuli Transit (200 units), Bhatpara Ph-II(1947 units), Titagarh Ph-II(899 units), Serampore Ph- III(1598 units), Konnagar Ph-III(1197 units), Durgapur Ph-IV(912 units)

Physical & Financial Progress (Cumulative) Report on Sub-Mission-I of JNNURM

Year	Total No. of projects Sanctioned (Cum)	Total Project Cost Approved (Cum)	Expenditure (Cum)
2009 -10	50	4397.19	1067.6639
2010 -11	58	5604.60	1789.9912
2011 -12	71	7074.12	2511.7146



Sishu Tirtha Park



At First Rotary, Action Area -I



Along Major Arterial Road

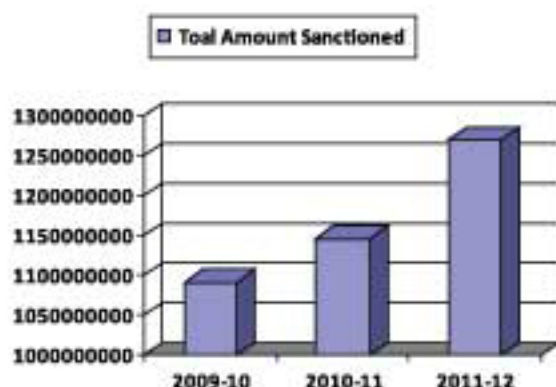


Greenery at first Rotary

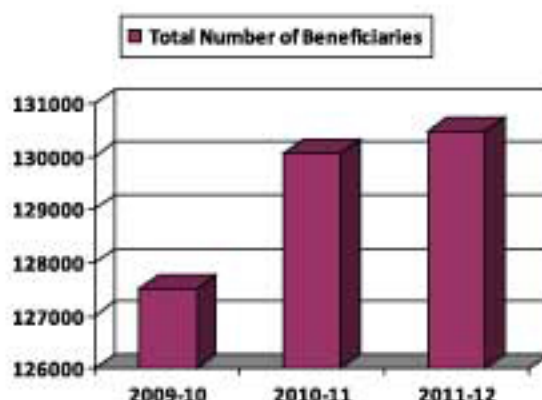


At Action Area - II

Kendu leaves from the poor tribal people in the Junglemahal area. In addition to that minimum support price of Kendu leaves has been raised to Rs.75.00 per chata (2.5 kg) from Rs.35.00 per chata. In addition, a number of schemes for comprehensive development of the Jungle Mahal area have been taken up with fund under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India.



- Social Security scheme for economically backward sections:** BCW Department has one social security scheme of Pension for Tribal beneficiaries belonging to BPL families. The pension is provided @ Rs.1,000 per month. Rs.127 Crore has been disbursed during 2011-12 to 1,30,463 number of tribal people who have attained above 60 years of age. A Bar chart showing performance during the last three years is appended below:



- Individual Beneficiary Oriented Scheme:** Individual Beneficiaries Oriented Schemes are being implemented out of 90% fund under SCA to SCSP

for SCs and 70% fund under SCA to TSP for STs. A statement showing the beneficiaries covered and fund utilized under these two schemes is given below:

YEAR	SC	SCA TO SCP involved	ST	SCA TO TSP involved
2009-2010	49960	4996.00	11718	1171.80
2010- 2011	43587	4358.70	12257	1225.70
2011- 2012	47300	4730.00	18702	1870.20

- Infrastructure Development Programme in SC/ST dominated areas:** Each year, various infrastructure development programme like Minor Irrigation (Deep tube Wells, Shallow Tube Wells, Excavation/re-excavation of ponds/canals), Sinking of tube wells/dug wells for drinking water, construction of roads, bridges & culverts, construction/re-construction/repair & renovation of

hostel buildings/primary school buildings, construction of community halls etc. are being implemented by this Department out of the fund under SCA to SCSP, SCA to TSP and Art.275(1) of the Constitution of India.

A statement showing the fund utilized for implementation of various schemes under these three sectors in the last three years is given below:

Sl	Sector	2009 -10		2010 -11		2011 -12	
		No. of schemes	Amount utilized	No. of schemes	Amount utilized	No. of schemes	Amount utilized
1	SCA to SCSP	115	4.38 Crore	117	5.17 Crore	167	7.58 Crore
2	SCA to TSP	99	5.71 Crore	132	10.15 Crore	154	11.89 Crore
3	Art.275(1)	169	23.30 Crore	521	48.48 Crore	556	55.48 Crore
Total:		383	33.29 Crore	770	63.80 Crore	877	74.95 Crore

Water Resources Investigation & Development Department



The Water Resources Investigation & Development Department (WRID&D) recognizes the importance of water resource vital to economic growth. The Department has identified three challenges in the present, Impact of Climate Change on the Water Resources, Increasing dependence on the ground water resources and deterioration in the Quality of Water. In response to the emerging challenges of the time the Department has embarked upon large scale harvesting of rain water .

a) Physical Achievements (Plan & other Fund)

Year	No. of Scheme Completed
2010-11	1670
2011-12	1803

b) Physical Achievements - Command Area Development

Year	Construction of Field Channels (In Hectare)
2010-11	2463
2011-12	3746

c) Physical Achievements - Jal Dharo & Jal Bhara (Mgnrega)

Year	No. of Mandays created
2009-10	0
2010-11	0
2011-12 (Anticipated)	5347

d) Physical Achievements - Artificial Recharge & Rain Water Harvesting Schemes

Year	No. of Artificial Recharge & Rain Water Harvesting Schemes completed
2009-10	7
2010-11	6
2011-12 (Completed/ In Progress)	32

c) Jal Dharo & Ja Bhara (MGNREGA) Started During 2011-12

As on 31.03.12

Sl. No.	Scheme Type	Scheme Proposed (No.)	Scheme in Progress (No.)	Estimated Cost (Rs. In Crore)	Expenditure incurred(Rs. In Lakh)	No. of Mandays to be created (in Lakh)	No. of Mandays created (approx)
1	Source to Field (STF)	3662		25.60		20	
2	TANK	138	6	11.54	6.95	8	5347
	TOTAL	3800	6	37.14	6.95	28	5347

Jal Dharo-Jal Bhara Programme has been initiated on multiple platforms.

WRI&DD has identified the following major milestones that will be pursued:-

- Improve governance in Water Management through Water User Associations.
- Command Area Development to reduce the gap between potential created (IPC) & potential utilized (IPU).
- Enhance water use efficiency in irrigation by suitable micro-irrigation schemes (Sprinkler & Drip).
- Increase area under Assured Irrigation under various schemes.
- Strict vigil on water quality, both ground and surface water, and evolve effective mitigation strategies.
- De-siltation and restitution of water bodies comprising of lakes, reservoirs and tanks etc.
- Expand the scope of Rainwater harvesting, Artificial recharge with the help of the local community.
- Priority to the Flagship programme (AIBP-90:10) of Govt. of India.
- Promoting conjunctive use of Surface and Ground water for Minor Irrigation

Achievement/Initiatives of WRI&DD during 2011-12.

1. **'Jal Dharo-Jal Bhara Programme'**:- The objective of the Jal Dharo-Jal Bhara Programme is to harvest rain water in all kinds of water bodies viz, ponds,tanks, reservoirs, canals and underground aquifers. The Programme also aims towards building citizen's awareness towards rain water conservation and efficient water-use in irrigation. On implementation of the

above schemes under this programme, a huge no of mandays may be created resulting in employment generation in rural areas. Under this programme, WRI&DD has proposed different schemes like, Excavation of existing Ponds, Ground Water Recharge of the aquifers, Source To Field Scheme (STFS) under MGNREGA, Excavation of Reservoirs etc. During 2011-12, 3800 Nos scheme have been proposed with an estimated cost 37.14 Crore against targeted Persondays 28 Lakh in the Districts like Hooghly, Burdwan, Coochbehar, South Dinajpur, Maldah, Howrah and Murshidabad. Some of the works are in progress.

Mass awareness campaign of the programme has already been launched in Kolkata areas and different districts of the State.

There was a target of excavation/re-excavation of 50,000 ponds in 5 years from 2011-12. With continuous monitoring and by all out efforts, the department succeeded to excavate/re-excavate 18,500 ponds in one year i.e. in 2011-12.

2. **Artificial Recharge & Rain Water Harvesting** - SWID takes up pilot schemes for Artificial recharge & Rain Water Harvesting particularly in drought prone districts of Purulia, Bankura and Paschim Medinipur as well as in some blocks where ground water assessment has indicated semi-critical stage of development. Two types of schemes were formulated - (i) Recharge through Roof top Rain Water Harvesting and (ii) Recharge through percolation tanks in laterite / hard rock terrain. During 2011-12, 6 Nos. of such scheme have been completed and 26 Nos. are in progress in different district.
3. **Externally funding assistance from World Bank** - West Bengal Accelerated Development of Minor Irrigation Project in West Bengal (WBADMIP), will be taken up during 2012-2013 under external funding assistance from World Bank. 4660 nos. of MI structures has been estimated to be taken up for creation of additional 138901 ha of CCA with an estimated cost of Rs. 1380.00 Crore within a span of six (6) year.
4. **Flagship programme of Govt. of India (AIBP-90:10)** (for Tribal villages and Drought prone blocks utilizing surface water potential more than 50 Hectare)- During 2011-12, about 1722 ha. Additional Minor Irrigation Potential was created. In AIBP during 2011-12, 94 nos. of Surface MI schemes have been proposed in the Districts of Bankura and Purulia with an estimated cost of Rs. 44.86 Crore

which may create 6840 ha. additional irrigation potential.

5. **Special drive at Jangle Mahal -**

- a) A project amounting to Rs. 24.40 Crore for rainwater harvesting & storing during monsoon has been approved in three districts of Jungle mahal (viz. West Medinipur, Bankura and Purulia) under of RKVY by Agriculture Department during the year 2011-12. It includes 83 Nos. scheme consists of construction of Rainwater Harvesting Tanks (RWHT), Check Dams, SFMIS, Re-excavation & Modernisation of Tanks etc. Most of the works are in progress.
- b) 24.68 Crore estimated cost for 93 Nos. Renovation of WTA, Conversion & Construction of Pump House of River Lift Irrigation Schemes in L.W.F. Areas (Jungle Mahal) in the District of Bankura, Paschim Medinipur and Purulia and as 5.00 Crore estimated cost for Installation of Sprinkler Irrigation Kit for Drought Management Programme including Jungle Mahal for the year 2011-2012 have been approved. In both cases, rest 70% fund is to be released from State budget. Most of the works are in progress.
6. **13TH Finance Commission** - An amount of Rs. 32.96 Crore has been sanctioned & 16.47 Crore has been released during 2011-2012 in connection with different M.I. Schemes under Non-Plan Schemes. The works are in progress.
7. **State Drought Relief Fund (SDRF)**- Department of Disaster Management, GoWB has been released financial sanction amounting to Rs. 62.89 Lakhs for the flood affected districts to meet the expenditure for repair and restoration of damaged Minor Irrigation installations during August, 2011. Works are in progress.
8. **Minor Irrigation Census**- Apart from this the Water Resource and Drought Management Mission has been contributed and Minor Irrigation Census has also been done.
9. **Minor Irrigation Potential (Target & Achievements)**- Ultimate Minor Irrigation potential in the State has been assessed at 44.34 lakh hectares long back. Creation of Minor Irrigation, During 2011-12, tentatively 26479 Hectare MI Potential has been created by WRI&DD through Plan fund (Core

Sector, RIDF, AIBP etc.) & Other fund.

10. **State Water Policy- A High Level inter-Departmental Committee** has been constituted to finalize the 'State Water Policy' and making arrangement for allocation of water to various industries until formation of the State Water Regulatory Authority.
11. **Amendment of 'West Bengal Ground Water Resources (Management, Control & Regulation) Act, 2005'** – During 2011-12, this Act is amended, regarding 'Registration of Existing Wells' and 'Permit for new Wells'. Order has been issued which permits sinking of wells upto the discharge limit of 30 meter cube per hour using 5HP Pumps in safe blocks without obtaining permit from SWID.
12. **Estimation of Ground Water Resources of the State -During 2011-12**, this estimation is carried out by SWID jointly with Central Ground Water Board. As per this estimate updated as on August, 2011 subject to the approval of MOWR, GoI, the net ground water availability of the State has been assessed to be 27.58 lakh ham. While the gross ground water draft for all uses comes to be 10.91 lakh ham. Thus, the stage of ground water development for the State as a whole is 39.54%.
13. **West Bengal Agro Industries Corporation Ltd. (WBAIC)**, under the Department, has forayed into newer areas like food processing, horticulture and cultivation of 'amlaki' and other medicinal plants on pilot basis, apart from its usual activities of water resources development.
14. **Sinking of wells made easy-** Government Order has been issued which permits sinking of wells up to the discharge limit of 30 meter cube per hour using 5 HP pumps in safe Blocks, without obtaining permit under the West Bengal Ground Water (Management, Control and Regulation) Act. 2005, popularly known as (State Water Investigation Directorate) SWID clearance. This has been done for the benefit of farmers. **This will enable to give power connection to large number of small and marginal farmers without insisting on SWID Clearance.**



Women & Child Development & Social Welfare



The Department of Women & Child Dev. and Social Welfare has taken up all round development of State in right earnest and been consistently pursuing its goal to extend the benefits to the weaker & vulnerable sections of our society.

It was assessed that most of the Schemes were being implemented in a routine manner, keeping very little pace with the demand of the day. It was accordingly decided to achieve specific targets to improve the performance of the Department in all sectors of its welfare such as (a) Disability Welfare (b) Women Welfare & Empowerment (c) Social Welfare (d) Child Welfare.

During the last one year impressive achievements of this Department are:-

- Institution of 'Tagore Annual Award' for best performing Team of Anganwadi Worker and Helper in the State.
- Operationalising 160 ICDS Projects approved by Govt. of India in 2008.
- First time constitution of Monitoring Committees for ICDS from G.P. Level to State Level.
- Initiating steps for filling up of all vacancies relating to ICDS in the 23 LWE blocks of Jungle Mahal as a part of measure for all round development of the said Areas.
- Intensive efforts to fill up vacant posts of other ICDS Projects in the State and Anganwadi Centres.
- Increasing additional honorarium of AWWs from Rs. 3850 to Rs. 4350/- and for AWHs from Rs. 2350 to Rs. 2850/-.
- Creation of 335 posts of different categories for 28 Govt. Homes and engagement thereof.
- Reconstitution of Child Welfare Committees and Juvenile Justice Boards.

- Extending Missing Children's Tracking Portal with NIC - the only one of its kind in India.
- Initiating steps to set up the State Child Rights Protection Commission.
- Launching of campaign by All India Radio (AIR) against the social evils like Dowry, Child Marriage, Trafficking etc. and on the rights and entitlements of Women and Children started from 1st April, 2012. Hon'ble President of India felicitated 20 adolescent girls in January'12 for effectively resisting Child Marriage (Malda, Murshidabad, Bankura & Purulia).
- Notification of Revised Rules for simplified certification of disability.
- Increase amount of Scholarship for physically challenged students from Rs 100 to Rs 300 per month, by which nearly 5000 beneficiaries will be benefited.
- Holding Special Camps for identification & Certification of more disabled persons. 143 such camps were hold and 28600 certificates were issued.
- Implementation of Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for empowerment of adolescent girls (SABLA) in 6 districts.
- Implementation of a New Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Indira Gandhi Matriya Sahayog Yojana (IGMSY) in two Districts of Jalpaiguri and Bankura, for improvement of nutritional and health status of the pregnant and lactating mothers and their new born babies.
- Setting up 28 Night Shelters with the co-operation of voluntary organizations to provide the homeless persons of Kolkata, Howrah and Asansol with shelters at night under the new Scheme of "Shelter for Urban Homeless". For this purpose Rs.28 lakh has been sanctioned.

Conducting survey of commercial sex workers seeking rehabilitation and providing them assistance for vocational Training according to Hon'ble Supreme Court's directions.

- Anganwadi Workers and Helpers provided with the benefits under 'Anganwadi Karyakari Bima Yojana' of LIC and their honoraria increased.
- Increased maintenance cost of Home inmates from Rs.1100/- to Rs.1250/-.

• Steps taken to introduce Mediclaim Policy for the better treatment of the inmates of all the JJ Homes through National Insurance Corporation.

- Introduction of Vocational Training in modern trades in for inmates selected Homes in a PPP mode.
- Sanction of enhanced amounts of funds under "Swawalamban" for vocational training to women in need.

Financial achievement (Rs. In lakh)

Sub Sector	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Handicapped Welfare	418.45	372.15	480.26
Child Welfare	17658.75	34457.67	37150.94
Women Welfare	688.36	696.46	756.01
Other Service	920.86	874.77	903.17
Nutrition	31720.90	34780.20	38208.09
Total	51407.32	71181.25	77498.47

Looking Forward:

- 1) To construct pacca buildings for 1087 Anganwadi Centres. Rs.76 crore has been sanctioned for this purpose.
- 2) To expand the scope and coverage of "Widow pension" by adding medical insurance and to cover all indigent single women and rename it as "Social Security Scheme" for single women (widow, divorces, unmarried, deserted, abandoned women) to keep in step with the times and its needs.
- 3) To provide all workers and Helpers of AWCs with uniform and Identity Cards.
- 4) Construction of working women Hostels and Girls students' Hostels in District Head quarters in a phased manner including minority communities over the XIIth Plan period.
- 5) Providing up-graded vocational training courses and facilitating extension of financial support in contemporary trades and services in partnership

with NSDC, UNICEF, Public Sector Organisation and Corporate Sector.

- 6) Awareness campaigns on rights & entitlements of women & children including launching of a one year, State wide intense, multi media awareness campaign on "Narir-Adhikar".
- 7) Setting up of "Mahila Gyan Kendras" or "E-learning centres" for women in the districts, in the PPP mode, with the support of reputed corporates who have evinced interest to the Hon'ble Chief Minister in supporting the state in building its IT-skills.
- 8) To take initiatives with all concerned for ensuring 50% reservation of the seats for women under 3 tier panchayat.
- 9) To change the menu of Anganwadi Centres under supplementary nutrition programme of ICDS to remove the monotony of only Kichhuri every day.
- 10) To provide the Workers and Helpers of Anganwadi Centres with two pieces of Saries as uniform.

Youth Services



The Department of Youth Services is, one of the most vibrant and dynamic wing of the Government of West Bengal for implementation of the Welfare Plans of the State. On formation of the new Government robust changes has been made since June, 2011, a glimpse of which are as follows :

Financial Expenditure (Rs. in Cr.)

2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
8.86	5.52	18.04

Expenditure on Students Youth Festival (Rs. in Cr.)

2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
3.00	3.50	10.10

Expenditure on Rural Sports & Development of Play field (Rs. in Cr.)

2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
.52	.54	5.00

Expenditure on In Jangalmahal area (Rs. in Cr.)

2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
0.00	.20	1.59

Expenditure on Gymnasium (Rs. in Cr.)

2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
1.18	0.27	1.51

Expenditure on Mini Indoor Games (Rs. in Cr.)

2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
0.18	0.07	0.71

Expenditure on Socio Economic Activities (Rs. in Cr.)

2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
0.11	0.06	0.16

1. Introducing the 'e-tendering' process

To bring about transparency in the day to day functioning of the Department, any work worth more than Rs.2,00,000 (Rupees Two Lakh) will be processed under e-tendering only.

2. Launching of the Official Website

The formal launching of the official website is on the anvil to cater to the services en masse.

3. Upliftment of Golden Indian Culture and Heritage by Remembering Luminous and Great Personalities

Besides holding the Student-Youth Festival, this Department has also organized the 'Vivek Mela' throughout the State in commemoration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Two awards namely 'Vivek Sahosikata Puraskar' and 'Vivek Medha Puraskar' of Rs.10,000 each.

4. Improvement of Sports and Games in Real Sense

- The present govt. is very much interested in the development and promotion of rural sports.
- To ensure quality of sports goods distributed to block level schools, colleges, clubs & organizations, it has been decided that the stipulated amount for purchasing the sports equipments will be allotted to the District Magistrates in case of districts and to the Commissioners in case of Municipal Corporations. They will make necessary

arrangement for purchasing the sports goods centrally at their end according to the requirement of the Schools, Colleges, Clubs and Organizations of their respective areas and then the same will be distributed to them by Block level and Borough level officers. Special emphasis given for the development of rural sports in the Junglemahal.

- Initiatives have been taken up for development of playgrounds under various schools, colleges, clubs, organizations and different local bodies.

5. Youth Hostels

- The Department sets up Youth Hostels in order to facilitate low-cost accommodation of students, youths and other people who have to travel for educational, recreational and other purposes.
- All the twenty three Youth Hostels are not in running condition. Reservation facilities are available in 8 nos. of Youth Hostels out of the above mentioned 22 Youth Hostels. These 8 Youth Hostels are: Purulia, Ramkinkar Youth Hostel — Bankura, State Youth Centre Youth Hostel — Moulali, Kolkata, Digba, Bolpur, Gangasagar, Lalbagh and Massanjore. Moreover, the condition of these 8 Youth Hostels is also unhealthy.
- Decision has been taken for setting up of another 10 (Ten) new Youth Hostels at various attractive tourist spots and online booking system will also be introduced very soon. Programmes have been taken up for thorough renovation of the running youth hostels across the state. All out efforts are being made, so that the commoners along with the students and youths get proper services and a pleasant, hygienic menu at these youth hostels.
- It has been decided that the number of seats at the Youth Hostel at State Youth Centre, Moulali will be increased.

6. District Youth Centre

- Newly built District Youth Centre in the District of Paschim Medinipur has started functioning in 2011-12.

7. Development in the Area of Junglemahal

Focus has been given on the following areas:

- Construction of Recreation Complex/Mini Indoor Complex.

- Construction of Gymnasium and distribution of Gymnastic Equipment.
- Setting up of Vocational Training Centre.
- Imparting Motor Driving Training.
- Distribution of Solar Lanterns among the indigent tribal youth.
- Development of Playfields.
- Extending Financial Assistance to the Clubs/NGO's associations, Organizations etc. for their activities towards improvement of Socio-Economic and Cultural condition of this particular area.
- Holding the Student-Youth Festival especially for Junglemahal as part of the State student-Youth Festival in order to promote the culture and heritage of the Junglemahal area.

8. State Youth Centre, Moulali

It has been decided to modernize-

- The auditorium of the State Youth Centre.
- The Dinesh Majumder State Youth Library will be renamed as 'Vivek Library' paying tribute to Swami Vivekananda to mark his 150th Birth Anniversary. In order to cater to the demand and necessity of the students and youths, this library will be transformed into a text and reference book library, where a rich collection of text books for the students of class XI to post graduates will be available.
- A Career Information Centre will also be set up at the State Youth Centre.
- A Conference Hall and an A.T.M Counter of any nationalized bank will also be set up inside the building premises.
- The office of the District Youth Officer, Kolkata will also be shifted from its present location at Maniktala to this building premises.

9. Mountaineering and Adventure Sports

- An organization named 'West Bengal Mountaineering and Adventure Sports Foundation' (WBMASF) is run under the control and supervision of the Youth Services Department in order to promote Mountaineering and Adventure Sports in our state.
- 'Radhanath Sikdar Memorial Lecture' was organized by the Youth Services Department to commemorate the bi-centenary of Radhanath Sikdar, the eminent mathematician and the first

man to measure the height of Mount-Everest. The memorial lecture was organized at the 'Bhasha Bhavan' at the National Library, Kolkata.

It has been decided that-

- a few programmes in connection with Parasailing and Gliding will be organized,
- a memorial award in the names of Tenzing Norgay and Radhanath Sikdar will also be introduced,
- a few new equipment essentially required for mountaineering worth Rs.47.40 lakh will be purchased.
- There is a plan to scale a virgin and unnamed peak. If the expedition becomes successful, then efforts will be given to name the peak after Swami Vivekananda.
- There is a plan to organize a 'Cycle Expedition' keeping Swami Vivekananda's 'Bharat Parikrama' in mind;
- Another plan to organize a 'Cycle Expedition' from Gangasagar to Darjeeling via Belur Math is there.
- A plan is also there to organize a Kayaking Competition from the Hazarduari of Murshidabad to the Bagbazar Ghat, Kolkata.
- Water Sports will also be given special importance.
- Apart from these the Artificial Rock at the Yuva Bharati Krirangan, Salt Lake will be named after Radhanath Sikdar and
- there are plans to develop necessary infrastructure required for organizing Artificial Rock Climbing and Boulder Climbing.
- The office of the WBMASF at the Yuva Bharati Krirangan will also be renovated in order to make it usable by the mountaineers.

10. Science Based Programmes

- a) To eradicate various superstitions and prejudices prevailing in our society, development of scientific aptitude and temper is very much necessary. Keeping this in view, the Department has regularly been implementing two annual programmes jointly with the Birla Industrial & Technological Museum (BITM), Kolkata namely (1) Student's Science Seminar and (2) Science Fair.

b) Financial Assistance to the Science Clubs:

Financial assistance is given by the Youth Services Department to the Science Clubs working for promotion of scientific attitude amongst the people of our society. Initiative was taken up by the department to provide financial assistance amounting to a total of Rs. 19.98 Lakhs to 124 nos. of science clubs, schools, colleges and organizations in connection with the observance of 150th Birth Anniversary of Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy.

11. Youth Computer Training Centre

The Youth Computer Training Centers run by the Department of Youth Services in collaboration with different private organizations play an important role in providing low cost computer training to the student-youth across the state and in enabling them to survive in the competitive job market successfully. The computer training is catered to in six monthly (Certificate Course) and Yearly (Diploma Course) mode.

12. Assistance in Setting up Multigym

The mental development of youth is not possible without the development of their physique also. That is why; an one-time financial assistance of a maximum of Rs.2 Lakh only will be given by my department to different institutions, schools, colleges, clubs, organizations and local bodies for setting up of multigym and purchase of accessories.

13. Pension to Ex-Olympians

A plan has been drawn to enhance the amount of the pension to the Ex-Olympians from 2 (Two) Thousand per month to 5 (Five) Thousand per month.

14. Chinese Youth Delegation

The year 2011 was marked as the year of exchange between India and China. As a part of this programme, an Indian delegation comprising of 500 members visited China. In response, the Govt. of China has also sent a Chinese Youth Delegation to our country on friendship visit. One of the groups visited Kolkata on and from the 28th February, 2012 to 2nd March, 2012. The 70 member delegation visited many places of interest in and around Kolkata.

15. Activities of the Clubs

Survey on Socio-Economic and Cultural Activities, Research on Youth Life and Science Club Activities have been given special preference since June, 2011 after formation of the new Government.

16. Student-Youth Festival

The State Student-Youth Festival of the year 2011 was organized with the help and active co-operation of the Bidhannagar Municipality at the Yuva Bharati Krirangan, Salt Lake, Kolkata on and from the 2nd January, 2012 to 6th January, 2012 wherein about 2500 nos. of students and youths across the state participated. Cultural Competitions in 41 events were organized with great enthusiasm in Bidhannagar College Campus, State Youth Centre, Moulali along with the Yuva Bharati Krirangan. Every evening enlivened with the melodies of reputed and budding talents.

This year the National Youth Festival was organized in Mangalore, the Port City of the state of Karnataka. The successful competitors of the West Bengal State Student-Youth Festival represented our state and their achievements are laudable. In the National Youth Festival of this year, two Gold Medals in Flute and Tabla, one Silver Medal in Manipuri Dance and two Bronze Medals in Kathak and Bharatnatyam were bagged by the participants from West Bengal. Overall, for the first time, our state stood 3rd among all other states of India in terms of rate of success which has obviously added a new feather to the glory of the state. The Govt. of India offered them cash awards apart from the medals. They will also be felicitated by the Government of West Bengal shortly.

It may be worth mentioning here that apart from the mainstream Student-Youth Festival, three separate festivals were organized as part of the State Student-Youth Festival in order to focus attention on their own cultural heritage viz. Hill, Coastal & Junglemahal.

The Youth Festival of the hill area was organized at Malbazar in Jalpaiguri district. The Festival of the coastal area was organized at the seashore of Digha in the district of Purba Medinipur. The Festival in the backward areas of Junglemahal was organized at Jhargram of Paschim Medinipur district and the Festival was graced with the august presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and she was kind enough to inaugurate the Festival. The Festival was able to create great enthusiasm amongst the people of Junglemahal. In order to organize the Junglemahal Youth Festival smoothly.

It must be admitted, despite all such euphoria the Student-Youth Festival in yesteryears could not reach out to all student-youth of West Bengal due to lack of proper publicity. This year, special efforts will be taken by this Department to reach out to every nook and corner with the message of Student-Youth Festival which is a major platform for displaying their potentiality. It is expected that this year the Student-Youth Festival will get a different dimension on the national platform through proper talent search.



In 2011-12, a sum of Rs.20.96 Crore has also been utilized for construction/re-construction/repair & renovation of 213 nos. of hostel buildings.

- **Setting up of Hostels under Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojna for the SC & ST Boys and**

Girls: In 2011-12 Government of India sanctioned 6 Boys Hostels and 6 Girls Hostels for SC's under Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojna. A comparative statement of performance in this regard with chart is shown below:

	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011 -12	
	No. of Hostels	Amount (Rs.)	No. of Hostels	Amount (Rs.)	No. of Hostels	Amount (Rs.)
Boys	Nil	Nil	01	1,17,64,657/-	06	13,49,50,200/-
Girls	Nil	Nil	02	1,81,42,246/-	06	11,99,83,400/-

- **Activities on Culture:** BCW Department promotes development of culture of the SCs and STs. Arrangement for amendment of the Rules of Business of the BCW Department to include Jhumur, Gambhira, Baul, Bhatiyali, Kabi-Gan, Puppetry, Chhau, Sarigan and Bachhari Baich (traditional boat race), Woodcraft, Kantha-Shilpa, Observance of general strike in 1873 a movement for dignity & equality before law' has been made. The scope of distribution of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Medha Puraskar has been extended to include meritorious students of class X standard of West Bengal Board of Madrasa Education, ICSE and CBSE. Programmes like distribution of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Medha Puraskar 2011, Bhawaiya Sangeet Competition, One Act Drama Competition in Tribal Languages, Gunijan Sambardhana, Shri Shri Thakur Harichand Guruchand Smriti Puraskar, Tea Festival, Adivasi Sanskritik Utsab etc. have been successfully organised during the last financial year.

Initiatives have already been taken by the Department in streamlining the process of work in the Department to be more responsive transparent and effective. All major activities are being displayed through the Departmental Website www.anagrasarkalyan.gov.in. There is scope for receiving feedback and suggestion from all section of the society to help the Department discharge his duties towards welfare and development of the backward classes people of the State.

BCW Department has adopted a few fundamental changes in the delivery system during the last YEAR. Quick disposal, monitoring, timely submission of reports and returns and outreach to the poor SC/ST/OBC people have been the essence of administrative changes. Efforts have been made to revamp and upgrade the Human and Other Resources of Cultural Research Institute. Emphasis is given

on capacity building, skill development and vocational training to ensure empowerment of SC/ST beneficiaries and students.

- **Ambedkar Centre for Excellence:** It has been decided to set up the Ambedkar Centre for Excellence (ACE) at Kolkata with its branches in all the Districts. This Nodal Centre will coordinate the Educational, Socio- economic, Cultural, Professional and Skill Development initiatives to maximize the benefits derived by the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, creating synergy between the multi dimensional programmes.
- **Promotion of Alchiki and local language of Darjeeling:** Reconstitution of the committee for Santal Academy is under active consideration of the Government. One of the main mandates of the Academy besides other activities is the promotion of "Alchiki" language.
- **Utarbanga Sech Samabay Prakalpa (UBSSP):** A highly successful scheme for extending irrigation facilities to SC beneficiaries in the districts of Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar, this scheme has been taken up in a big way to cover 1000 units @ 500 each in those two Districts. This scheme would be implemented through the West Bengal Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development and Finance Corporation. The Project cost per unit is - Rs.80,000/-. NSFDC provides Loan of Rs.30,000/-, while Subsidy from SCA to SCP is Rs. 40,000/-and Beneficiary Contribution is Rs.10,000/-. NSFDC Loan is to be repaid by State Govt. in five years. Rate of interest is @3% per annum.
- **Krishi Shramik Kalyan Kendra:** A Krishi Shramik Kalyan Kendra for the benefit of SC cultivators at the Sub-Divisional headquarters at Bongaon has been set

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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Janab Haider Aziz Safwi

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Shri Purnendu Basu

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North Bengal Development

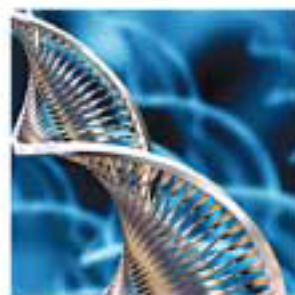
up. This is also a totally new & innovative scheme.

- **Pre-IAS/WBCS training Centre:** Steps are being taken to arrange Pre-IAS/WBCS training Centre for poor but meritorious SC/ST students. This scheme is also new & innovative.
- **English Education & Computer Education:** A distance learning centre to improve English education and Computer education for backward class students has been introduced from the Ambedkar Centre for Excellence at Cultural Research Institute. Class room training in English and Spanish languages have also been arranged.
- **Aptitude Test:** Aptitude tests for SC/ST students by

professional institutes for career guidance of SC/ST students at post schooling stage has been conducted covering passed out meritorious students of Madhyamik Examination 2010 and 2011. A database of those students have been kept to provide them continuous career guidance and cover them under different professional training courses.

- **Computer Training of SC/ST students:** Training on Computer Programme through ECIL-ECIT is being conducted in 66 centres throughout the State for 2000 SC & ST students. Total cost involvement in the programme is Rs.2.96 Crore including student's stipends. Training in 'O' Level Computer Courses of DOEACC has also been arranged.

Biotechnology



Biotechnology Department attempts to harness the best out of vast biodiversity and rich flora & fauna of West Bengal. From the Sub-himalayan mountainous region to the tropical forests of North Bengal to the Gangetic Plains and the Sunderban delta offer a unique range of biodiversity. That is why, the sole mission of this Deptt. is to support and extend financial helps to various novel scientific Research and Development projects as well as community development projects for the promotion of Biotechnology in the state.

Aims & Objectives

- To conserve, map and sustainably use bioresources.
- To spread general awareness for the optimum utilization of biotechnology in the different sectors.
- To optimally focus resources for R&D in biotechnology.
- To encourage and facilitate introduction of biotechnology at the grass-root level to strengthen the economy of the state.
- To encourage rural biotechnological activities for the promotion of village level industries in the state.
- To facilitate energy security and self-sustainability through promotion of biofuels.
- To support employment generating schemes in the field of biotechnology.
- To create centers of excellence as high quality support services to biotech industries.
- To create or act as catalyst for the creation of infrastructure for biotech industries, e.g., biotechnology parks.
- To develop competent human resources at different levels in the field of biotechnology.
- To promote the field of bioinformatics which draws support from information technology.
- To suitably address highly pertinent issues like intellectual property rights (IPR) protection, biosafety and bioethics.
- To coordinate and consolidate efforts by the various departments and government undertakings having potential in the area of biotechnology.
- To create congenial environment of biotech industry through process simplification in the clearance of the commercial biotechnology projects.
- To attract private investment for perceptible growth in biotechnological industries.
- To facilitate the flow of venture capital funds and bank credit to biotech companies.
- To extend fiscal incentives and concessions to biotechnology industry.
- To provide an appropriate institutional framework to achieve the above objectives.

For achieving the objectives, this Department charts different programmes in each financial year on molecular and cell biology, microbiology, taxonomy, bioinformatics, medicine, agriculture, pollution control, etc.

In the year 2009-2010 a budget allocation was of Rs. 8.00 Cr. only which was increased to Rs. 13.20 Cr. in 2011-12 as noted below.

Financial Year	Budget Estimate (Rs. In Cr.)
2009-10	8.00
2010-11	12.00
2011-12	13.20

The New Government has started its journey on May 20, 2011. The people of West Bengal have seen the unique pace of its work and mode of implementation of the various projects of development. The following are a few of the efforts taken and so also the results achieved.

- This Department always extends financial help to different scientific researches received from scholar of Universities and famous scientific research institutions. Total of 15 projects are financed by this Department. and two projects are on pipe line.
- This Department generated thrust in the rural biotechnology with novel project like “generating mass awareness and Lac Cultivation in the tribal dominated and politically disturbed area of Gopiballabhpur-I Dev. Block in Paschim Medinipur
- Establishment of a Resource Centre of Plant tissue culture at Woman’s Technology Park, Sagar, Sundarban, West Bengal” by The Vivekananda Institute of Biotechnology, Nimpith, South 24 Parganas.
- This Department has a flagship project done through the full fledged commissioning of Kolkata Biotech Park, Salt Lake. It accommodates a highly specialized common instrumentation facility laboratory of various high-tech scientific instruments and the Govt. investment in the same is about Rs.8.00 crores. The procurement of latest generation of Proteomics instrument known as Triple-TOF is on the anvil.
- A complete bio incubation unit has been set up in the Kolkata Biotech Park and is now functional under the technical supervision of Dr. B.C. Guha Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology under the University of Calcutta.
- West Bengal Biotech Dev. Corporation Ltd. is now discharging its function in full swing and it plans to introduce a finishing school for the Masters of Biotechnology for making them absolutely industry-ready.
- Consequent of the strong public relations and persuasion of the West Bengal Biotech Dev. Corporation Ltd. (WBBDCL), different **start-up biotech companies** have expressed their interest to take space in Kolkata Biotech Park for their research and development purpose. 3 (three) companies are already been in. The number of waiting companies for infrastructure is about 10(ten) at present. The building is expected to be full by October this year.
- The offices of the Department and West Bengal Biotech Dev. Corporation Ltd. (WBBDCL) have been shifted to its own building, Salt Lake. The proximity to industrial hub has always been a base for building confidence in the biotech-based companies.



Civil Defence



The function of the Civil Defence Department is very much crucial to face any calamity to adequate preparedness with minimum possible time. The department has geared up its activities to enable Civil Defence organizations to be effective in mitigating the impact of distress.

Fund utilization (Rs. in Cr.)

Year	2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12
Amount	3.78	2.31	7.73

- Civil Defence Department during the current financial year has taken up massive programme for revamping of the Civil Defence set up and strengthening its different Wings for speedy implementation of public awareness and rescue programme. We have started constructing Civil Defence Resource Centre at four most disaster prone Blocks with perennial nature of disaster at Pursura in Hooghly, Mohonpur in Paschim Medinipur, Patashpur-I in Purba Medinipur and Basirhat-I in North 24 Parganas wherein our rescue teams, rescue equipments and workshop shall be in station with constant preparedness to fight any type of calamity.
- During the year under review, we have set up two Multi Disciplinary Civil Defence Rescue Centers, one at Asansol with focus on industrial hazard and other at Siliguri with focus on flash flood and land slide, wherein a composite unit with rescue equipments shall be stationed to take care of any calamity.
- The Foundation Stone of the Multi Disciplinary Civil Defence Resource Centre at Asansol was laid by Minister-in-Charge, Civil Defence, in presence of Minister-in-Charge, Law, and Mayor of Asansol Municipal Corporation, on the 4th February, 2012. Foundation Stone for the Multi Disciplinary Resource Centre at Nakxalbari under Siliguri Sub-Division was unveiled by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee on the 10th February, 2012 at Kanchanjanga Stadium, Siliguri.
- During 2012-13, we are planning to further strengthen our rescue work by constructing Civil Defence Resource Centre at Boishnabnagar in Malda, Tufanganj in Coochbehar, Sabang in Paschim Medinipur, Udaynarayanpur in Howrah and we have planned to set up Quick Response Team in all District Head Quarters for immediately attending any calamity in the District.
- The District set up will also be strengthened with modern rescue equipments purchased recently to take care of any unforeseen situation. In Purba Medinipur, we have planned to set up one Multi Disciplinary Civil Defence Rescue Centre in Haldia to combat any natural calamity and augment our training facility with modern equipments, workshop and ancillary activities with focus upon public utility.
- The Districts will henceforth not depend upon Kolkata for any supply in respect of Speed Boat, equipment etc. But the Multi Disciplinary Civil Defence Rescue Centre can cater to the needs of the nearby Districts with the purpose to shorten the time limit in the matter of rescue.
- The Department through the Director of Civil Defence, West Bengal has fully utilized the allotment of Rs. 5.21 Crore 10 District of West Bengal were identified as Multi Hazard District under this Scheme i.e. Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Murshidabad, Birbhum, Burdwan, Hooghly, Howrah, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur and Kolkata. They are all being provided with modern Rescue Equipments like Bullet Chain Saw for wood cutting, circular Saws for metal & concrete cutting, Telescopic 40 ft aluminum ladder, hydraulic jacks, come langs, Rotary Hammer drill,

Power Ascenders & Decenders, Rope stretchers, Tandem & singli pulleys, scarcheams, CBRN Masbs with carbon composite cylinders, 1 Fire Entry Suits etc. Those equipments are all of the world's leading manufacturer of Rescue equipments.

- To take Civil Defence to the greatest level, a drive has launched to enroll fresh volunteers on the scale of at least 10 volunteers per panchyat and 15 volunteers per ward in all Municipal Towns. In Kolkata the target is minimum 50 volunteers per ward. In Kolkata Training of fresh volunteers ward wise has already started and 10 wards have already been covered. Training is presently going on continuously in Kolkata and the Districts.
- To speed up the Rescue Process in the Event of any Disaster the Civil Defence Directorate has equipped 4 rescue vehicle and 3 Ambulance, 2 Rescue Vehicle 1 Ambulance to be sanctioned at Kolkata to cover Kolkata, North & South 24 Parganas, Howrah, Hooghly, Nadia & Purba Medinipore. One rescue vehicle with one ambulance to be sanctioned at Asansol to cover Burdwan, Paschim Medinipore, Bankuara, Birbhum, Murshidabad & one rescue vehicle and ambulance at Siliguri to cover North Bengal. The Rescue Vehicle will have all the necessary rescue equipments permanently loaded in the compartments provided in the vehicle and will also have seating arrangement for 15-20 Rescue workers.

- The names, addresses and telephone no. of all Specially trained Civil Defence Volunteers of all disaster prone Districts are being collected to utilize them as a First Response Team to any disaster.
- Revamping of Warden Service in Kolkata- To make Warden Service effective to the public, there will be at least 50 suitable persons (30 male & 20 female) from each ward for extending specialized Civil Defence training so that these trained Volunteers can stand by the people in times of any disaster.
- As the Civil Defence Volunteers are the essence of Civil Defence Organisations it is under active consideration of this Department that the Civil Defence Volunteers may be provided with insurance coverage for treatment of injury sustained and or death or accidental benefit while on duty.
- Siren system of Civil Defence Department remained inactive for several years. Activation of siren system in 31 locations of Kolkata, Districts and the destination points at the Blocks to be installed in phased manner. Such initiative will be much beneficial to the people in times of any emergency and especially in war situation.
- 45 Civil Defence Resource Centres in 105 disaster prone Blocks of this state have been decided to be established in phased manner.

Joint exercise of Civil Defence Volunteers with Fire Services Department have been undertaken for 8 batches of 7 days duration comprising 30 members.



Commerce and Industries



Key Achievements

- New Investment proposal of around Rupees One Lakh Crore received from 176 companies generating more than three lakh employment.
- The WBIR Act, 1955 was amended to widen the scope for the entrepreneurs to retain ceiling surplus land on a case to case basis for industrial use.
- As per advise of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, "Shilpa Sathi"- a single window system has been launched with single application form reducing the burden to fill up 99 pages to only 7 pages to provide a hassle-free system for the investors
- Export of Gems & Jewellery and food products increased.
- Excavation started at Trans Damodar Coal Mine at Barjora, Bankura.
- Amendment of Minor Mineral Rules to introduced auction based allocation system.
- For the first time in the State a Core Committee on Industry has been formed with the representatives of Chambers.
- 120 Units booked in Howrah Foundry Park
- At Barasat a Garment & Apparel Park has been inaugurated.
- Central Government has been requested to formulate National Iron Ore Policy.
- Some investors responded to the request of the Govt. to revive at least one of the closed industries of the state.

The Government has received investment proposals amounting to more than Rs. One Lakh Crore with proposed employment generation, inclusive of indirect employment of 3 lakh. These include investments in the State from SAIL, Indian Railways, Burn Standard, Tractors India Ltd., Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., TVS Motors, Matrix Fertilizers and Reliance Group. The investment proposals mentioned above are significantly higher than in the preceding years.

The first phase of the Foundry Cluster in Howrah was recently inaugurated by our Hon'ble Chief Minister. 120 units have booked land in phase-I and the Foundry Association has also complemented construction of ITI within the Complex, which would enable local boys and girls to get skilled Technical Training on operation of machines and equipment of the Foundry Industry, thereby making them employable. The Foundation stone for Zari Hub, has been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Smt. Mamata Banerjee in February 2012 at Sankrail, Dist: Howrah in an area where many rural artisans are concentrated. The Hub will be expanded to a World Class Infrastructure Category to both domestic and international markets with end product lines being available in one place.

West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Ltd., a State Govt. Undertaking, is on the verge of starting commercial production of coal from the Trans-Damodar Coal Mining Block at Barzora, Dist: Bankura and to market the product through electronic auction. The formal inauguration of the project was made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 13.4.2012.

Some important policy matters:

For ensuring Cooking Gas Supply to places within the Greater Calcutta Area through the establishment of a gas grid network the GCGSC Ltd. under the Department has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.(HPCI) and Gas Authority of India Limited(GAIL) on 17/11/2011 for investing Rs. 2000 crore through formation of Special Purpose Vehicle(SPV).

In the Asansol-Raniganj Areas, draft lease deed for extraction of Coal Bed Methane has been given to Great Eastern Energy Corporation Ltd. over an area of 210 sq. km. The said Corporation has already started marketing of CBM.

The Govt. has also suitably amended Section 14Y of West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955 for ensuring that prospective entrepreneurs can hold land in excess of the ceiling limit for the purpose of setting up of industries upon the recommendation of Commerce & Industries Department on case to case basis. A model lease deed has also been prepared to expedite the process of giving land on lease to Requiring Bodies including the power of assigning such land to other industrial units.

In order to ensure all the natural resources of the State to be allocated on the basis of transparent system of auction, an amendment of relevant Rules of minor minerals has been made in respect of minerals like kankar, morrum and brick earth on vested land and minerals like river minerals. Initiatives have also been taken to amend other provisions of the rule. This will ensure that State generates more revenue in this process.

From 9th to 14th January 2012, within Milan Mela Premises, an Industrial and Commercial Exhibition was held to highlight the potentials for investment in various sectors in this State. 120 industries from various sectors participated in the exhibition and several companies proposed for investment in the State like Maruti Suzuki, Techno India Group, Tara International, Bengal Aerotropolis etc. In order to set up an eco-tourism project and 1980 MW power project with an investment around Rs. 26,000 crore at Nayachar Island (Purba Medinipur district), the State Government has signed an Agreement. This project will also include a housing scheme for rehabilitation of fishermen, giving incentives for fishing with modern equipment.

Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd. suffered several technical shutdowns in the recent past which has led a huge loss being projected for the year 2011-12. The additional downturn in the international market for petrochem products has resulted in revenues of the company going down. The Government has determined to turn the company around to its potential by ensuring superior corporate governance in the organization. As a step towards this, initiatives were taken by Hon'ble MIC, C&I Department in holding two detailed meetings with financial institutions and their representatives on the Board of Directors. Hon'ble MIC, C&I Department has also become the Chairperson of the Company in an honorary capacity at this critical juncture with the mandate to look after the interests of all the stake-holders, including the financial institutions, employees and the share-holders in a fair and transparent manner.

The investment in various Industrial Parks have also been contemplated. For example, at Sankrail(Howrah district) there is a proposal for setting up of a Poly Park with the participation of Shyam Steel, Prime Technoplast Pvt. Ltd. and Ramkey Enviro Engineers Ltd. At Naihati Rishi Bankim Industrial Park, several proposals for investment have come up, worth-mentioning among which are the proposals of Texmaco Rail and Engineering Ltd. for setting up Green Field Steel Foundry and proposal of Supreme Industries Ltd. Proposals for investment have also come at Purulia Raghunathpur Industrial Park, Panagarh Industrial Park, Bankura Plasto Steel Park at Barjora.

The projects which are nearing completion are Dhunseri Petro Chem Ltd. for expansion of production of 2 lakh tone to 4.3 lakh tonne, Leather Goods Manufacturing Training Centre at Bantala, Foundry Park alongwith ITI at Ranihati, Howrah and Bitumen Emulsion plant of Hindustan Collas Ltd. at Haldia.

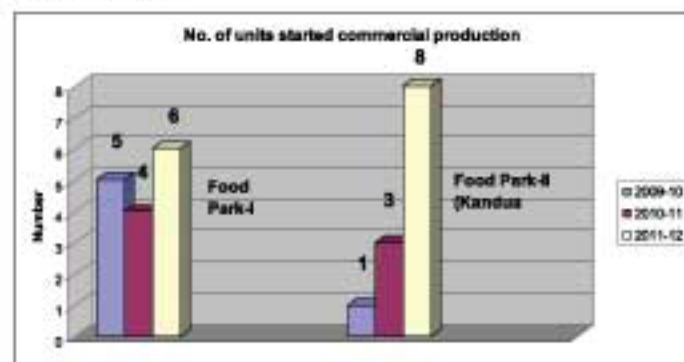
Land related issues with the following companies have been settled which will ensure rapid industrialization in the State:-

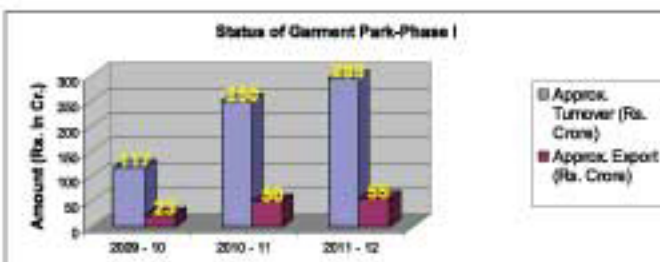
- (i) 1 Million Ton steel project of JSW at Salboni
- (ii) Patton International Ltd. Cold Rolling Mill at Uluberia, Howrah district.
- (iii) Integrated Steel Plant of Sova International Ltd. at Mejia(Bankura district)
- (iv) Rolling Mill and Steel Melting shop of Ankit Metal and Power Ltd. at Jorhira(Bankura district)
- (v) Foundry Park being set up by Foundry Cluster Association at Ranihati(Howrah district)

Expression of Interest has been called from investors to set up manufacturing industry on 1000 acres land at Goaltore.

WBIDC Ltd.

FOOD PARK





Manikanchan (Gems & Jewellery Park)- Export value of Gems & Jewellery from Manikanchan has impressively gone upto Rs. 10425 Cr. In the year 2011-12 from Rs. 8125 Cr. of last year

- 12 Poly Parks started commercial function in the year 2011-12 against 7 units in the previous year.
- In Sahachaw Industrial Park investment proposal of Rs. 50 Cr. was received during the reporting year against Rs. 27.50 Cr. in the previous year.
- In Panagarh Industrial Park investment proposal of Rs. 4954.60 Cr. was received during 2011-12.
- In Vidyasagar Industrial Park investment proposal of Rs. 209 Cr. was received during the reporting year against Rs. 104 Cr. in the previous year.
- In Rishi Bankim Shilpa Udyan investment proposal of Rs 557.02 Cr. was received which will create employment opportunity of 5151 persons.

Bengal Leads – 2012 (Organised by WBIDC Ltd.)

West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation on behalf of the Government of West Bengal organized Bengal Leads -2012, an exhibition cum Business Summit at Milan Mela Trade Fair Complex, Kolkata from January 9-14, 2012. This exhibition cum business summit was the first of its kind by the State Government, where the state exhibited its areas of strength and opportunities and facilitated interaction with all stakeholders. This summit was aimed at bringing together business leaders, investors, policy and opinion makers and served as a perfect platform to explore business opportunities with the state of West Bengal.

The Summit was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee on January 9, 2012 and attended by industry stalwarts like Shri Rajiv Singh of DLF, Shri Atul Punj of Punj Lloyd, Smt. Mallika Srinivasan of TAFE, Shri Sajjan Jindal of Jindal Steel, Shri Prasoon Mukherjee of Universal Success Enterprise, Shri YC

Deveshwar of ITC, Consul General of USA and Japan and many more.

The six-day exhibition-cum-investor summit had over 1200 companies participating from different sectors and 12 government departments exhibiting strengths and opportunities to investors.

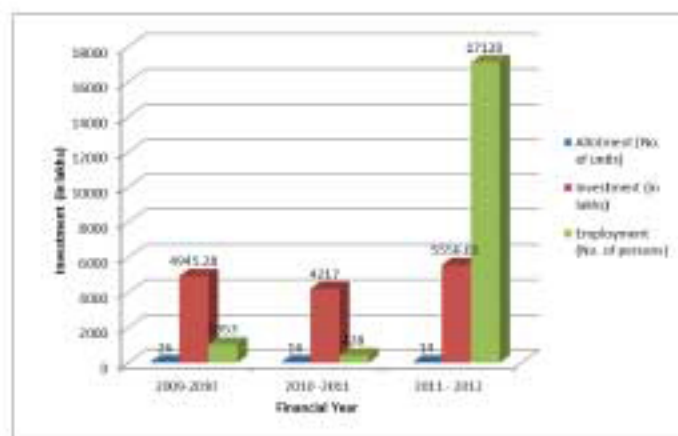
Bengal Leads 2012 represents the intention of the State Government to take the state towards Industrial Rejuvenation and to convey among investors the unlimited resources/opportunities the State Government offers for them. This mega event was a grand success which has set the tone of positioning the West Bengal as an ideal state for investing.

ShilpaSathi- A Single Window System

To facilitate the investors in setting up Industries in smooth and time bound manner, "ShilpaSathi"- a single window clearance system was inaugurated in West Bengal by Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on 1st October 2011. It is functioning at the office of WBIDCL. Earlier the investor needed to submit various application forms to different Govt. Departments to get the relevant licenses and registrations which resulted in unnecessary delays. The new system assists investors to apply in Common Application Form (CAF) to obtain licenses and registration certificates from relevant State Govt. Departments from a single window. The earlier 99 pages procedural form has been reduced to 7 pages and the clearances are being provided within 15 days except where it entails field visit. To get such clearances earlier it used to take about 317 days.

West Bengal Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (WBIDC Ltd.)

Status of the Investment and Employment



The West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Ltd. (WBMDTC Ltd.).

The West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Ltd. (WBMDTC Ltd.) is a wholly owned Government of West Bengal Undertaking under Commerce & Industries Department engaged in the field of exploration, mining and trading of minerals. The company is managed by a Board of Directors nominated by the State Government and has a group of well trained engineers, officers, staff and work force.

WBMDTC Ltd. is at present doing mining activities in the following areas:

- 3 nos. of blackstone deposits at Panchami-Chanda in Birbhum district.
- Rock Phosphate deposit at beldih in Purulia district.
- Quartz deposit at Mirmi in Purulia districts.
- WBMDTC Ltd. will soon work in new blackstone mining areas at Palsara in Purulia district and Panchami-Hatgacha in Birbhum district.
- Revival of granite, limestone and china-clay mining activities will be taken up soon.

Coal Projects

- Roof of coal has been exposed in Trans Damodar Coal Block.
- Coal from the Block will be sold to the coal consuming industries of the State through e-auction.
- 12.5% of the coal from the Block are reserved for exclusive sale to the enterprises in micro and small sectors through e-auction.
- The West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Ltd. has also been allotted the following 5(five) coal blocks in Burdwan district (Jagannathpur A Coal Block, Jagannathpur B Coal Block, Ichhapur Coal Block, Kulti Coal Block, Sitarampur Coal Block), which are expected to go into production in the beginning of 2015.
- On coming into production, these Coal Blocks will be able to generate substantial employment as well as huge revenue to the State Government.
- WBMDTC Ltd. will be making profit for the first time during the current financial year(2012-2013), after incurring losses for last 38 years. WBMDTC Ltd. is also expected to liquidate its cumulative loss and repay the entire State Government loan, with

accrued interest, by 2015-16. WBMDTC Ltd. is also committed to implement all the socio-economic activities, as envisaged in the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, for the people residing around the mining areas.

West Bengal Tea Development Corporation Ltd.(WBTDCLtd.)

- o Established in 1976. Number of gardens under WBTDCL management - 05
- o Hilla Tea Estate at Nagrakata and Mohua Tea Estate at Dalsingpara of Jalpaiguri district and Pandam, Rangaroon and Rungmook-Cedars of Darjeeling district

Measures taken so far

- Substantial money has been spent for construction of kutcha labour houses, semi-pucca and pucca labour houses.
- Hilla Tea Estate has been included in the rural household electrification programme for providing electricity to the workers.
- Hilla Tea Estate has been included in the "Sajaldhara Water Supply Scheme" for providing drinking water to the workers. The garden also has drip irrigation facilities.
- Hydel Power Plant has been set up and being maintained by the Corporation for providing power to the garden at Rungmook-Cedars.
- Tea-Tourism at Hilla, Mohua and Pandam Tea gardens is being explored by the Tourism Department in consultation with C&I Department.
- Special inspection has been done at Pandam factory and work has been undertaken for replacement and repair of the machinery so that the glory of Pandam tea can be resorted.

Greater Calcutta Gas Supply Corporation Limited (GCGSC Ltd)

With the unfolding of new opportunities in the gas sector in the context of availability of Natural Gas/CBM from different sources, GCGSC Ltd. has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.(HPCL) and Gas Authority of India Limited(GAIL) on 17/11/2011 for formation of Special Purpose Vehicle(SPV) to construct, lay, develop and operate City Gas Distribution(CGD) Network for natural gas as well as

marketing of natural gas in the metropolitan city of Kolkata and adjoining districts of Howrah, Hooghly, Nadia, North-24 Parganas and South-24 Parganas.

Directorate of industries

- o In the Leather Sector Rs.49.76 lakhs was spent for treatment of effluent sump & pumping station.
- o In the Fair Sector grants to participation in trade fair

and industrial exhibition were increased from Rs.25.75 lakhs in 2009-10 to 1.54 Cr in 2011-12.

- o In the ASIDE Sector expenditure for developing export infrastructure etc. Rs.18.03 Cr. in 2009-10 to Rs. 36.51 Cr. in 2011-12.
- o In the Incentive Sector expenditure has increased from Rs.139.79 Cr. in 2009-10 to Rs.225 Cr. for the West Bengal Incentive Scheme and the West Bengal Power Industries Incentive Scheme.



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Consumer Affairs



Basic objective of the Consumer Affairs Department is to ensure proper weighing and packaging of consumer goods, to promote awareness, safeguard the interest of the consumers and to assist redressal mechanism of the grievances of the consumers through Consumer Redressal Fora at District level and in Kolkata.

The Department functions through the following offices:

1. State Commission & District Forum
2. Directorate of Legal Metrology
3. Directorate of Consumer Affairs & Fair Business Practices.

State Commission & District Forum :

State Commission & District Forum promote consumer awareness, safeguards the interest of the consumers and assists in the redressal of consumer grievances. In order to achieve these ends and to comply with the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, one State Commission with an Additional Bench at Kolkata and 21 (twenty one) district Fora covering all the districts including 2 (two) extra Fora one at Kolkata and the other at Siliguri, have been setup. One Circuit Bench of Jalpaiguri Forum at Alipurduar has also been setup.

In all the Fora, including the State Commission at Kolkata, so far 98,419 cases have been filed since inception of which 92,356 (94%) have been disposed and 6,063 (6%) were pending as on 29.02.2012.

Implementation of 'Computerisation and Computer Networking of Consumer Forum in the Country (CONFONET)', a Government of India project for interlinking of all the Fora countrywide, is complete except Howrah Forum for which required fund has already been placed during the current financial year.

Directorate of Legal Metrology :

The Directorate of Legal Metrology implements following Acts/Rules, namely :

1. The Legal Metrology Act, 2009
2. a. The Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011
b. The Legal Metrology (Numeration) Rules, 2011
c. The Legal Metrology (National Standards) Rules, 2011
d. The Indian Institute of Legal Metrology Rules, 2011
e. The Legal Metrology (Approval of Models) Rules, 2011
f. The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011
g. The West Bengal Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011.

Above Act and Rules help in safeguarding interests of consumers against fraudulent use of weights and measures and suppression of valuable information, or misrepresentation, on packaged products and they are implemented through the Directorate of Legal Metrology.

Task forces at Kolkata and Districts have been constituted and regular enforcement drives are being conducted by the Legal Metrology directorate in different markets. Legal action has been taken against unscrupulous traders for fraudulent use of weights and measures .

The Legal Metrology Directorate has realized 13,41,00,976/- as verification and compounding fees etc. and no. of traders covered was 4,05,948 and Seizures Made was 3,010 during the year 2011 - 2012.

27 numbers of computers have been installed in different

districts for upgradation of the operation of the Legal Metrology Directorate with updated inputs.

G.I.S. (Geographical Information System) on identification of markets of West Bengal has been completed.

Upgradation of Secondary Standards Laboratory at Kolkata (Presidency Division) at Siliguri (Jalpaiguri Division) has been made during the Year 2011-12.

2 vehicular Mobile Kits for checking the Weigh Bridge in and around districts have been activated.

Setting up of a Secondary Standard Laboratory at Chinsurah under Burdwan Division is also under consideration.

To cover maximum traders in the state a detailed delimitation proposal for inspectorial units of the Legal Metrology Directorate has been prepared.

Directorate Of Consumer Affairs & Fair Business Practices:

The main function of this Directorate is to increase consumer awareness on different aspects. It also redresses consumer grievances through the process of mediation. Complaints under the Consumer Protection Act are also filed by the Directorate on behalf of the Government.

The CA&FBP has 3(three) divisional offices in 3 (three) divisions, one regional office in each district and one additional regional office each in Barrackpore and Durgapur sub-divisions.

Achievement for current financial year (2011-12)

1. Organised awareness programmes through camps, seminars-cum-group discussion, workshops, Tableau (Mobile display van) , street dramas, magic shows, talking doll shows and regular awareness programmes with Self Help Groups, Clubs & Associations. Total no. of programmes held in the year 2011-12 (upto January'12) is 9365.
2. Essay writing, poster illustration, slogan writing and sit & draw competition among the school students for consumer awareness on the occasion of National Consumer Day were organized throughout West Bengal.
3. Organised training programmes on consumer education for Departmental staff and members of NGOs & VCOs by three Divisional offices of this Dte.
4. "Kreta Surksha Mela" was organised at Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kolkata on & from 16.09.11 to 18.09.11.

Various topics related with C.P. Act and other consumer friendly acts and rules have been discussed by the resource persons and cultural programmes were also held .

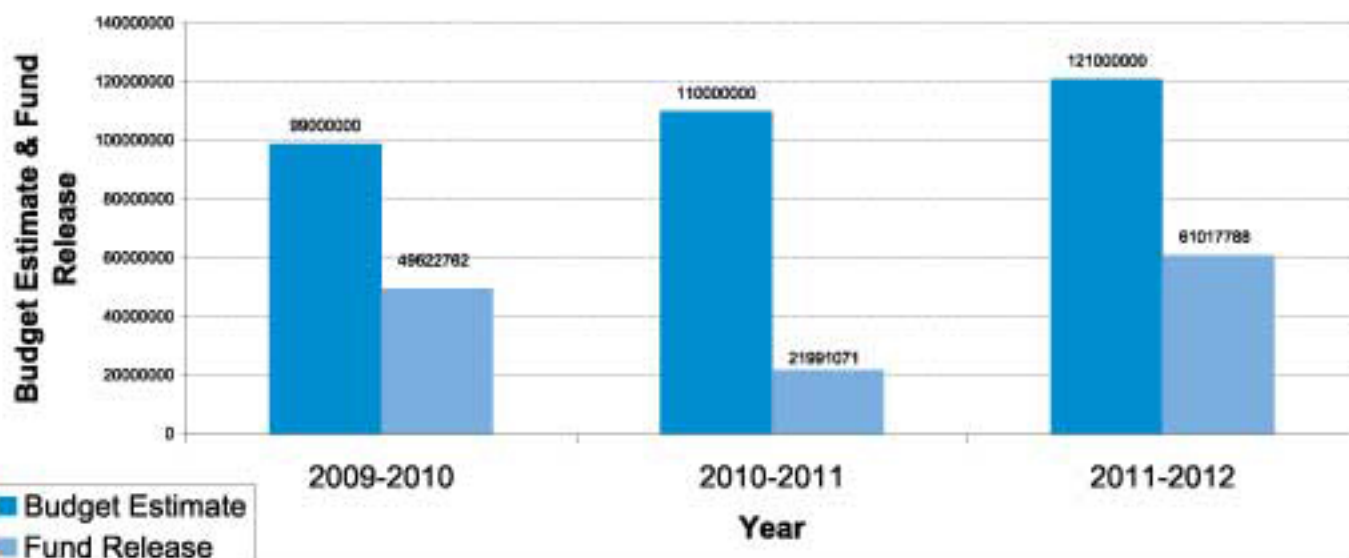
5. Participated in different fairs throughout West Bengal during the last winter season. Poush Mela in Birbhum, Rash Mela in Coochbehar, Jalpesh Mela in Jalpaiguri, Gangasagar Mela and Sundarban Yuba Utsab in South 24 Pgs. were held and participated by our R.Os.
6. Organised Special awareness programmes during important festivals like Durga Puja, Kali Puja, Jagadhatri Puja, Saraswati Puja & Idd with great enthusiasm throughout West Bengal.
7. Leaflets and booklets were Published in Bengali, Hindi, English and Urdu languages containing basic information on consumer awareness.
8. Two editions of "Upabhokta Samachar", quarterly news letter of Consumer Affairs Department, were published containing different topics in Bengali, English & Urdu languages.
9. Special programme has been taken up to install hoarding at blocks, sub divisions and district headquarters, containing basic information to aware the consumers. In Kolkata, 12 no. of hoardings has been installed in front of 12 important market places.
10. Live phone in programmes broadcasted through F.M. Gyanvani Radio on consumer protection and consumer rights.
11. Live phone in programmes are being telecast through Doordarshan Kendra (D.D. Bangla) Kolkata on consumer awareness titled "Kena Katar Sat Satero"- every Friday from 8.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. The Regional Offices also conducted same type of programmes through the local cable channels.
12. Steps has been taken to install "Touch Screen Kiosks" at different important malls & markets with improved software.
13. Sponsored the members of NGOs/ VCOs for study in Certificate on Consumer Protection course at IGNOU every year. 50 such members were sponsored during the year 2011-12.
14. World Consumer Rights Day-2012 was observed all over the State of West Bengal and centrally at Star Theatre, Hatibagan, Kolkata. The programme was inaugurated by Swami Jitatananda of Alam Bazar Math, Ram Krishna Mission. Other dignitaries included Hon'ble Ministers of different Departments of the Government of West Bengal. In this

connection a State Level Sit & Draw Competition was organised at Nati Binodini Sarani and 1st, 2nd & 3rd winners were awarded cash prize of Rs. 10,000/-, Rs. 5,000/- and Rs. 3,000/- respectively to encourage the students on consumer awareness. Besides prizes were awarded to the best 3 (three) Regional Offices of the Directorate of CA & FBP and best 3 (three) non-tax revenue earning Districts of Legal Metrology Directorate.

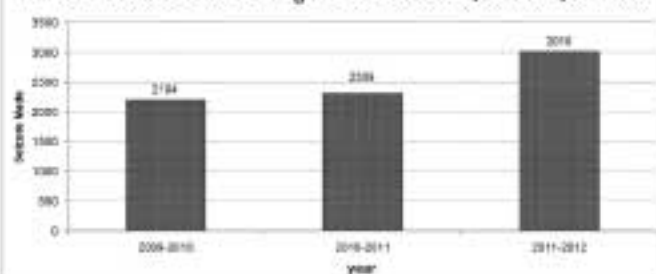
15. Resolved consumer complaints through mediation before the complainant would lodge their complaint at the Consumer Forum. In all the Regional offices of West Bengal and Headquarters of this Directorate. 1887 no. of complaints were received within January, 2012 & 971 no. of complaints were redressed in favour of the consumer.
16. Steps have been taken in joint collaboration with GIZ & FICCI to minimize the number of long pending cases through mediation lying at the district Fora, State Commission etc.
17. Special Task Forces were created in Kolkata and in the districts with the Legal Metrology Directorate. Consumer Welfare Officers actively participated to curb the Unfair Trade Practices.

18. An awareness programme for the protection of investors from unscrupulous financial organization, especially NBFC, was held on 13th December'11 at RBI Auditorium, Kolkata in joint collaboration with RBI & CA Department. SEBI & Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India were also associated with that programme. Such type of awareness programmes will be also organized by these master trainers in all Gram Panchayats, Blocks and all wards of the Municipalities to make the common people aware.
19. Meeting was held with all Medical Insurance Companies operating in the state along with their TPAs. Representatives of IMA, Insurance Agents' Association were also present in that meeting. Protection of the interest of the consumer patients & to minimize the harassment were discussed and steps to be taken to give redressal to them as far as practicable.
20. A special drive has been taken for setting up 1,000 'Consumer Clubs' in schools and colleges throughout the State. Already 616 institutions expressed their interest.

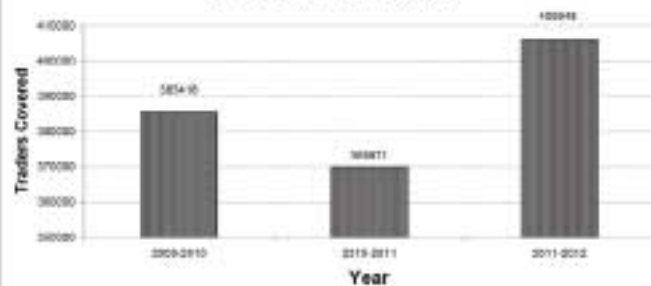
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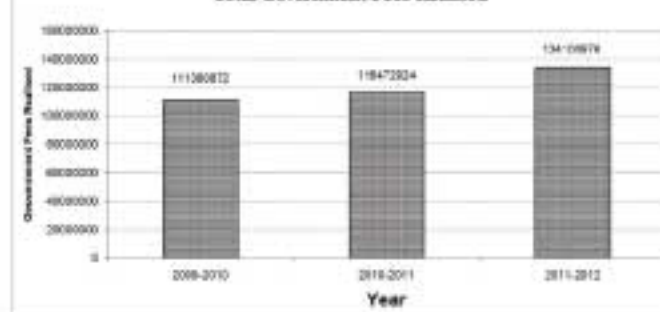
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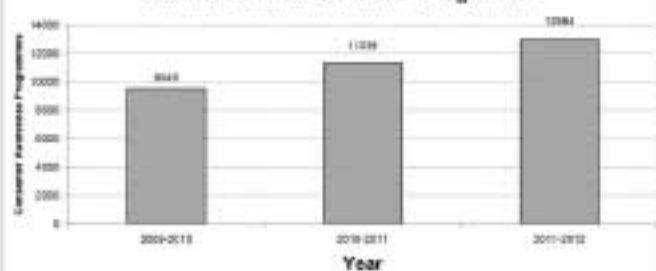
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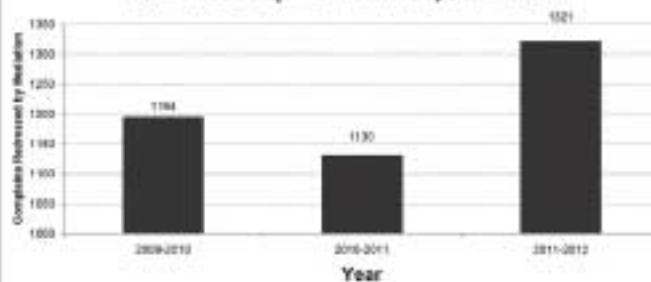
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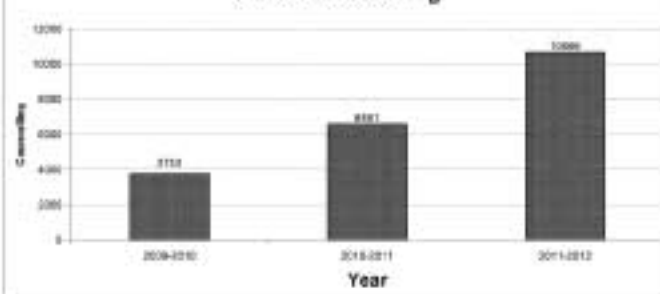
Number of Consumer Awareness Programmes



Number of Complaints Redressed by Mediation



Number of Counselling



Cooperation



Major Achievements In The Last Year Vis-A-Vis Previous Two Years

State Government's assistance has provided a special thrust on co-operatives in the state in recent months. Diverse activities have been introduced and the last year witnessed a perceptible progress in the performance in this sector.

Financial Inclusion

Amongst Co-operative Credit Institutions, Short-Term Co-operative Credit Structure through a wide network of (a) The West Bengal State Cooperative Bank Ltd. at the apex level, (b) 17 Central Cooperative Banks at the district level and 3 Regional Offices of the Apex Bank at the central level and (c) 5966 Primary agricultural Credit cooperatives (PACS) at the village level provide short-term Crop Loan as well as farm / non farm term loans to the farmers, while the Long-Term Co-operative Credit Institutions, a two tier sector, The West Bengal State Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank Ltd.(WBSCARDB) at the Apex level with its 2 Branches and 24 Primary CARDDB meet the long-term co-operative credit need to carry forward agriculture, agri-allied as well as non-agricultural activities.

Primary Urban Cooperative Societies / Banks issue loans for various purposes including Housing loan and consumption loan. In urban areas, Urban Credit Cooperatives including Women Credit Cooperatives play important role in extending banking facilities and issuing diversified loans to the members generating self employment opportunities.

Membership / Borrowing Membership

Coverage in Rural Bengal

The present Government intends to bring all farmer-families under the co-operative network to provide crop loan to larger sections of the farming community, to extend credit even to the landless poorest section of rural community with special focus on women section. No. of

loanee members in the PACS has also shown an upward trend.

Year	Member	Loanee Member
2009-10	3484999	1667857
2010-11	3688724	2112330
2011-12*	3854685	2160934

Empowerment of Rural Peasantry Kishan Credit Card

There has been greater focus on financing through Kishan Credit Cards in the Cooperative Sector and number of Kisan Credit Cards issued has steadily increased. Through these Kisan Credit Cards, noteworthy progress has been achieved in regard to financing subsidized crop loans from PACS.

Year	Disbursement of Crop Loan (Rs. in lakh)	KCC Issued
2009-10	101279.29	1758524
2010-11	138845	1877085
2011-12	117483.07	1929641

Joint Liability Group

Financing of Joint Liability Groups too have got a boost during the tenure of the present Government.

Year	No. of Joint Liability Group
2009-10	1640
2010-11	6098
2011-12	9401

Financing Farm & Non-Farm activities

Though crop loan continues to be the single largest component in loans by the Cooperatives, Banks have also diversified their business by extending term loans for Farm, Farm- allied and Non-Farm activities including loans under self employment schemes in a significant way.

Resource Mobilization

Year	PACS (Rs. in Cr)	CCB/RO	SCB	Total deposit in Short Term Sector
2009 -10	1772.75	5883.45	4916.23	12572.43
2010 -11	2572.96	6842.8	5031.56	14447.32
2011 -12	2912.17	8147.4	4134.74	15194.31

Deposit in Long Term Credit and Urban Credit sectors has also increased during the year.

Economic development and social empowerment of women

SELF HELP GROUPS

Coming to social aspects of lending, special emphasis has been given on formation of Self Help Groups to provide alternative credit delivery system to the weaker / have not category of rural population particularly women living below the poverty line. State Government arranged training facilities for skill development of the members of these Groups, 91.58% of which are women. The comparative figure of last three years is as follows:-

Year	SHG Savings Linked	SHG Credit Linked	Total Members	No. of members trained
2009 -10	170252	121338	1394095	Programme not started
2010 -11	492350	113634	1387604	19764
2011 -12	492699	115913	1431167	188708

Business Diversification

- Business Development through supply of agricultural inputs
- Ensuring remunerative price of produce through marketing / pledging

PACS carry out different business activities. No. of PACS having storage facilities and their performance in prime areas of business in far off places, depicting manifold increase in the last year are:

Diversified Business of PACS

Diversified business of PACS	31.03.10	31.03.11	31.03.12
Fertiliser Business	1925	2200	2622
Seed Business	552	603	791
Marketing Of Agril Produce	250	270	441
Agril Processing	50	68	70
Irrigation	240	267	277
Owning Godown	2871	2909	3003
Having Hired Godown	187	235	368

- Agricultural autonomy by production of seed**

Most significantly a large number of PACS have been initiated into production of certified seed to ensure production of good quality crops and thereby sufficient income for the primary producers.

Year	No. of Seed Villages set up
2010-11	373
2011-12	595

MARKETING & PROCESSING

BENFED as the apex marketing federation plays an important role in marketing, processing and storage. Storage capacity in 2909 PACS, 267 Primary Agricultural Marketing Societies and BENFED taken together is 6.03 lakh MT, one of the main activities for utilisation of these godowns is distribution of agricultural inputs.

Fertilizer distribution through BENFED

Year	Total value of Fertiliser sold (Rs. In Crore)
2009-10	430.00
2010-10	486.00
2011-12	568.00

44 cold storages in the cooperative sector have a total capacity of 3.20 lakh MT as on date.

PROCUREMENT OF PADDY IN COOPERATIVE SECTOR

Cooperatives participated in paddy procurement programme of the Government under price support scheme during the year too :

Agency	Total value of Paddy procured in 2011-12 (Rs. In Crore)
Benfed	90.20
Confed	58.55

CREATION OF RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Besides augmentation of storage capacity the present Government has taken immense initiative to establish various processing units under the co-operative fold like Rice Mill, Dal Mill, Food Processing Unit, Vermicompost, Seed Production & Multiplication Units, Oil Mill, Flour Mill, Husking Mill, Groundnut Processing Unit, Chilling Plant, Rural Hat etc. to save the farmers from the clutches of unscrupulous middlemen and to give better price for

their produce and also for better resource mobilisation of the co-operative institutions.

Sanction for Rural Infrastructure (Rs. in lakhs)		
PURPOSE	2010-11	2011-12
Completion of Godown	12.9	12.00
Repair & Renovation	136.9	212
Storage Godown	296	568
Cold Storage	91.9	260

SAMABAY BHAVAN

With a view to ensuring delivery of prompt and efficient services in a more coordinated manner to all Cooperative Societies, construction of 'SAMABAY BHAVAN' in different districts to bring all offices related to cooperation sector under one roof has been started in the last year. The programme has been taken up in Burdwan-II Range (at Asansol), Burdwan-I Range (at Burdwan), Paschim Midnapore, Malda in the last year

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

There has been special focus on cooperative education and training through different centres especially under leadership of the West Bengal State Cooperative Union. State Government has provided financial support for extension of such training. Apart from existing six training centres, another training centre at Bolpur in Birbhum is under construction.

Major Policy Decisions/ Reforms

- State Cooperative Act and Rules were enacted in the last year with a separate chapter on cooperative credit societies in consonance with the recommendation of the Vaidyanathan Committee, which has further been revised by the present Government now aiming at professionalization and self sustenance of the cooperatives.
- Cooperative Election Commission has been constituted, as provided in the new Act towards democratization of operations of the Cooperatives to the fullest extent to facilitate their development as self-reliant and economically viable organizations, to enable the Cooperatives to achieve the desired goal towards economic and social change.
- Special drive is on to bring all farmer-families under the co-operative network to provide crop loan to larger sections of the farming community, to extend credit even to the landless poorest section of rural mass with special focus on women, SC & ST and minority community.

Correctional Administration



The aims and undertrial objectives of Department of Correctional Administration are to ensure correction, reformation and rehabilitation of the prisoners and undertrials and this Department no longer denotes 'Confinement' only. So it is an imperative on the part of this Department to adopt measures and policies that ensure well being of the inmates.

Achievement

1. A number of development schemes in respect of repair, renovations, electrification, sanitation & hygiene of the Correctional Homes of the State were undertaken and a sum of above Rs. 21.00 Crore has

been spent for implementation/ completion for better amenities as well as improvement in living conditions of the inmates. Some of the important schemes / Projects are as follows :-

- Alipore CCH (Rs. 2.78 Cr.)
- Presidency CH (Rs. 2.54 Cr.)
- Dumdum CCH (Rs. 52.33 lakhs)
- Jalpaiguri CCH (Rs. 76.87 lakhs)
- Berhampore CCH (Rs. 1.97 Cr.)
- Midnapore CCH (Rs. 25.67 lakhs)
- Balurghat DCH (Rs. 59.10 lakhs)
- Bankura DCH (Rs. 41.93 lakhs)
- Coochbehar DCH (Rs. 18.70 lakhs)
- Jhargram SCH (Rs. 16.60 lakhs)
- Alipore WCH (Rs. 12.45 lakhs)
- Krishnanagar DCH (Rs. 5.94 lakhs)
- Hooghly DCH (Rs. 80.25 lakhs)
- Howrah DCH (Rs. 26.19 lakhs)
- Raiganj DCH (Rs. 82.50 lakhs)
- Burdwan DCH (Rs. 44.06 lakhs)
- Asansol Special CH (Rs. 6.09 lakhs)
- Katwa SCH (Rs. 3.50 lakhs)
- Ranaghat SCH (Rs. 17.75 lakhs)
- Contai SCH (Rs. 50.63 lakhs)
- Siliguri SCH (Rs. 12.41 lakhs)

Total plan outlay and expenditure of fund thereon

Year	Total plan outlay (Rs. Lakhs)	Expenditure of fund (Rs. Lakhs)
2009 -10	1320.00	1272.96
2010 -11	2000.00	1571.67
2011 -12	2200.00	2108.16

2. 2 (two) Subsidiary Correctional Homes were completed within the last financial year

Name of the Subsidiary Correctional Home	Name of the Sub-Division	Name of the District	Amount	Date of inauguration
Raghunathpur SCH	Raghunathpur	Purulia	Rs. 3.28 Cr.	11.01.12
Tchatta SCH	Tchatta	Nadia	Rs. 4.48 Cr.	21.01.12

3. Simless Telephone facilities extended to Presidency CH, Alipore CCH & Alipore Women CH after Dum Dum CCH to facilitate the opportunity for the inmates to talk with their kinsmen residing in remote and distant areas. Steps are being taken to extend the same facilities to other CCH.

4. a) **Rehabilitation Programmes for inmates :**

With support extended by NABARD, I.T.C, Ramkrishna Mission and other NGOs, this Department could make arrangement of training for the inmates creating opportunities for earning during the period of incarceration. In order to rehabilitate the inmates easily in the

mainstream of the society vocational training on computer, D.T.P etc. are being imparted to them

b) **Basic Education & higher studies:-**

Almost all the illiterate inmates have been covered under "State Literacy Programme". This programme is running throughout the year in the Correctional Homes in the state.

A study centre under Netaji Open University is running at the Alipore C.C.H for pursuing higher education by the inmates.

The inmates who passed successfully in Madhyamik, Higher Secondary and also in Master Degree courses during the last three educational years is given below.

Sl No.	Name of the Correctional Home.	No of inmates passed in 2009-10	No of inmates passed in 2010-11	No of inmates appears in 2011-12
1.	Alipore Central Correctional Home.	11 (M.P + H.S) 1 (M.A)	11 (M.P + H.S)	24 (M.P.) 1 (M.C.A)
2.	Alipore Women Correctional Home.	3 (M.P)	5 (M.P)	7 (M.P)
3.	Jalpaiguri Central Correctional Home.	-----	9 (M.P + H.S)	12 (M.P)
4.	Berhampore Central Correctional Home.	-----	18 (M.P)	21 (M.P)
5.	Midnapore Central Correctional Home.	-----	12 (M.P)	4 (M.P) 1 (M.P)
6.	Presidency Correctional Home.	-----	-----	10 (M.P)
7.	Dum Dum Correctional Home.	-----	-----	20 (M.P)

c) **Cultural & Recreational Activities :**

Dance Drama like 'Balmiki Pratibha', 'Bisarjan' 'Tasher Desh', 'Sesher Kabita', 'Tota Kahini', are staged by the inmates. Moreover, jatra performance 'Maa Mati Manush' is also performed.

Balmiki Prativa was also staged at Netaji Indoor Stadium where the Hon'ble Chief Minister happily declared honorarium to the tune of

Rs.8000/- (Eight thousand only) to all the inmates who participated in the show. Balmiki Prativa was staged also at Delhi Trade Fair, Pragati Maidan, Central University at Ranchi, Jharkhand, Navi Mumbai etc.

The no. of cultural troupes have gone up from 2 (two) to 6 (six) between 2009 & 2011 and stage shows from 5 to 29 within the same period.

Folk song performed by 7 (Seven) convicts of

Dum Dum C.C.H has been recorded & the cassette prepared with the help of 'SAA RE GA MA' will be released shortly. Besides this inmates are trained in painting through workshop and exhibition with painting of inmates were held in different halls.

Art Gallery has been inaugurated in Alipore Central Correctional Home for the public. An exhibition of the paintings of the inmates organized at Birla Academy received accolades from the people.

The 'Sports Club' has started functioning and is making its mark in the Sports arena of the state. In 2012, Sports Team was sent to Hyderabad in All India Prison Meet, 2012.

d) Benevolent Activities

'Prisoners Welfare Fund' provides support to the inmates and their families in time of crisis and also for pursuing education.

'Self Help Groups' comprising of convict inmates are functioning efficiently and providing financial assistance to their families regularly.

e) Training

The Regional Institute of Correctional Administration (RICA) has done a commendable job since its inception (August, 2010) in imparting training to the officers and staff of the correctional services not only of West Bengal, but also to the Officers of some other North-Eastern (NE) States.



creation. This is being looked into along with construction of open air Correctional Home.

- Providing better living condition to the inmates by way of giving proper health care and improving sanitation, hygiene and pure drinking water facilities.
- Strengthening security of Correctional Homes.

A steadfast measures have to be taken with relates to gearing up security in Correctional Homes of the State. With the limited man power it is not possible to keep vigilance over all the activities and every nook and corner of the Correctional Home unless using electronic gadgets / devices. CCTV with recording facilities will be installed at 13 (thirteen) Correctional Homes in 2012-13 Financial year.

- Rehabilitation through imparting training in vocational trades to make the inmates self-reliant, so that they may come in the mainstream of the society after expiry of their sentence.
- Introduction of Computer networking in different 25 Correctional Homes including RICA .
- Introduction of e-prison system including Prisoners Management System and Visitors Management System.
- Revision of wages payable to the inmates (convicts) throughout the state is under active consideration of the Government.
- Extension of hassle free communication facilities among the inmates & their kinsmen /relative through SIM less telephone & thus to avoid unnecessary trouble & financial burden by their relatives.
- Modernization of IT base Management of Correctional Homes and improvement of Communication System.

Looking forward :

The major policy decisions/ reforms made by the Department of Correctional Administration since June, 2011 are as follows :-

- Problems of overcrowding of the inmates has to be lessened reasonably by way of setting up new Correctional Homes and expanding the existing infrastructural facilities for better accommodation.
- To provide logistic and infrastructural support by way of setting up one SCH in such Sub-Division which does not have the same. Every Sub-Division is supposed to have a Correctional Home as a part of criminal justice system. There are still no Correctional Homes in a few newly created Sub-Divisions though courts have already been functioning there since its

PROLOGUE

HOPE to REALITY
one year of working together



The first 'Ma-Mati-Manush' government of Pashchimbanga completes one year. I take this opportunity to congratulate every citizen of this state with humility and respect. Without your whole-hearted and spontaneous support, it would have been impossible for us to traverse this difficult path, riddled with problems and strewn with mindless opposition. We have had our heads held high and our steps in the right direction of meeting expectations. We bow at the feet of Mother Bengal. Our government has its umbilical cord attached to the soil of Bengal. Our debts to the people of Bengal are well and truly un-repayable. We are grateful and overwhelmed. "Eeshwar-Allah tero naam, sab ko sanmati de bhagwan." I wish to reiterate that we do not believe in waste. We are humble and power has certainly not gone into our heads. Our dream is to break the limits of the impossible. We are the harbingers of a new wave of youth. Our only oath is to travel from the world of darkness to the world of light. The only slogan that we have is – charaibeti -- 'Move on'.

365 days is but a miniscule period of time in the annals of history and certainly not long enough a time to assess correctly the performance of a government that has been elected for a term of five years. Yet, with all humility, I must say that our government has been one hundred per cent successful in meeting all the promises that we had made in our election manifesto. We have been able to rejuvenate a paralyzed administration and make it act in the right direction. Be it agriculture, industry, health, education, women and child development, minorities and other backward classes development or restoration of peace in jangalmahal and in the hills, we have

Department of Development & Planning



INTRODUCTION

The erstwhile Department of Development and Planning has been bifurcated into the "Department of Planning" and "Department of Statistics and Programme Implementation".

As per Rules of Business Department of Planning is responsible for the formulation of the States Annual Plan and the Five Year Plans in collaboration with the different Departments and the Planning Commission of India. The Department also facilitates the preparation of the District Plans by the District Planning Committees. With the help of other Department and District Authorities, this Department monitors the Implementation of the District Plans, Annual Plans and the Five Years Plans.

The Department also looks after all matters relating to the constitution and functioning of the State Planning Board and District Planning Committees.

1. Plan

Plan outlay as approved by the Planning Commission, Government of India for Annual Plan for 2009-10 was Rs. 14,150 crore, for 2010-11 was Rs. 17,985 crore, for 2011-12 was Rs. 22,214 crore. Regarding outlay for Annual Plan for 2012-13, a meeting was held between the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission on 10.04.12 at New Delhi. The plan size for the year 2012-13 stands at Rs. 25,910 crore.

Financial Year	Plan Outlay (Rs. In Cr.)
2009-10	14150
2010-11	17985
2011-12	25910

The vision and strategies of the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) are being finalized. The Hon'ble Members of the State Planning Board have held meetings with the Heads of the line Departments of the State Government to finalise the Vision of the 12th Plan.

2. Integrated Action Plan (IAP) in the three LWE districts of Paschim Medinipur, Purulia, and Bankura.

In the year 2010-2011, Paschim Medinipur was declared as LWE affected District by Government of India. Rs. 25.00 crore was sanctioned by Government of India for implementation of schemes in 11 Blocks under Integrated Action Plan. 643 schemes were taken up for IAP 2010-2011 out of which 623 schemes are completed. Government of India further sanctioned Rs. 30 crore for 2011-2012.

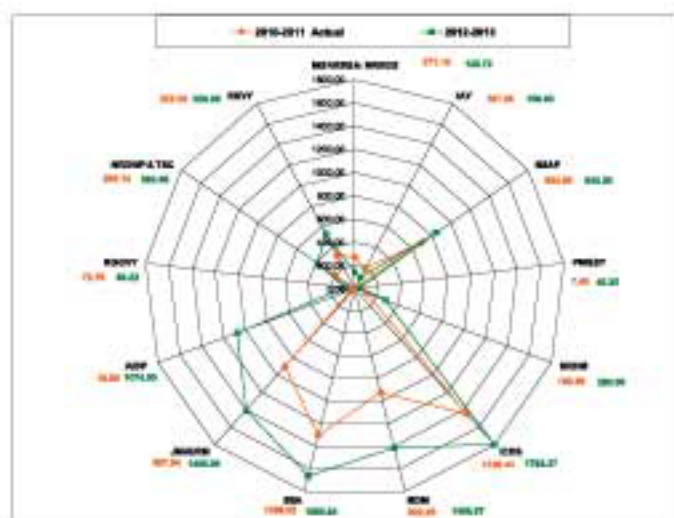
In the year 2011-12, Government of India further declared 8 Blocks in Purulia and 4 Blocks in Bankura districts as LWE affected and Rs. 30 crore each have been allotted to these two districts. In Purulia, 843 schemes were taken under IAP. All schemes have commenced out of which 36 have been completed. In Bankura, all 394 approved schemes have been taken up.

3. Flagship programmes of the State Government

The financial achievement in flagship programmes is 2010-2011 and Budget estimate of 2012-13 of the State Government is depicted below in Radar diagram.

Flagship Programmes undertaken by the State Government.

(Rs. in Crores)

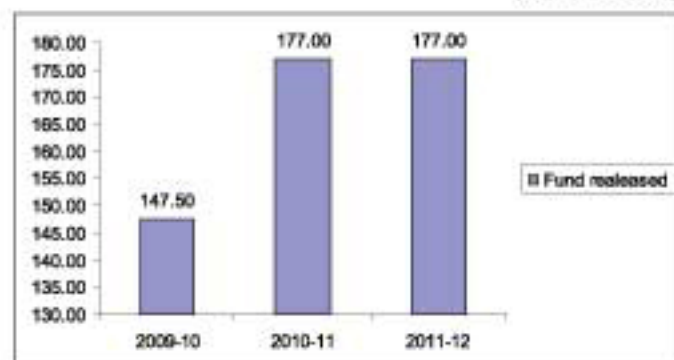


IAY : Indira Awas Yojana; **NSAP** : National Social Assistance Programme; **PMGSY** : Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana; **NRHM**: National Rural Health Mission; **ICDS** : Integrated Child Development Services; **MDM** : Mid-Day Meal; **SSA** : Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; **JNNURM**: Jawaharlal Neheru National Urban Renewal Mission; **AIBP** : Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme ; **RGGVY**: Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana; **TSC** – Total Sanitation Campaign

4. Bidhayak Elaka Unnayan Prakaalpa (BEUP)

During 2009-10 Rs. 147.50 crore were distributed amongst 295 MLAs @ Rs. 50 lakh per MLA per annum. During 2010-11 Rs. 177.00 crore were distributed @ Rs. 60 lakh per annum per MLA. Similarly during 2011-12 Rs. 177.00 crore were spent on BEUP (Bidhayak Elaka Unnayan Prakaalpa)

(Rs. in Crores)



5. Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS)

There are 42 Lok Sabha Members and 16 Rajya Sabha Members. During the year 2011-12 allocation of fund per year for each MP has been raised from Rs. 2 cores to 5 cores by Government of India.

Comparative statement on performance of MPLADS in the State for the last three years is given below :

Sl. No	Financial Year	Fund released (Cumulative) (in crore)	Expenditure (Cumulative) (in crore)	% of Utilisation over release
1	2009 -10	1783.45	1345.88	90.73
2	2010 -11	1606.57	1488.94	92.68
3	2011 -12	1672.78	1596.02	95.41

6. District Human Development Reports (DHDRs)

The following DHDRs were published yearwise :

2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
District Birbhum	District South 24 pgs	District Hooghly
District Bankura	District North 24 pgs	District Paschim Medinipur
District Malda	District Uttar Dinajpur	District Purba Medinipur

DHDRs for Burdwan & Nadia has been published recently and DHDR for Purulia is in the process of publication.

AWARDS

In March 2012, the Government of West Bengal got the following Awards from Planning Commission and UNDP being selected out of the 44 DHDRs prepared all over India.

DHDRs	Category	Rank
District Malda	Gender and Inclusion	1st in the Country
District Hooghly	Innovation and Measurement	2nd in the Country
District North 24 Parganas	Quality of Analysis	2nd in the Country

For overall excellence in the preparation of DHDRs produced from 2007 and the number of DHDRs produced, Planning Commission and UNDP conferred **MANAV VIKAS Award 2012** to West Bengal. West Bengal is the only State to get this Award.





REFORMS

- (i) Census for the vacancies of the staff for different line Departments in respect of three LWE Districts of Paschim Medinipur, Bankura and Purulia and six North Bengal Districts of Malda, Coochbehar, Darjeeling, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri have been completed and minimum numbers of posts to be filled up for the said nine Districts have been identified and action for filling up such vacant post is being taken. Census for the remaining Districts has been taken up. This is necessary to enhance the pace of development works.
- (ii) Constitution of the Development Monitoring Committees at Block, Sub-Division and District levels. The Department has been receiving the minutes of the District Development Monitoring Committee's meetings and after processing those minutes, the pending issues are being taken by with different line Departments / Authorities. This is removing constraints in the area of execution of developmental schemes.

Disaster Management



1. Vision: The new Government emphasised in the first Cabinet meeting to prioritize the system of disaster management and for this purpose brought three different Departments of Disaster Management, Fire and Emergency Services and Civil Defence under one Minister so that it becomes easy

for him to effectively coordinate in crisis and ensure holistic disaster management. A direct outcome of this merger is running of the State Control Room in the Writers' Buildings 24X7 on all days of the year with staff from the Departments of Civil Defence and Disaster Management.

2. Achievements:

Allocation of funds for Ex-gratia Grant in Natural Calamity, Economic Rehabilitation Grant, Construction of Rescue Shelters and Construction of Relief Stores was hiked considerably during last one year over previous years.

Comparative statement of the schemes during 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12:

Sl. No.	Item	2009 - 10		2010 - 11		2011 - 12	
		Budget provision	Fund released	Budget provision	Fund released	Budget provision	Fund released
1	Ex-gratia Grant: Natural Calamity	524	454.7	115.5	392.5	400	1204.4
2							
3	Economic Rehabilitation Grant	107.82	81.07*	143.29	88.12*	337.29	236.42*
4	Construction of Rescue Shelters	72	54*	90	57.5*	228	228
5	Construction of Relief Stores	36	26.59*	55	41.25*	174	115.36*

*25% budget cut by Finance Dept.

A. Crisis Management –

- Supplied the following relief materials to various districts during 2011-12:

Tarpaulin pieces	Spl.GR Rice	Dhuti pieces	Saree pieces	Lungi pieces	Children Garments sets	Woolen Blanket pieces	Salwar Kameez pieces	Punjabi Pyjama pieces	Wrapper
724000	4982 MT	292000	259500	226500	259000	232000	256400	76400	220000
41.22 crore	8.71 crore	4.23 crore	5.96 crore	2.71 crore	6.53 crore	4.87 crore	5.13 crore	1.74 crore	4.22 crore

- **Earthquake Memorandum:** A Memorandum was sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, for getting fund from the National Disaster Response Fund in view of the earthquake, which occurred on 18th September in South Sikkim and caused major damages to the hilly areas of the district of Darjeeling
- **Assistance to Sikkim after occurrence of Earthquake on 18.9.2011:** 2000 food packets comprising cheera, gur, bread/biscuit, match box, candles and small medicine kits were airdropped by Airforce helicopters in North Sikkim on 19th September, 2011. 10000 food packets comprising Maggie noodles, biscuits, milk powder, match box and medical kits were again airdropped on 20th September. 50000 pieces of tarpaulin sheets were also positioned at Siliguri for dispatch to Sikkim.
- **AILA:** Provided House Building Grants (i) of Rs. 88 crore in connection with AILA, 2009 to the District Magistrate, South 24 Parganas and (ii) Rs. 33 crore for making payments of all claims in respect of AILA to the District Magistrate of North 24 Parganas,
- **House Building Grants:** Provided House Building Grants of (i) Rs. 20 crore and Rs. 5 crore respectively in connection with earthquake to the District Magistrates of Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri, (ii) Rs. 4,62,500 in connection with subsidence in the coal mine areas to the District Magistrate, Burdwan and (iii) Rs. 111.85 lakh to the District Magistrates of eight districts of Darjeeling, Birbhum, Purba Medinipur, Cooch Behar, Burdwan, Dakshin Dinajpur, Nadia and Purulia on account of fire
- **Ex-gratia Grant:**
- (i) **Man-made calamity-**
 - AMRI:** Provided Rs.273 lakh to 91 families of AMRI fire victims. The State Government also decided to offer Government job in either Group C or D category to one willing member of the unfortunate victims of AMRI fire incident. Proposals for employments have been received with recommendations from the District Magistrates of Burdwan, Hooghly and Director of Disaster Management
 - Sainthia Rly. Accident:** The previous Govt. announced compensation but did not sanction fund. The present Govt. has sanctioned Rs. 186 lakh to 62 families of Sainthia Rly. Accident victims
 - Ganga Sagar Mela victims:** Provided Rs.6 lakh to 3 families of Ganga Sagar Fair pilgrims who died by road accident during 2011-12 and Rs.1 lakh for one case of 2010-11
 - Death of Indian Fishermen by Bangladeshi Pirates:** Provided Rs. 6 lakh to 3 families of 3 fishermen who were murdered by Bangladeshi pirates

Illicit liquor consumption victims: Sanctioned Rs.344 lakh for 172 families of Sangrampur to the District Magistrate, South 24 Parganas (

- (ii) **Natural Calamity:** Provided Rs. 366.4 lakh for death due to natural calamities to 199 families and Rs. 22 lakh to 11 families of earthquake victims,

- **Supply of relief clothings through MLA Quota:** Supplied 1,75,200 dhuties, 87,600 lungies, 262800 sarces, 65,700 sets of children garments for both girls and boys, 73,000 sets of salwars and kameezs, 1,75,200 wrappers, 65,700 sets of half-sleeve punjabi and pyjamas and 1,47,500 tarpaulin sheets to the District Magistrates for supply to the Hon'ble Members of West Bengal Legislative Assembly before the Id and Durga Puja festivals.

- **Sanction from the State Disaster Response Fund:** Rs.15903.16 lakh was sanctioned by the State Executive Committee from the State Disaster Response Fund to favour various Departments of the State Government for emergency repair of roads, embankments, school buildings, minor irrigation installments, drinking water schemes, for supply of Input subsidy, fodder, concentrate, purchase of Search & Rescue equipments, upgradation of disaster response network service of the PWD, etc.

- Provided fund to the Resident Commissioner at Delhi for conducting Search and Rescue operations outside the State.

- Simplified the constitution of the Four- member Joint Team for inspection of houses damaged by natural calamities for sanction of House Building Grant

B. Welfare sector –

- **Normal Gratuitous Relief:** Sanctioned 12763.368 MT Normal Gratuitous Relief in wheat to all districts and Rs. 164.62 lakh in cash to KMC for distribution among 1,77,269 beneficiaries as NGR in wheat and cash,

- **Leprosy-Gratuitous Relief:** Sanctioned 837.36 MT Leprosy-Gratuitous Relief in rice to five districts of Purulia, Paschim Medinipur, Hooghly, Bankura and Burdwan for distribution among 5815 beneficiaries

- **Cash GR:** Sanctioned Rs. 56 lakh as Cash/Starvation Gratuitous Relief to all districts.

C. Disaster Management sector –

- **SMS based Early Warning System:** Developed SMS based Early Warning System

through the IT Dept. for alerting the mobile users in the districts of the State of the advent of natural calamities like tropical cyclone, tsunami, earthquake, etc.

- **Strengthening the capacity of Search and Rescue Teams :** (i) Rs. 50.65 lakh was sanctioned to Commissioner, Kolkata Police and Rs.257.62 lakh to the Director General of Police, West Bengal, for procurement of Search and Rescue equipments from the SDRF, (ii) Rs. 26 lakh was sanctioned to the District Magistrate, North 24 Parganas as the cost of Search & Rescue equipments from 13th Finance Commission grant, (iii) Rs.14.45 lakh was sanctioned to the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar for undergoing aquatic disaster management training from Rastriyo Life Saving Society from 13th Finance Commission grant and (iv) Rs.24.85 lakh was sanctioned to the District Magistrates for procurement of Micro Phone sets as part of early warning dissemination system from 13th Finance Commission grant
- Capacity Building of the State Govt. employees, members of the community, NGOs and three-tier PRI institution: (i) Rs. 25.20 lakh was sanctioned to all District Magistrates and Rs.5.75 lakh to the State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development(SIPRD) and Institute of Local Government & Urban Studies (ILGUS) for undertaking capacity building trainings on disaster risk reduction, (ii) Rs. 13.896 Lakh was sanctioned to the District Magistrates of Purba Medinipur and South 24 Parganas for undertaking Tsunami Risk Management Training, (iii) Rs. 52 lakh was sanctioned to the District Magistrates of Purba Medinipur, Birbhum, Howrah, Hooghly and Darjeeling for undertaking activities under State-funded Disaster Risk Management Programme from 13th Finance Commission grant
- Developed Audio spots and jingles for telecasting and broadcasting purpose @ Rs.1,22,506 from 13th Finance Commission grant
- Published State Disaster Management Policy
- Published Disaster Management Manual
- Revised State Disaster Management Plan for 2011-12
- Sent Perspective Plan to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. for sanction of Capacity Building Fund of Rs.20 crore for the years from 2011-12 to 2014-15 @ Rs.5 crore as provided by the 13th Finance Commission; Ministry of Home Affairs

sent sanction for Rs. 500 lakh at the fag end of the financial year

- Developed one documentary of disaster management titled "Chitto Jetha Bhoy Shunya" for screening in all villages of the district of South 24 Parganas.
- Reconstituted the State Disaster Management Authority by inducting two new members, i.e. the Ministers-in-Charge of the Depts. of Food and Power
- Developed some IEC materials:

D. Capacity Building Initiations –

- **Construction of Multi-purpose Cyclone Shelter:**
- **Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF):** With fund from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund, National Disaster Management Authority engaged two central Government PSUs namely (i) Engineering Projects (India) Ltd. and (ii) Hindustan Steelworks Construction Ltd. to construct 50 multipurpose cyclone shelters @ 15 in coastal Blocks of South 24 Parganas, 15 in five Blocks of North 24 Parganas and 20 in six coastal Blocks of Purba Medinipur. Construction work started in 15 sites of all three districts in the first phase.
- **National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP):** World Bank Team comprising three members paid a visit to this State during 26-28 March, 2012, met with State Govt. representatives and visited some sites in South 24 Parganas under National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project, under which 150 multipurpose cyclone shelters @ 75 in eight coastal Blocks of South 24 Parganas, 45 in five cyclone Blocks of North 24 Parganas and 30 in six coastal Blocks of Purba Medinipur have been proposed for construction. Sanction of the project will follow shortly.
- **Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project:** Revised proposal for construction of 25 multipurpose cyclone shelters in the coastal Blocks of South 24 Parganas have been submitted under this project. World Bank is expected to make an appraisal.
- District Magistrates were provided fund for procurement of 50 computers for 50 Block Disaster Management Officers as preparatory step for introduction of on-line communication system in the Department

Higher Education



The new Government has placed High priority on the improvement in the Education Sector. The Higher Education department envisages to restore the lost glory of Bengal in the arena of Higher Education by promoting "Centre of Excellence!!"

Achievement

- University Education: 194 new teaching posts have already been created.
- College Education : 139 non govt. colleges have been released Rs.20.92 crores for infrastructure development.

Sl. No.	Description	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Engineering & Technology Education				
1.	No. of Engineering & Technology Colleges	83	90	91
2.	Approved seats in Engineering & Technology	23,854	28,751	31,563
Management Education (MBA)				
1.	No. of Management Institution	45	50	57
2.	Approved seats in Management Institution(MBA)	2790	3900	4560
Master of Computer Application (MCA)				
1.	No. of MCA Institution	39	41	42
2.	Approved seats in MCA Institution	1930	2240	2300

Further, 1 Engineering & Technology Education Institute, 7 Management Education Institute and 1 Masters in Computer Application College was established during 2011-12

West Bengal Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme

	2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
Total No. of recipients	20 181	23 933	24 238
Amount (Rs. In Crore)	18.44	22.80	25.38

Major Policy decisions/reforms

- The State Government in the Higher Education Department had set up an Expert Committee on 9th June, 2011 comprising ten members to review matters relating to Higher Education, especially in the field of functioning in the Universities, Colleges, West Bengal College Service Commission, West Bengal State Council of Higher Education and other Institutions of Higher Education and to submit its recommendations to this Department. The term of the Committee was extended from time to time. The Committee has submitted its report to the Government, which is under examination.
- Amendment of 13 University Acts through Ordinance and through Amendment Act :-**
The West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2011 has been promulgated and notified in the official gazette on 2nd November, 2011 to bring transparency in the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Teachers of the State-aided Universities, to prevent unwanted political interference in the various Authorities of the Universities, to introduce provision for removal of the Vice-Chancellors and Pro-Vice-Chancellors through due process and for sufficient reasons and above all to increase the excellence in the arena of Higher Education. The West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 of 13 (Thirteen) Universities have been amended by the said Ordinance, 2011. Subsequently, the said amendment has been enacted

on 25th January, 2012, and has been effective from 2nd of November, 2011.

Consequently, process has been started to reconstitute the University Senate, Court, Syndicate, Executive Council, University Council and other statutory bodies. On the basis of the amended Act, search committees for appointment of new Vice Chancellors of University of Calcutta and Jadavpur University have already been formed and in case of other Universities, process of formation of search committees is going on.

Mentor Group for Presidency University:-

The Government has appointed a Mentor Group for the Presidency University to suggest ways of restoring academic excellence in Presidency University under the Chairpersonship of Prof. Sugata Bose. The said Mentor Group has produced two interim reports. The Government has taken, in principle, decision regarding creation of 5 (Five) posts of distinguished professorships in the University and also sanctioned incentive in the form of Faculty Research and Professional Development Fund.

Higher Education Department has taken the task for preparation of Education Map with the assistance of School Education Department to verify the location of existing higher secondary schools, colleges/universities/technical institutions etc. and collect inputs for establishment of New Educational Institutions in future.

Government order for payment of salary for teaching and non-teaching staff in Govt. aided colleges on the first working day of the month has been issued in December 2011. About 8394 teachers, 184 librarians, 250 graduate laboratory instructors and 7077 non-teaching staff are beneficiaries of this order.

Proposal for payment of Ad-hoc pension within one month of retirement of teaching and non-teaching staff of Govt. aided colleges has been initiated and is under active consideration of the Government.

Al-Ameen Memorial College, Baruipur, a Minority College, in the district of South 24 Parganas has been brought under Pay-Packet Scheme in 2011-2012.

Decisions:

- University: - 2 new Universities will be set up in the district of Coochbehar and another one in any Backward Region district of the State.
- Setting up of New General Degree Government Colleges :

- Government has decided to set up a total of eight (8) General Degree Government Colleges and one (1) Women's Wing in an existing Govt. College.
- Setting up of 3 (three) new Govt. Colleges at Rajarhat, New Town; Gaighata, North 24 Parganas and Bhabta, Murshidabad are under process. Required land is in possession.
- 5 Acres of land for setting up new Government College at Shalboni, Paschim Medinipur.
- Foundation stone of a new Government College at Lalgath in the district Paschim Medinipur has been laid down.
- 7.37 Acres of land has been identified for setting up Government College at Nayagram, Paschim Medinipur
- Land for Girls' Wing in Jhargram Raj College is in possession with cost of Rs. 7.43 Cr.
- Government has also decided to set up two (2) new Government Colleges at Pedong and Gorubathan in Darjeeling District. Identification of land is under process.
- Model Degree College: - 5 number of Model Degree Colleges will be set up upgrading the Colleges established on or after 01.01.2008.
- New Government level Engineering College: 04 No. of Engineering Colleges will be set up in the districts of Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Purulia and Murshidabad.
- Appointment of regular Principals in place of Teacher-in-Charge is under way. Interview of candidates (applicants) has started from 12.04.2012.
- Special policies for Part-time Teachers and Contractual Whole-time Teachers are under process.
- The Government has decided to set up a "Placement Training Centre for IAS and WBCS Examinations" at Bidhannagar College. Process of project formulation has already begun.
- The matter of inclusion of new subjects within the purview of State Level Eligibility Test (SLET) has been taken up with the University Grants Commission and these new subjects are expected to be covered in next year's SLET.
- The Govt. has decided for introduction of the online counseling system for admission into under-graduate courses of Engineering and Technology Institutes post common Entrance Test (JEM - 2012) being held under the aegis of West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations Board (WBJEEB) with effect from 2012-13 academic year.

This Department has embraced e-Governance in a major way and introduced online submission and receipt of applications for West Bengal Merit cum Means Scholarship with effect from 2012 – 2013 academic year. On the other hand, this Department has decided to introduce Electronic File Tracking System among its various Directorates and Branches phase-wise.

- The Govt. has also decided to enhance the scope of provision of full free studentship and half free studentship from 10% + 5% to 10% + 10% respectively from the 2012-13 under West Bengal Free-ship Scheme, 2011 especially for engineering & technology students of UG courses in Government Engineering & Technology Colleges, State aided Universities like Jadavpur University & Bengal Engineering & Science University, Shibpur besides in those self-financing E&T institutes who had admitted students in Management Quota.
- Implementation of Tuition Fee Weaver Scheme

(TFW) for economically backward class of students admitted to all approved technical institutions based on the guidelines of AICTE has been made from 2011-12.

- The Central-State jointly funded Technical Education Quality Improvement Project (TEQIP) Phase – II has started within the last year and the State Project Facilitation Unit (SPFU) has been restructured to make it effective and process oriented. Funds for participating institutes are being released on regular basis with proper monitoring through reports & returns.
- “A Tribute to Rabindranath Tagore” and “Select Documents on Calcutta”, the recent publication of the State Archives, released in April & May, 2011 respectively, have earned special recognition and sold out in significant numbers.
- Annual Accounts of the 14 State Aided Universities shall be made up to date by 2012-13 Financial Year.

GOVT AIDED COLLEGES ESTABLISHED DURING 2011-2012

- Domkal College, Domkal, Murshidabad
- Nathaniel Murmu College, Dakshin Dinajpur
- Ghokshadanga Birendra Memorial Mahavidyalaya, Coochbehar

Decisions for setting up of new educational institutions during 2012-13:

University	New General Degree College	Upgradation to Model college	New Government level Engineering College
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Coochbehar ❖ South 24 Parganas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Bhabta, Murshidabad ❖ Rajarhat, North 24-Parganas ❖ Gaighata, North 24-Parganas ❖ Salboni, Paschim Medinipur ❖ Lalgarh, Paschim Medinipur ❖ Nayagram, Paschim Medinipur ❖ Girls' Wing at Jhargram Raj College, Paschim Medinipur ❖ Pedong, Darjeeling ❖ Gorubathan, Darjeeling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Gaurav Guin Memorial College , Paschim Medinipur o Banerwar Sarathibala Mahavidyalaya , Coochbehar o Naxalbari College , Darjeeling o Rajganj College , Jalpaiguri o Deshapran Mahavidyalaya , Purba Medinipur 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Darjeeling o Jalpaiguri o Purulia o Murshidabad

been able to surpass our set targets. We have been successful in pulling out this state from the dire straits it found itself in, after 34 dark years of misrule by seven successive previous governments. In a nutshell, this government has done everything that was seemingly impossible even a year ago. Our capital has been a combination of honesty, integrity, dedication, transparency and the enormous accountability we have towards the people of Bengal. That is precisely why this book that commemorates the first anniversary of our government has been aptly named 'Hope to Reality'. This book strives to be counted as the most credible account of our performance over the past one year.

I have said this many times before, and I say this again: It is impossible to assess our performance correctly and objectively unless viewed in the right perspective of what we had inherited. When, riding on an unprecedented and historic wave of public support, we first set foot in Writers' Building a year ago, we had a mountain to climb, a desert to traverse and an ocean to swim in. But we were careful from the beginning. We knew what the challenges were and how those looked like. We knew that we had no choice but to travel in darkness if we were to show the people of Bengal a new dawn that they richly deserved. We knew our coffers were empty. Every child born in this state has a huge debt dangling like the sword of Democles on its head. We found out that our worst fears were true – for every rupee that the government earns, it has to spend 94 paise on salaries and interests on debts. We were victims of a grave economic sin perpetrated by the previous governments. Ironically, our task was to redeem a wrongdoing which was not ours. We had to embark on an uphill task of making both ends meet. If one chooses to forget this reality while trying to judge the performance of our government, it will not only be foolhardy, but a distortion of facts. I know that the people of Bengal whose lives were rendered insufferable at the hands of an all-pervasive party-crazy over the last three and a half decades will not forget the memories of their nightmare ever in the future. They will never forgive the semi-fascist regime that stifled every aspect of their lives for 34 years.

We stand on the huge debris of a crushed system that was a gift to us from a mindless and incompetent previous regime. Throughout the last one year, we have tried to reason with the Central Government our predicament. We have only one demand which, to our mind, is just and fair. We are unable and unwilling to bear the brunt of the sin that is not ours. We asked the Central government why they had allowed a recklessly extravagant government to throw all norms to the wind and carry on with its policy of debts and more debts that eventually has shattered the state's economy. Every other state had accepted the recommendations of the Finance Commission and had implemented the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) act. The only exception is our state. Why was the Left regime given a free hand to squander public money? We merely stated that the Central Government can not shirk its responsibility of allowing successive Left governments to go scot-free in financial wrongdoings and then looking away from the sin.

Therefore, we demand that the entire structure of this huge debt trap needs to be looked into and re-laid. We should be allowed a moratorium for three years for the interest that the state

School Education



The vision of the School Education Sector is to ensure universalization of Primary, Elementary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Education and to ensure quality education for Human Resource Development.

The following are the performances of School Education Department during 2011-12 :-

- **Expansion Of Education For All**

To ensure the universalisation and access of education for all the State Government has already notified the neighbourhood distance criterion so as to establish a primary school within a radius of 1 km from all human habitations located in rural areas and in case of urban areas within $\frac{1}{2}$ km from such habitations. In case of Upper Primary (Class-V – VIII) our policy is to establish such schools within 2 km from all rural habitations and within 1 km in respect of urban areas. To ensure this we have completed GIS mapping of all human habitations in the State with location of schools across the State and have identified pinpointed locations where such new primary and upper primary schools need be established.

During last year i.e. 2011 – 12 we have set up 260 numbers of primary schools 452 number upper primary schools. During 2012 – 13 our target is to establish 1232 primary, 2072 number of upper primary schools so that there is total coverage of all children with in the mentioned distance criteria. Further the State Government has planned to set up 53 Model Schools in educationally backward blocks. And one Model School in each district. So far as Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools are concerned we have already upgraded 77 Junior High Schools to High Schools (Secondary Schools) and 389 Secondary Schools to Higher Secondary Schools during 2011 – 12. We intend to upgrade 500 number of

Secondary Schools to Higher Secondary Schools during 2012 – 13. At the same time the State Government has already created additional number of posts for covering these new schools or strengthening existing schools.

- **Action Taken Under RTE Act,2009**

The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 has come into force throughout the country with effect from 1st. April, 2010. Govt. of West Bengal has initiated various measures to implement RTE Act in the State. The basic objective of the said Act is to bring all children in the age of 6-14 yrs in the formal educational system and to ensure their elementary education free of cost. The State Government has taken up this responsibility with all seriousness and to achieve the objective the following steps have been taken:

- o Primary school will be set up in the neighbourhood of school-less habitation within a distance of 1 km. in rural area and $\frac{1}{2}$ km. in urban area. Similarly Upper Pry. School will come in place within a distance of 2 km. from the habitation in rural area and 1 km. in urban area.
- o No child or his/her guardian will be subjected to screening procedure for admission in any educational institution. He or she will get direct admission. If necessary lottery system may be followed.
- o No admission free or any other fees may be charged upon the child which may prevent his/her elementary education. An amount of Rs 240/- per month 'as development fee' may however be charged per child per annum, but if any guardian is unable to pay then same,

he/she should express his/her inability to the school authority in writing who may exempt it partly or fully.

- o Physical punishment and mental harassment to child is totally prohibited. District Magistrate and the Director of School Education shall dispose of issues, if any.
- o To maintain proper Pupil-Teacher ratio in school as per stipulation of RTE Act, 2009, necessary arrangement for recruitment of requisite number of teachers through School Service Commission and District Primary School Councils are being taken.
- o Provisions for additional class rooms on the basis of enrolment, separate toilets for boys and girls, safe drinking water in school are made.
- o Special attention has been given so that children from the families belonging to weaker section and disadvantaged group are not deprived of elementary education. 25% seats in the private unaided schools have been kept reserved for them and the cost of education for such children will be borne by the State Govt. as per prescribed rate.
- o School teachers in Govt./Govt.-aided school are not permitted to run 'Private Tuition' to ensure their absolute engagement in class room teaching.
- o To enforce RTE Act, 2009 & Child Right Act, 2005 a committee viz. Right to Education Protection Authority (REPA) has been constituted by the State Government.
- o State Advisory Committee has also been constituted to advise the Government as to the proper implementation of RTE Act, 2009 in our State.
- o RTE Rules has been published.
- o The Department has planned starting of pre-primary education for children in the +5 age group in the existing Primary School and the existing teachers of the primary school will impart education.
- o In collaboration with Health Department issuing of Health Card for each student and health guide for teacher detailing precaution measures.

• **New Upper Primary Schools**

Based on the GIS maps School Education Department has set up 503 New Upper primary schools in habitations where there is no Upper Primary School within a radius of 2 km in rural areas and 1 km in urban areas during 2011-12. During 2012-13 the Department has decided to set up 2072 new upper primary schools to ensure full coverage as per the distance criterion.

• **Setting Up Of Model Schools**

52 model schools have been approved by Government of India in various educationally backward blocks in the State. The construction works have been entrusted to PWD and are in progress.

• **Up Gradation Of Secondary Schools**

The School Education Department has taken a decision to upgrade all Secondary schools to Higher Secondary level within next 3 years. Pursuant to this policy 403 schools have been upgraded to Secondary during 2011-12 as compared to 317 during 2010-11. The State Cabinet has approved upgradation of 999 schools from Secondary to Higher Secondary (500 schools in 2012-13, 499 schools in 2013-14) and appointment of 4 additional teachers per schools so upgraded.

• **Up Gradation Of Upper Primary Schools:-**

Efforts have also been taken to upgrade upper primary schools (Junior high schools) to Secondary level. 88 such school have been upgraded during 2011-12 against 81 in 2010-11.

• **Opening Of Hindi Medium Schools:-**

As announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister, the School Education Department has taken special efforts to set up new Hindi Medium Schools in the tribal dominated areas in Jalpaiguri district. 17 such new Hindi medium schools have been sanctioned during 2011-12. Besides additional Hindi medium sections have been started in 63 schools in the same district. Sites for opening of 2 integrated Hindi Medium Schools at Kalchini and Matili block in Jalpaiguri district have been identified. PWD has been requested to prepare estimates.

• **Electrification Of Schools**

The School Education Department with the help of WEBREDA has taken up on an experimental basis electrification of 100 Schools in the remote areas through P.V. solar system and use of solar cookers for cooking of Mid Day Meal

• **Students Appearing In Madhyamik And Uchha Madhyamik Examinations**

As a result of establishment of new schools number of students appearing in Madhyamik and Uchha Madhyamik Examinations are rising every year. Thus about 10.5 students in 2012. Similarly about 7.38 lakhs students appeared in the Uchha Madhyamik Examination in 2012 compared to 6.37 lakhs in 2011

• **ICT Programme At Schools:-**

The school Education Department has taken special care to provide computer education in schools. Thus 2000 schools

have been covered under the ICT Programme in 2011-12 compared to 1401 schools during 2010-11. This year apart from computer hardware like PCs, printers, LCD Projectors etc. computer professionals are also being provided to impart training to the students.

- **Boundary Walls Under Ridf**

Constants efforts are being made to improve the infrastructure in schools including boundary walls dovetailing from various resources. Thus 1401 schools have been provided with boundary walls in 2011-12 under RIDF-XV compared to 653 schools covered in 2010-11.

- **Mid-day Meal Programme**

The present Government has taken a special care to increase the coverage as well as quality of the flagship programme of Mid Day Meal in schools. Thus about 84.03 lakh Primary students i.e. 96.31% of the total have been brought under the scheme in 2011-12 compared to 79.26 lakhs or 82.76 % during 2010-11. In case of Upper Primary schools 32.18 lakh or 83% of the students have been covered under the scheme in 2011-12 compared to 31.33 lakhs or 67.17% in 2010-11. At the same time the Department had also engaged Universities and reputed NGOs to monitor implementation of the scheme at the ground. Hon'ble Chief Minister has also written to Government of India for extension of this scheme to the Secondary stage covering classes IX and X.

CONSTRUCTION OF KITCHEN SHEDS IN SCHOOLS SERVING MID DAY MEALS

The State Government had decided to construct kitchen shed cum store in all schools providing Mid Day Meal. Already about 53,000 schools have been covered during 2011-12 and rest of the schools will be covered during 2012-13.

INSTALLATION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN ALL PRIMARY AND UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOLS RUNNING MID DAY MEAL

In view of the fire hazards to students in schools running the Cooked Mid Day Meal programme the School Education Department had decided to install fire extinguishers in all Primary and Upper Primary schools in the State providing Mid Day Meals to the students. The State Government has already released funds for Rs. 71,42,700/- and Rs. 25,14,14,700/- in two phases to the District Magistrates for this purpose. About 73,000 Government and Government Aided schools are being covered. Installations are now in progress.

PAYMENT OF SALARIES TO TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING STAFF ON THE 1ST. WORKING DAY OF EVERY MONTH AND E-PAYMENT THROUGH BANKS

One of the major decisions taken by the new Government after assumption of office was to ensure payment of salaries to about 3.5 lakh teachers and non teaching staff in Government Aided schools within the 1st working day of every month like Government employees. Earlier such teaching and non-teaching staff used to get their salaries between 5th. to 10th working day of the month or even more. Arrangements have also been made for e-Payment of such salaries.

PACKAGE OF SCHEMES FOR JUNGLE MAHAL (LWE) AREAS

As per announcement of Hon'ble Chief Minister the School Education Department had taken up a package of development schemes for the 23 Blocks situated in the Jungle Mahal or Left Wing Extremist (LWE) affected areas in the three districts of Paschim Medinipur, Bankura and Purulia during 2011-12. They include the following:

- a) **Construction Of Girls' Hostels In LWE Affected Areas:-**

The Department has taken up construction of 34 Girls' Hostel in 3 LWE affected districts (Paschim Medinipur-17, Bankura-9, Purulia-8). The total estimate comes to Rs. 25.83 crores. Construction works are in progress and expected to be completed by the end of this year.

- b) **Appointment Of Santhali (Alchiki Script) Knowing Para Teachers :**

Total 1171 posts of Alchiki knowing Para Teachers have been created by the Department for the 23 LWE affected Blocks to give job opportunities for qualified young people in these Tribal areas. Recruitment process has been completed in 2 of the 3 districts and is expected to be completed very shortly.

- c) **Upgradation Of Secondary Schools To Higher Secondary Level:**

The Department had taken up a plan to upgrade all existing Secondary schools in the Jungle Mahal area to Higher Secondary level in during next 3 years. Thus during 2011-12 out of total 448 schools in this area 224 schools have already been upgraded.

REVIEW OF THE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The State Government has already engaged Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata for review of the entire school management system and the role played by various stakeholders and to suggest structural improvements to strengthen the system of administration for proper implementation of the RTE Act in the State. The Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata has already submitted its report. Action is being taken for bringing about structural changes in the existing management system of school education.

PENSION OF TEACHERS AND NON-TEACHING EMPLOYEES

The new Government has given importance to release of pension to the teachers and non staff of schools within one month from the date of retirement. A State level committee has also been formed to monitor and settle disputes relating to complicated pension cases.

e-GOVERNANCE

The department has taken up steps for computerization of bio data of teaching and non-teaching employees and their service books for better management and planning. Information on infrastructural status of all Government and Government aided schools including sanctioned strength of teachers have been compiled and put on the Departmental portal and is being regularly updated. All tenders of the Department have been put on e-tender through web portal. Monitoring of Mid Day Meal is also being done through use of SMSs and compilation of the same is being done using the web portal of the Department. All Notifications of the Department are regularly placed on the web portal of the Department.

• Construction Of Toilet

Apart from construction of toilets under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan and the National Sanitation Mission the Department have also taken up construction of boys and girls toilets from the State Plan funds in 74 Primary Schools @ 50,250/- each and a sum of Rs. 99.55 lakhs have been released.

• Library & Laboratory Grants

A sum of Rs 51.00 lakh and Rs 80.00 lakh has been

released for infrastructure development of Libraries and Laboratories of 160 upgraded Higher Secondary schools @ Rs 50,000 /- per school.

• Incentive to Girl students from BPL families (class IX-X)

The Department is providing special incentive to girls students from BPL families to continue their studies at Secondary (Class IX and X) level. Rs 9,10,13,000/- has been released as incentive to 1,42,001 poor girls students under the scheme during 2011-12.

• Vocational Education

The School Education Department in association with the Technical Education & Training Department is trying to revamp the vocational training courses in Secondary and Higher Secondary Classes in line with the National Vocational Education Qualification Framework (NVEQF). This year 93 schools have been selected to come under NVEQF. Similarly the Department has decided to start separate stream of vocational education at Higher Secondary level from 2013

• Nationalised Textbooks:

Free text book distribution among the students of classes I to VIII of the recognized institutions is an ongoing incentive programme of the Govt. of W.B. Total text book printed for class-I to V are 5,15,00,000 and 1,88,90,723 for class-VI to VIII during 2011-12.

• Science Education

Along with school curriculum the Department has also taken steps for making the students aware of the modern developments in science and technology. Under the Learning Enhancement Programme (LEP) the Department in association with Birla Industrial and Science Museum has organized science camps for students. The students have also been encouraged to take part in national level science competitions like INSPIRE and National Science Talent. School children from the State have done extremely well in such national competitions.

• School Sports

The Department is regularly organizing both Primary and Secondary school sports meets. The Department has also taken up restructuring of the School Sports Academy at Banipur with the help of Sports Authority of India (SAI). Building up sports training facilities in the districts have also been taken up.

Technical Education & Training



The Department of Technical Education & Training is looking after the technical and vocational education sector through its 3 directorates and 3 councils.

- o Directorate of Technical Education & Training- This Directorate looks after the diploma and post diploma programmes conducted in the Polytechnics of the State. This apart, Community Development through Polytechnics (CDTP) Scheme and Short Term Vocational Training Programmes (STVT) are under the functional jurisdiction of this Directorate.
- o Directorate of Industrial Training -Craftsman training programme through the Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) and Industrial Training Centres (ITC) are looked after by this Directorate. Other skilled programmes like Modular Employable Scheme (MES) is also conducted by the said Directorate.
- o Directorate of Vocational Education & Training- This Directorate is entrusted to look after Vocational Education & Training (VET) programmes at VIII + and X+ 2 level through the affiliated schools of the State. This aside, the Directorate facilitates and coordinates with the partner organization of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to organize skill development training programmes in need-based areas.

Preparation of curriculum, conducting examination, and awarding affiliation to the institutes and other academic areas are entrusted to the following 3 Councils, set up by the Government under the aegis of the Department of Technical Education & Training.

- West Bengal State Council for Technical Education & Training (WBSCTE) is linked with the functioning areas of the Directorate of Technical Education & Training looks after the polytechnic education.
- West Bengal State Council of Vocational

Training (WBSCVT) is assigned with the academic activities with the ITIs/ITC

- West Bengal State Council of Vocational Education & Training (WBSCVE&T) looks after Vocational Education & Training (VET) programmes at VIII+ and X+ 2 level conducted through the affiliated schools of the State.

(I) Directorate of Technical Education & Training

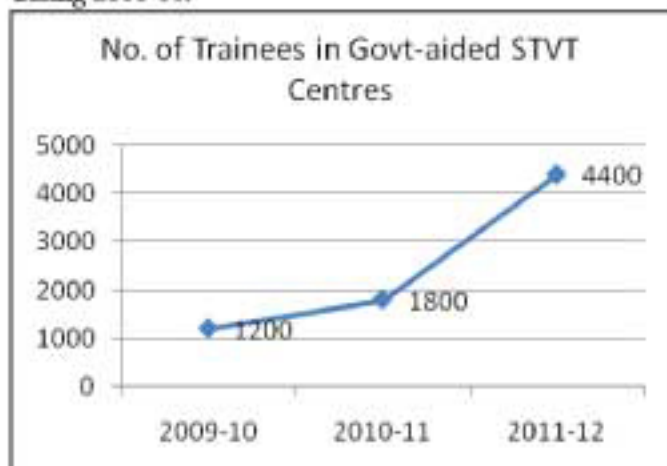
5 more polytechnics have been added during 2011-12. The student intake capacity has also been hiked by over 500 over previous year.

Sl. No.	Description	2009-10	2010 -11	2011 -12
1.	No. of Polytechnic	57	65	70
2.	Intake Capacity	13865	16655	17185

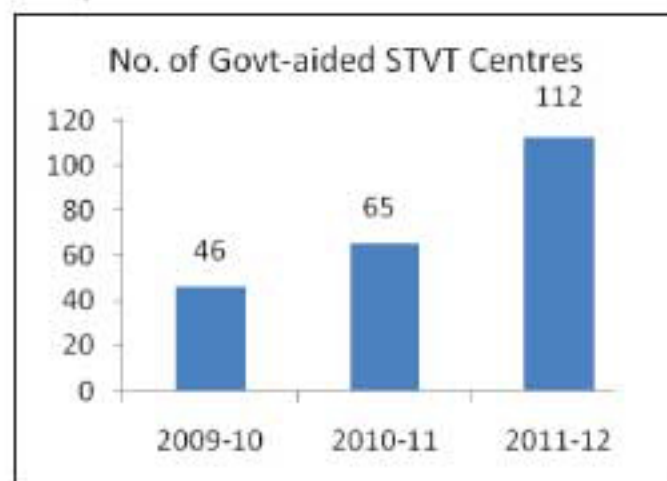
(II) Short Term Vocational Training (STVT) programme

- Funded by- the State Govt.
- Target group: Madhyamik or equivalent exam pass out,
- Age : Below 40 years;
- Implementation through: NGO and govt. inst;
- Course duration : 6 months;
- Course fees: Rs250/- per 6 months (Rs150/- for SC/ST)]
- Total no. of centres: 112
- No. of new centres which have introduced the programme for the first time in the last Financial Year:47
- Turn out: 4400 p.a.
- No. of trades: 40

Number of trainees in short-term vocational courses have jumped significantly to 4400 during 2011-12 from 1800 during 2010-11.



Number of training centres has almost doubled, from 65 to 112, over 2010-11.



(III) Community Development Through Polytechnics (CDTP) Scheme

Mission:

- Skill development through dissemination & application of appropriate technologies, technical & support services
- Awareness among the target groups about technological advancement & contemporary issues of importance

Target group : Local community

Funded by : Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Govt. of India

Implementation through : 31 Govt. Polytechnics & their 177 Extension centres

Started from: 2010-11

(IV) Persons With Disabilities (PWD) Scheme

Mission:

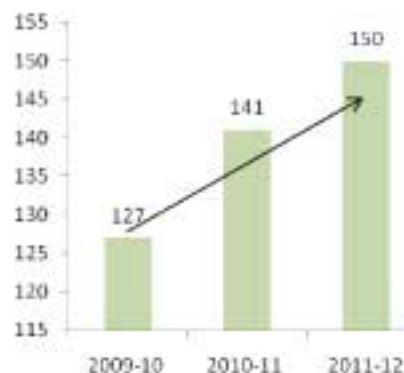
- Integrating Persons with disabilities in the mainstream of vocational education

Target group : Local community

Funded by : MHRD, Govt. of India

Implementation through : 1 Govt. Polytechnic

No. of Trainees in PWD cell has increased, as evident from the following chart.



Schemes Executed through the Directorate of Industrial Training

(I) ITI Sector

- Commencement of Training of long term & short term Training of the Unemployed Youth in LWE area.
- Setting up of 01 No New ITI & 2 Nos SDCs in Lalgah Area at Binpur, West Midnapore District have been approved by Govt of India.
- 2 nos. ITIs at Balarampur in Purulia and Salboni in Paschim Midnapore and 3nos. SDCs at Suri, Coochbehar and Magrahat-II.
- 3 ITIs at Kumargram (Jalpaiguri), Khoirasole (Birbhum) and Deshapran (Purba Midnapore) and 11 nos. SDCs under BRGF.
- Approval of setting up of 06 No. ITIs under MSDP Projects
 - (1) Mandirbazar in South 24-Parganas,
 - (2) Magrahat-II in South 24-Parganas,
 - (3) Baduria in North 24-parganas,
 - (4) Bauria in Howrah,
 - (5) Kaliachak-III in Malda,
 - (6) Goalpokhar-I in Uttar Dinajpur
- The construction works of new ITI at Khatra, Chanchal-II, Itahar, Shyampur-II have been started.

- 8 private ITIs at different districts have been set up and started functioning in this year.
- Inspection of new sites for construction for new ITI have been done in the following location
 - Katwa, Burdwan District,
 - Joynagar South 24 Parganas District,
 - Bagda in North 24 Parganas District,
 - Pathar pratima in South 24 Parganas District,
 - Bhara in Bankura District,
 - Nanoor in Birbhum District
- Proposal has been sent to set up new ITI at Gorubathan & Mongpoo in the Darjeeling District for GTA.
- Decision has been taken to set up new ITI at Nakashipara and Tehatta in Nadia District, Harirampur in Dakshin Dinajpur District and Arambag in Hooghly.
- Upgradation of ITIs under PPP mode i) ITI, Hijli ii) BPC, ITI, Krishnagar and iii) ITI Kanyapur.
- Training under MES for 24,000 beneficiaries has been completed.

(II) Apprenticeship Training Scheme

No. of apprentices, establishment, ITI/ITCs, VTPs and private ITIs have increased during last one year over previous year.

Table I

Year (April to March)	Number of Apprentices registered under App. Act, 1961	Number of Establishments assessed/ re-assessed under App. Act, 1961	Assessed/ Re-assessed Quota of trade Apprentices
2010-11	650	22	217
2011-12	716	25	326

(a) Number of ITI/ITCs in last 03 Years

Financial Year	No. of ITI
2009 - 10	90
2010 - 11	94
2011 -12	98

(b) Number of VTPs under SDI Scheme in last 03 Years

Financial Year	No. of VTP
2009 - 10	146
2010 - 11	221
2011 -12	332

(c) Number of Private ITI in last 03 Years

Financial Year	No. of ITI
2009 - 10	38
2010 - 11	42
2011 -12	46

DIRECTORATE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

Achievements

- Rapid growth of Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) without analysing the demand & supply of skilled manpower was arrested July, 2011 Session onwards.



Special initiatives taken in 2011-12:

- A World Bank Study to develop a roadmap for the Skill Development for the State on short, medium and long term basis in TVET Sector was commissioned.
- A preliminary database on Teachers and instructors has been created. Registered number of Contractual Teachers and Instructors is 3102 and 4293 respectively in about 2700 VTCs for 2011-12 sessions.

- Initiated monitoring process of VTCs as a special assignment.
- Recovered unutilised Govt. Grants amounting to Rs. 10.45 crore over a period of last 11 months.
- Skill training and employment under PPP model has been successfully introduced.

Looking Forward

- Major capacity expansion of the polytechnic education system has been planned. 11 centrally assisted polytechnics in un-served and underserved districts and 4 new polytechnics under state plan are being set up in the state. Within the 12th five year plan period, 15 new Govt. polytechnics will be added. Special thrust has been given on the following areas/categories
- Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal, during her visit in Junglemahal, announced setting up of a new Polytechnic college at Ramgarh in Lalgurh in Paschim Medinipur for which, sanction of fund has been accorded by the Govt and the construction work has already been started by the PWD.
Other than the aforesaid polytechnic new Govt. polytechnics at Keshiary in Paschim Medinipur and at Bundwan in Purulia district have started academic activities. A well planned and coordinated effort of development of technical/ vocational education is being made, especially covering the districts falling in the Junglemahal area
- Priority has been given on expanding the scope of technical education in the hills of the state. 3 New polytechnics are planned to be set up at Delo in Kalimpong, Mirik and Rangeet Tea estate in Darjeeling district (one Govt. Polytechnic at Kurseong is there since 1964). Holistic development of the Crafts Teachers' Training Centre Chitrabhanu, located in Kalimpong is being planned to restore its heritage status while opening its doors for the girls of the hills; to undertake employment oriented training programme.
- With an aim to bring the minority community more and more in the fold of technical education, 2 polytechnics under MSDP are being set up at Diamond-Harbour and Baruipur in South 24 Parganas district.
- Out of the existing Govt. polytechnics, 2 institutes are being planned to be converted into major

polytechnics which will run with 10 disciplines and an annual intake capacity of 600 students at the least.

- Capacity expansion of the polytechnic system is also high on the agenda. 2nd shift is being planned in some identified polytechnics for which, after due analysis, proposal to AICTE will be sent.

ITI- SECTOR

- Improvement of continuing scheme.
 - Scheme for Development of Infra-structure of the trade units to continue under existing Craftsmen Training Scheme.
 - Scheme for Introduction of New Trade units to continue under SCVT by diversification of less popular trade-units.
- Welfare of S.C.,S.T., Minorities Community and Women-New I.T.I.s exclusively
for S.C.,S.T., Minorities and Women are proposed to be set up.
- Reconstitution of WBSCVT to functional and development of demand driven course curricula.
- Improvement of quality of ITI Graduates.
- Conversion of industrial Training Centres (ITCs) into Industrial Training Institutes.
- Increase in intake capacity by 3000 by opening new 08 ITI s/ 2500 by opening of New Trade Courses/ 15000 under SDIS through MES.

FUTURE PLANS- 2012-13

- Operationalisation of 03 new ITIs i)Habibpur at Malda ii) Ghatal in Paschim Medinipur iii) Simlapal in Bankura.
- Construction of Building/Workshop to be completed – 06 Nos
- Chengail in Howrah
- Rampurhat in Birbhum
- Islampur in Uttar Dinajpur
- Bansihari in Dakshin Dinajpur
- Egra in Purba Medinipur and
- Sarengabad in South 24 Parganas
- Increase in intake capacity by 2400 by opening new 06 it is
- Increase in intake capacity by 2500 by opening new Trade courses /
- MES under SDIS – Targetted trainees are about 80,000
- Carrying out inspection of new sites for Construction

of new ITI – 25 places.

- To propose for setting up 02 Institutes for Trainer's Training – one in North Bengal other in South Bengal.
- Setting up of 10 new private ITIs.

INNOVATIVE SCHEMES 2012-13

- Effort is being taken to engage one placement agency in a transparent manner.
- At least two job fairs would be organized.

POLICY INITIATIVES FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT:

1. To emphasis employment after vocational training, collaboration with reputed skill providers has been encouraging for short duration skill training and placement assistance.
2. Collaboration with IL&FS on skill training in Hospitality/Retail/BPO/ITES Sectors in CTTI, Chitrabhanu, Kalimpong leads to ensure 100% employment of the unemployed youth of Hills.
3. Similarly, 100% employment has been offered to 288 boys of Jangal Mahal (Purulia) after one month residential training camp on Security Guard in collaboration with CAPSI.
4. Tied up with ATIRA, a nationally reputed research laboratory for setting up 12 Centres on (i) Garment

Manufacturing with CAD (ii) Machine Embroidery with CAD. Annually 2000 trainees will be benefitted.

5. A project has been approved in March,2012 to introduce skill training in 100 VTCs on CAD (Engg.) and CNC operator to meet the demand of the Engineering Industry etc. SIEMENS is the partner of this project.

NEW SCHEMES :

- 11 Skill Development Centres have been approved under BRGF scheme by the Planning Commission.
- A Pilot Project on National Vocational Education Qualification Framework (NVEQF) from MHRD, Govt. of India approved for introduction of 'Vocationalisation of Secondary Education' from class IX (level – I) and class X (level – II) on Automobile, Retail, IT/ITES, Security Service.
- Facilitating KPMG to conduct District wise skill gap studies with stake holders. (NSDC sponsored)
- One Vocational Training Centre has been sanctioned for tribal women at the Ajodhya Hill Purulia.
- Facilitating IL&FS to train and place 5000 youth from Jungal Mahal area in West Midnapur.
- Necessary fund has been sanctioned to HIDCO for completion of "Rajya Karigori Prashikhan Kendra (2.50 lac sq. ft. Floor area)" in Newtown area.

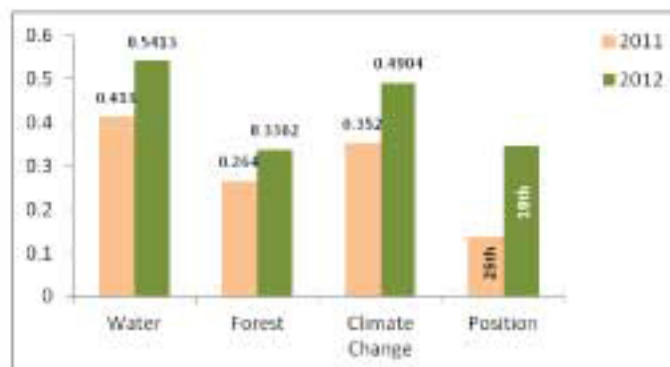
Environment



Environmental Performance Scores And Rankings evolved By Planning Commission

Environmental performance

Planning Commission of India for last two years has started to quantify, the performance of the states with respect to water(based on the parameter like riverine water quality, water quality etc.), forest(Presence of forest coverage against prescribed coverage, density etc.), climate change (monitoring, action plan & implementation etc). The desired condition of the stated indicator is graphed as 1 and the achievement of the state is shown in fraction. The position of the state has improved to 19th from 25th.

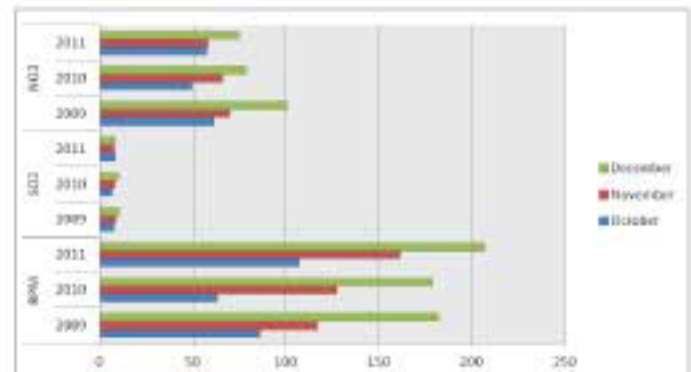


Changes in Ambient Air Quality in Kolkata

Polluting Particle Status in air

Constant Endeavour has been made to improve the air quality of the state specially the metro-cities. The status of variation of suspended hazardous particles (SO₂, NO₂,

RPM) in air during last three months has been reflected in the following graphical representation. There is constant monitoring & measures by West Bengal Pollution Control Board to improve the air quality.



Trends in Knowledge Generation

Research and Development

State Government has emphasized the need to accelerate the pace of Research & development in the field of Environment. The expenditure in the field has been depicted in the graph which shows phenomenal increase in fund flow to accelerate the pace of much needed research & development.

Different Publication & research project

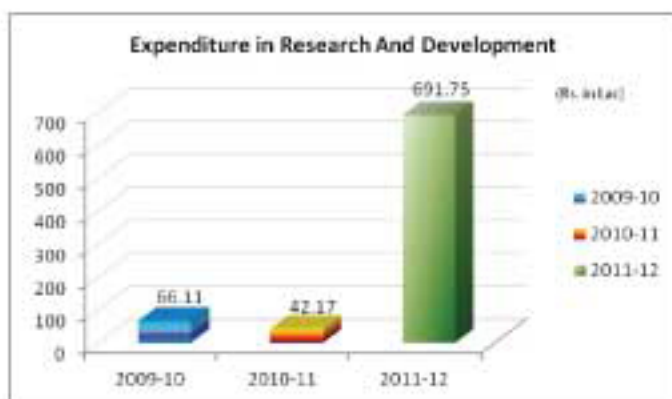
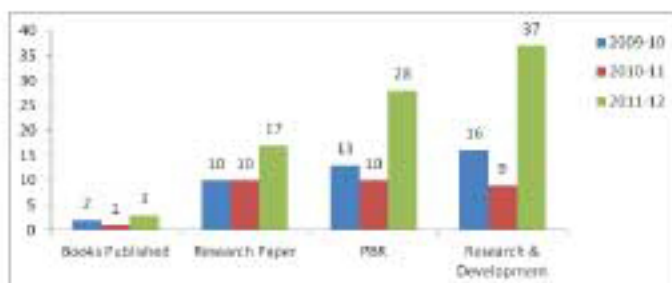
Department of Environment has regularly published booklets on burning environment issues suggesting ways to address the problem. The graphical representation has shown the quantum of such publication in successive three years specially the environment booklet, research paper, people bio-diversity register, Project paper.

government pays. This amount can be utilized to make Pashchimbanga the state of our dreams. And let me be very clear on this. We are not knocking the doors of the Central government with a begging bowl. We demand and deserve justice. Our demands are neither unconstitutional nor unprecedented. Our country has examples of allowing moratoriums to debt-stricken states. We will also not grudge if similar benefits are extended to any other state that are suffering like us. Unfortunately, even after a series of meetings at the highest echelons of power in the Central Government, we have returned empty handed. We have no clue as to when and whether our demands will be met. This means, the darkness that marked the beginning of our humble journey is still very much the same. We have to make do with whatever little we have, being sandwiched between the wrongs of the previous government and the indifference of the Centre. Every passing day is making our challenges that much more difficult. And we have to find our way through this fateful journey.

On top of this fiscal liability and the rigid non-cooperation of the Centre, the new born government has been subjected to relentless and baseless malice and planned malign from vested interests and influential media. A culture of making mountains out of molehills is holding sway and a chorus of negativity rants the air at every drop of a hat. Our detractors seem to entirely ignore the facts and the reality – how precarious is the situation and how vulnerable we are and how we are making impossible things happen through sheer determination and hard work. The only thing that rules their judgement and drives their actions is their petty, vested interests. And if we do not subscribe to those, which, in most cases, are anti-people, they turn the air blue with insinuations and declamatory aggression. It's akin to giving a dog a bad name and hanging him.

I take this opportunity to reiterate that this government will not indulge in a single act that impinges upon the interests of the common and poor people and will vehemently protest if someone else tries to do so. If necessary, we shall resist those acts with all that we have. This is the only credible yardstick that we have – sticking to our accountability and responsibility to the common people. The election manifesto that we released before the elections is the Bible, the Gita, the Quran and the Granth Sahib of this 'Ma-Mati-Manush' government. We shall implement every promise that we made in the manifesto and will not budge an inch from anything that we are morally bound to. So far, we have done nothing to betray the faith that the people of the state have reposed in us or belie the accountability that we owe them. Our pledge has been, and will, always be to remain faithful and accountable to the parliament of people.

Every day, we are pressurized to change our stand on many a thing, or at least revise those. We are threatened to do so from many quarters. A sustained and concerted campaign of lies and half-truths to malign us is the name of the game now. They want to dent our confidence and blur our focus. But I am convinced, the people of Bengal do not believe in this collective slander and will defeat the sinister designs of all those who are scheming against us. The people know that we are a government for the weak and the forlorn. We are a government for the oppressed and the exploited. It is a government of the mother, the soil and the people. We are determined to put words to their silent lips. We have committed ourselves to the temple of freedom. That is our politics. We are betrothed to the ideas of patriotism. We are not against reforms and we are not



1. A novel "Paribesh Sevak" scheme has been introduced for grassroot level monitoring of environmental issues.
2. State Action Plan on Climate Change (final draft) has been prepared. The action plan which is a collaborative effort of more than hundred technical experts, scientists and other stake holders will serve as a guiding document in the state's adaptation to climate changes and mitigation of its effects,
3. National Green Tribunal established in Kolkata, West Bengal
4. Action Plan for improving the Environmental control of Sponge Iron Units of West Bengal unveiled.

5. A study titled, "Vulnerability of Kolkata Metropolitan Area to Increased Precipitation in a Changing Climate" completed. This is the first climate change vulnerability assessment of any city in India and fourth in Asia.
6. Eco restoration of major wetlands of West Bengal has been initiated.
7. The Government has completed the most comprehensive documentation of biodiversity ever published anywhere in India. The 1000-page document titled, "Status of biodiversity of West Bengal" will serve as a benchmark and will be used in making policy decisions related to living resources of the state in years to come.
8. Professionalism in technical matters has been brought in by integrating academia in various technical committees and authorities.
9. A campaign for the greening of the industries has been launched by WBPCB. This initiative resulted in plantation of thousands of trees in Asansol sub-division.
10. Environmental compliance assistance centre has been made operational. Presently, this centre is helping the industries of the following sectors: tannery and chrome chemicals, lead acid battery, dyeing and bleaching units etc.
11. Municipal solid waste authorization process has been put on a fast track resulting in grant of 69 authorization out of 108 applications made so far.
12. Radiation emitting from cell phone towers remains a cause of worry for the State Government. A committee was constituted to study the whole process and recommend safety levels of cell phone radiation. The recommendations of the committee have been received and it is under active consideration.
13. Under Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project





(ICZMP) which is being implemented with the financial assistance from the World Bank considerable progress was made regarding distribution of grid electricity for household connection in 42 Mouza in Sagar Island by West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL). Work was also initiated with Digha-Shankarpur Development Authority undertaking (i) Beach Cleaning & Sanitation, Environmental amelioration along the Beaches, Livelihood Generation etc. (ii) Solid Waste Management and (iii) Development of Drainage System and Phytoremediation at Digha. Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (ICZMP) is also finalizing a programme for creating livelihoods for inhabitants of Sundarbans area.

demonstration units have been put in place by the Institute of Environment Studies & Wetland Management in the State Bank of India Regional Training Center, Salt Lake City, Kolkata, Kalyani Municipality, Birla Industrial and Technological Museum, Digha and Birla Industrial and Technological Museum, Purulia.

14 The department has prepared policy document on rain water harvesting and rain water harvesting

15 The Department in collaboration with PW Department and West Bengal Fisheries Corporation Limited has initiated land scraping work in Subhas Sarobar, installation of aqua fountain in Rabindra Sarobar and cleaning and beautification of a part of Tolly Nullah with financial support of West Bengal Pollution Control Board.

Excise



1. Achievement in collection of revenue

During 2011-12 collection of excise revenue was Rs. 2101.95 crore against last year's collection of 1769.33 crore. Growth was to the tune of 18.1% over the last year's collection.

2. Achievement in preventive activities

A special thrust was given on the preventive activities during 2011-12 in order to curb the menace of consumption of illicit liquor and illegal import of duty-free liquor. The number of cases drawn up for violating Excise law during 2011-12 was 51210. The growth in preventive activity over 2010-11 was 24.5%. The number of persons arrested for violating excise law was 6782, against previous year's arrest of 4856 persons.

3. e-Governance

- a) A website of the Excise department was launched to disseminate information to the general public and to receive field information from the officers in the districts and sub-districts.
- b) The excise directorate has been connected with the network of NIC for a smooth & seamless connectivity.

- c) System for receiving duties and fees through e-gate way of bank was put in place to reduce the transaction time in payment of duties and fees on the part of the business magnets.
- d) Import Pass for Bulk spirit (IPBS) module has been introduced. On line request for Import Pass for Bulk Spirit and issuance of IPBS is now done through the module.
- e) Preventive data upload on daily basis is now done through a module in the x-PERT software.
- f) Monthly on-line revenue reporting module has been introduced in the x-PERT software.

4. Introduction ad-valorem duty in Country spirit sector

Ad-valorem duty in country spirit sector has been introduced with effect from 1st April 2012. This will make the duty structure simple and mobilise additional revenue.

5. Enhancement of duty in Foreign Liquor

Duty in foreign liquor sector was increased with effect from July, 2011 for mobilisation of additional revenue.

Finance



The State Government has initiated major policy changes and reforms to make the financial administration including tax administration more efficient, transparent and responsive to the needs and aspiration of the people. The important initiatives undertaken since the new Government took over in May, 2011 are:

A. Commercial Taxes

The Directorate of Commercial Taxes under the Finance Department contributes more than 70 per cent of the State Government's Own Tax Revenue (OTR). During the last one year several initiatives have been taken to simplify the rules and procedures and rationalize the tax administration. The citizen and taxpayers have been placed at the centre of ongoing reforms so as to encourage self-compliance. Some of the areas where major changes have been introduced are:

(1) Introduction of a Single Simple Tax Return e-Sahaj

Taxpayers till last year were required to submit three separate returns for three different Acts, namely, the West Bengal Value Added Tax Act, 2003, the West Bengal Sales Tax Act, 1994 and the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956. Each return was very voluminous making it difficult for the dealers, especially small dealers, to file such returns. In order to relieve the taxpayers from the problem of submitting multiple pages three returns, a Single Simple Consolidated e-Return for all three Acts, known as e-Sahaj, has been introduced from this financial year. This would drastically reduce the cost of compliance of dealers in filing of returns. Online filing of returns was introduced in August, 2011 for taxpayers registered under West Bengal Sales Tax, 1994. West Bengal is one of the few States in the country to have made Online Return filing

compulsory for all dealers for all the Acts. Online Returns has not only made it easier for the taxpayers to submit returns but has also helped creation of a valuable database for revenue tracking.

(2) Introduction of Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in Return

Taxpayers filing returns electronically were additionally required to furnish paper return which was an unnecessary duplication of work that increased the cost to the dealers. The State Government has now completely dispensed with the requirement of submission of paper return through introduction of Digitally Signed e-return. Considering that the cost of obtaining Digital Signature Certificate [DSC] might be a burden on the small dealers, a Subsidy Scheme has been introduced in which the Government will bear the cost of DSC for dealers with annual turnover below Rupees two crore. West Bengal is one of the few States in the country which has taken initiative for introduction of Digitally Signed e-returns.

(3) Amnesty Scheme for Registration under VAT

A simplified process of e-registration with Dematerialized Certificate of registration was introduced a few months back dispensing with personal appearance or hearing of the applicant before grant of registration. West Bengal is the only state in the country to have made e-registration mandatory along with introduction of de-materialized Registration Certificate.

In order to give the dealers who have remained unregistered a chance of getting registered, an Amnesty Scheme available upto 31st December,

2012 has been introduced providing the unregistered dealers an opportunity to get registered on payment of only a nominal percentage of their declared taxable turnover. This is an opportunity given to the unregistered dealers to transact their business lawfully.

(4) Simplified Way Bill Generation:

Way Bills are required to import taxable goods in West Bengal from outside the State. At the beginning of 2011-12, electronic Way Bills were generated in two stages: in Part-I and in Part-II. In that system an importer registered dealer of West Bengal had to use the appropriate link in the website of the Commercial Taxes Directorate. The system was cumbersome, time consuming and less user-friendly.

Considering the difficulties of the trade and industry, the Directorate introduced a single document Way Bill system in place of the two part Way Bill. In the current system, a dematerialized Way Bill is generated as a Single Document. The present system is a noticeable improvement over the earlier system being simple and time saving. Government has also recently allowed e-waybill facility to unregistered dealers.

(5) Simplified Audit System

In the recent past, provisions of the VAT Act have been amended to simplify the process of Audit. A taxpayer, who accepts the audit report and deposits the tax, is no longer required to undergo assessment proceedings. This change has also been introduced for those dealers who do not accept the findings of the audit. In such cases also further assessment would not be initiated. The audit report, on expiry of the prescribed time, would automatically be converted into a notice of demand. These statutory changes are expected to reduce the time of completion of audit and assessment process by at least 12 months which will benefit both the taxpayers and the tax administration.

(6) Introduction of Simplified System of Self-Audit by the Taxpayers

Under the existing VAT Act, a registered taxpayer whose annual turnover of sales exceeded Rs. 1.5 Crore was required to submit a copy of Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet along with an Audit Report prepared by a Chartered Accountant or Cost Accountant. The

audit by professionals or professional agencies entailed huge cost for the small taxpayers. The State has simplified the provision of submission of such Audit by exempting all taxpayers with annual turnover between Rs. 1.5 crore to Rs. 3 crore from submission of such Report. These taxpayers would now have to submit only a "Self-Audited Statement" instead of an audit report. The number of dealers who would get benefit out of these measures would be around 1.48 lakh.

(7) Facility of Deemed Assessment

Deemed Assessment was introduced in 2011-12 through insertion of provision in the West Bengal VAT Act, 2003. By virtue of this provision, a dealer who has filed his return and has paid the requisite tax shall be deemed to have been assessed. This facility has been extended to dealers for the assessment year 2009-10 and 2010-11 by suitable amendment in the West Bengal VAT Act, 2003. All dealers are now getting opportunity to clear their dues, arising out of non-payment of tax, deficit payment of tax or non-production of declaration forms in respect of their inter-State sales by stipulated date to avoid assessment for these two years.

The provision of deemed assessment in respect of dealers having annual turnover of sales was below Rs. 3 crore. This limit has been further enhanced from Rs. 3 crore to Rs. 5 crore.

(8) Quick Disposal of Appeal

A large number of disputed tax cases have piled up over the years in different Tax Appellate Forums. While this led to unnecessary harassment of the litigant public but it also meant locking up of substantial revenue. The State Government has taken initiative for expeditious disposal of appeals so as to clear the entire backlog.

Through suitable amendments, 3000 cases under the West Bengal Sales Tax Act, 1994 and VAT Act, 2003 pending at the West Bengal Revisional and Appellate Board have been transferred to Fast Track Administrative Benches for disposal by 31st December, 2012. The State Government has also provided for formation of Appeal Forums

for all appeals with the disputed amount exceeding Rs. 20 lakh. The system of e-filing of appeal petitions will also be introduced within the first quarter of the financial year 2012-13.

(9) Holding of Camps of West Bengal Appellate and Revisional Board at Siliguri

The West Bengal Appellate and Revisional Board which hears appeal cases under the Sales Tax and VAT Acts is located in Kolkata. The litigant public along with their legal representatives have to come to Kolkata to fight their cases. The litigant public of North Bengal is put to great inconvenience as they have to travel to Kolkata whenever the cases come up for consideration of the Board. The State Government considering the problems of taxpayers of North Bengal has decided to arrange for holding of four Camps of the West Bengal Commercial Taxes Appellate and Revisional Board at Siliguri.

(10) Increase in the number of Banks receiving e-payment of Commercial Taxes.

Till 2010-11, electronic payment of Commercial Taxes and Profession Tax could be made only through three Public Sector Banks. With constant persuasion with the concerned Banks, RBI and the Accountant General, West Bengal, it has been possible to authorise as many as eleven Public Sector Banks to accept deposit of taxes electronically. The taxpayers now have wider choice of Banks for depositing Commercial Taxes. E-Payment now constitute around 75-80% of total Sales Tax/ VAT collection. The Finance Department is pursuing to authorize all Public Sector Banks to accept tax deposits in e-mode during 2012-13. Efforts are also underway to develop of Common e-Portal for deposit of all taxes of the State Government.

(11) Introduction of the scheme of VAT Return Preparers

It is often difficult for small dealers to bear the cost of professional services for preparation of tax returns and other tax-related documents. Keeping this in mind, the State Government has introduced a Scheme of VAT Return Preparers (VRPs) under the Public Private Partnership model. VRPs will be young graduates trained in the preparation of Sales Tax returns and other tax-related services. Around 1,000 Graduates

will be trained in the first instance during 2012-13. After the completion of the training, each such graduate will be given a Certificate of Proficiency, by the Commercial Taxes Directorate. The trained Graduates can then assist the dealers in the preparation of returns and other related services. Government would subsidize a portion of the cost of training of unemployed youth belonging to the minority and backward community.

(12) Rationalization of Taxes

(i) VAT on Motor Vehicles

At present VAT is payable on the tax imposed under the Motor Vehicles Tax Acts for the sale of motor vehicles. In order to abolish this tax on tax, the Government has now made provision so that the tax paid under the Motor Vehicles Tax Acts would no longer form a part of sale price under the VAT Act. The definition of 'sale price' in the VAT Act has accordingly been amended.

(ii) Composition Scheme extended for small Restaurants

To give relief to the owners of the small restaurants, eateries, dhabas, the State Government has raised the limit for Composition Scheme from Rs.15 lakh to Rs. 25 lakh. Dealers with turnover below Rs. 25 lakh will now pay tax at the compounded rate of only 4 percent instead of 12.5 percent.

(iii) Exemption of Profession Tax for Salaried Persons

In order to give relief to salaried persons having salary in the lower bracket, the threshold limit for payment of Profession Tax has been raised from Rs. 3,000 per month to Rs. 5,000 per month.

(iv) Provision of Deemed Assessment in Profession Tax

Deemed Assessment has been introduced in Profession Tax for the tax returns submitted for the period upto 31.3.2011.

(13) Computerization of Commercial Taxes Directorate:

For achieving the goal of simplification, rationalization, transparency, objectivity and

speed in tax administration, an effective networked Computerization System is being developed under Mission Mode Project (MMP-CT). The introduction of new e-services and refinement of the old ones gathered great momentum since May, 2011. The e-services introduced during the last few months are as under:-

- (i) Online VAT refund and payment of refund through Electronic Clearing System (from 08.07.2011)
- (ii) Payment of Industrial Promotion Assistance through ECS (from 08.07.2011)
- (iii) Online Registration and Dematerialization of Registration Certificate (from 01.08.11)
- (iv) e-Return under the West Bengal Sales Tax Act, 1994 (from 20.07.2011)
- (v) Online submission of Form 16 exercising option for Composition Scheme (from 01.09.2011)
- (vi) Single Page Waybill (from 24.01.2012)
- (vii) e-Grievance Monitoring Service (from 24.01.2012)
- (viii) e-Anti-evasion Complaint Service (from 24.01.2012)
- (ix) e-Sales Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) Service (from 24.01.2012)
- (x) e-application for Industrial Promotion Assistance Scheme (from 24.01.2012)
- (xi) e-Waybill for Unregistered dealers (from 16.04.2012)

B. Registration And Stamp Revenue

(1) Computerization of Registration

Six offices under the Directorate of Registration & Stamp Revenue, namely, ADSR, Mal in Jalpaiguri, ADSR, Ranaghat-I in Nadia, ADSR, Gopiballavpur in Paschim Medinipur, ADSR, Manbazar in Purulia, DSR, Darjeeling and ADSR, Kurseong in Darjeeling, have been computerized during the period 2011-12. Computerization of ADSR, Kalimpong in the district of Darjeeling is also scheduled to be completed by 15th of May, 2012. With

computerization of this office, computerization in all 239 offices of the State will be completed.

(2) Rationalization of Stamp Duty

The present trend of housing is construction of apartments by builders on different plots of land. There was no appropriate article to charge stamp duty on Documents of Agreement between small and medium land owners with promoters/developers. Considering the difficulties faced by the registrant public in general, a new article for registration of such agreements including Power of Attorney deeds has been introduced. Accordingly, article 5(f) has been introduced and section 48(g) has been amended. The rates of stamp duty have been kept extremely low.

(3) NLRMP (National Land Records Modernization Programme)

At present, the processes of registration which is done at Registrar/Additional Sub-Registrar/ Sub-Registrar offices under the Directorate of Registration and Stamp Revenue is not inter-linked with the mutation process done at the offices of the Land & Land Reforms Department. As a result, there is a huge gap in the number of Registrations and the number of Mutations done in a particular period. As per the available records, while the number of Registrations in a particular year is around 12 lakhs, the number of Mutations is only 3 lakhs. Now in order to integrate the processes of Registration and Mutation, the State Government has decided to undertake a project under the National Land Records Modernization Programme (NLRMP). The Pilot Scheme has been successfully launched at Additional District Sub-Registrar office at Ranihati covering Panchla and Sankrail land offices in the district of Howrah. The scheme would be rolled out in the entire State during 2012-13.

(4) Modernization of Registration Offices : Advance Queue Management System (AQMS)

As a drive to modernize the registration offices and to provide useful citizen-centric services to the registrant public, the State Government has installed on a pilot basis an Advance Queue

Management System (AQMS) at the District Registrar's office, South 24 Parganas, Alipur. In the system, the registrant public will be able to follow the process of registration on Display Board installed in the Registration Offices. The system will consist of Token Dispenser Unit, Master Token Display, Counter Display Units and Supervision Control. Personal Computer will manage the unorganized queue properly to give relief to the common registrant people coming from different corners of the towns and villages.

(5) Digitization of Old Records

The Old Records in respect of registration of property is preserved in manual form in the Registers kept in the Registration Offices. The public for the purpose of searching the ownership details of any property has to apply for getting this information. As the information pertains to very old period, it takes time for giving this information after searching the information from the Registers. The State Government has initiated digitization of the Index Register for the properties registered in the different registration offices during the last 30 years under a separate programme known as Legacy Data Record System. The computerization of the records will facilitate instant searching and identifying the status of properties which will immensely benefit the general public.

(6) Introduction of e-stamping system for property registration

In the present system of property registration in the State, there is constant threat of leakage of revenue for attempted use of fake Non-Judicial Stamp papers in different registration offices. The Directorate is going to introduce soon an e-Stamping system through net banking and also counter payment in authorised Banks. The system would provide for generating and printing e-challan after filling up the challan on the website. During payment through net banking, the payee gets challan, makes payment and gets Bank confirmation of payment immediately on the spot. It is convenient for reconciliation between Virtual Treasury (i.e. e-Treasury), Service Department, Bank and R.B.I.

NIC, Kolkata, the system developer and consultant has already submitted DPR for the programme and a website is also ready for launching along with this new system for payment of stamp duty. It may also be noted that the upcoming system will provide the facility of web-based registration of properties to the general public.

C. Reforms in Finance Administration

(1) Payment of salary to the State Government employees through Electronic Clearing System (ECS)

The State Government has introduced the system of payment of salary to the State Government employees through Electronic Clearing System (ECS) and salaries of employees are transferred directly in their Bank Accounts. The State Government has also decided to mandatorily computerize the salary accounts in all State Government Offices and other Autonomous Bodies like Municipalities/Panchayats/Educational Institutions, etc. through standardized software known as Computerization of Salary Accounts (COSA). The computerization of salary accounts system would enable the Government to develop Employees Database which will facilitate scientific manpower planning.

(2) Decentralization of Drawing and Disbursing Officers(DDO) Administration

The functioning of Drawing and Disbursing Officers of State Government Departments was centralized in the Accounts Office of the Finance Department which often resulted in delay in processing of Bills. The State Government has decided to decentralize this function from the Finance Department to all Administrative Departments. This scheme has already been introduced in 43 Departments. The remaining Departments would be brought under the scheme by May, 2012. Decentralization of DDO functioning is expected to substantially improve the processing of Bills which will now be handled by individual Administrative Departments.

(3) File Tracking and Monitoring System

Every day large number of files are received in and sent from the Finance Department. In the absence of any credible file tracking system, it becomes difficult to locate the file and speed up disposal. To improve upon this manual and

person-dependent system, steps have been taken to put in place a web-based online file tracking and management system in the Finance Department. The status of the Files sent to the Finance Department would be made available on the Department's website. This would enable the individual Department to know the status of the file at any point of time. The system will be made operational by September, 2012.

(4) Introduction of Financial Advisor

Presently Administrative Departments have to approach the Finance Department for approval of expenditure beyond the powers delegated to them. To facilitate expeditious planning and implementation of development and welfare programmes, Government has decided to enhance the financial powers of the Administrative Departments and improve their capacity in financial management through creation of 'Financial Advisor' in the Administrative Departments in a phased manner. This new system is being introduced in the first instance in six Departments of Home, Health and Family Welfare, Urban Development, Public Health Engineering, Public Works Department and Panchayat and Rural Development Departments from 1st June'2012. The FA system will gradually be rolled out in other Departments.

(5) Introduction of Integrated Financial Management System(IFMS)

The State Government with the objective of

achieving efficient management of Government funds and monitoring of the Government Accounts has decided to introduce an Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS). IFMS will improve financial management by providing real time financial information which can be used for better resource and expenditure planning. The development work has already started and is expected to be introduced during 2012-13.

(6) Introduction of New Decentralized Despatch System

Presently, dispatch of all the posts including letters, articles and files of all departments is centralized in the Central Dispatch Offices at Writers Buildings, New Secretariat Buildings, Bhabani Bhavan and Purta Bhaban. This centralization of dispatch in the CDO often results in delay in dispatch and also subsequent difficulty in tracking the status of such dispatched items.

In order to improve the system, the State Government has decided to abolish the Central Dispatch system and introduce a decentralized system from 1st May,2012 where the individual departments would be responsible for the dispatch posts relating to their department. In the proposed system, the dispatch of mails from the four buildings will be done directly by the Department of Posts under the Business Post Scheme which will ensure prompt delivery of letters/ files to the concerned addressees.

Fire and Emergency



In an attempt to minimize the breaking out of fire incidents and to save life & property where Fire incidents take place the Department of Fire & Emergency Services resort to various means like generation of massive awareness among the people, modernization of existing equipments & systems and proper enforcement & laws.

Sl No.	Details	2009	2010	2011
1.	No. of fire calls attended	7581	8202	8165
	o Major	25	29	37
	o Serious	12	05	06
	o Medium	162	86	115
2.	No. of special jobs attended including rescue jobs	2354	2401	2658
3.	No. of stand by duties attended related to Fire Safety, Fair, Mela, V.I.P. , V.V.I.P. visit etc.	755	684	1127
4.	No. of rescued			
	(a) Civilian	625	1172	1356
	(b) Animal	1003	762	903
5.	Property lost (Rs. in Cr.)	Rs.76.34	Rs.384.33	Rs.318.24
6.	Property saved (Rs. in Cr.)	Rs.197.70	Rs.163.45	Rs.469.32
7.	No. of persons trained including civilians	412	242	1079
8.	No. of fire safety recommendations issued	Not available	736	906

	During 2009 – 2010 (Rs. In lakh)	During 2011 – 2012 (Rs. In lakh)	During 2010 – 2011 (Rs. In lakh)
Fire Licence Fees received by issuing New Fire Licence as well as renewals	325.64	374.29	348.63

Licence Fees Collection increased during 2011 -2012 by 7.36 % than the last financial year 2010 – 2011.

The major policy that the Department have adopted during the year 2011-2012 are as follows :-

1. The Department have adopted the policy of inducting 2000 Civil Defence Volunteers from Civil Defence Department as Auxiliary Fire Operators for one year on contractual basis as an interim measure to cope up with the shortfall of fire operator. The Department shall pay Rs. 289/- per day and they should work for 22 days in a month. The recruitment procedure is going on.
2. The Department has adopted the policy of taking 100 nos. of Drivers from Ex-Defence personnel for one year at a consolidated remuneration of Rs. 10,000/- p.m.
3. The Department have also adopted a policy of taking 20 nos. of Asst. Mobilising Officers of West Bengal Fire and Emergency Services at a consolidated remuneration of Rs. 8000/- p.m. for one year.

blind. We are entirely aware of the irreversible trends that globalization brings with it. But we are firmly against any reform that brings joy to the few and gloom for the many. We will leave no stone unturned to ensure such a skewed development does not occur.

In this short span of one year we have been able to keep all our promises made to the people through our election manifesto. We have attained this despite penury and near financial bankruptcy of the state. I believe, our achievements and fulfillment of promises should earn us kudos that this government richly deserves.

In the remaining years of our tenure, we will surely fulfill all our pledges. Our effort would be to do even more than what we had promised and surpass the expectations of the people. We have never lost sight of our ultimate goal of bringing back those lost golden years in every sphere of life in this state, and we are confident that we shall achieve it.

I have great pride in asserting that even in the face of sustained non-cooperation and unfair and discriminatory treatments from many quarters, our government did not lose sight of its agenda and mission even for a single day. We know we have a difficult path to tread. We have had our highs and lows. But we have not slipped even for once.

The success of this government should not be attributed to the Chief Minister alone. On the happy occasion of our first anniversary, I would like to share my joy, happiness and pride with every one associated with the State Government and its day-to-day functioning. This is a success story of the government as a whole, not of any individual. This is a success story of all those who are bound by their sense of duty and camaraderie. I am grateful to all my ministerial colleagues, to the Chief Secretary, all secretaries of all Government departments, their subordinates at every level of administration. Without their unstinted help and support, we could not have achieved what we have achieved in this short span of time. I am equally grateful to all officials who work at the block and district levels, to all the District Magistrates, the Sub Divisional Officers and Block Development Officers, the Superintendents of Police, the Deputy Superintendents of Police, the Officers in Charge of numerous police stations spread across the length and breadth of this state. Finally, I share my joy and happiness with all the people of West Bengal who remain, as always, our greatest source of courage and our main pillar of strength.

On the day of our first anniversary, we renew our pledge to serve our motherland with all that we have, notwithstanding the challenges and hardships that we face. We will permanently dump our inheritance of darkness. We will give words to the dumb and spine to the meek and will kindle a new hope in every heart. We will make the proverbial words come true again: 'What Bengal thinks today, India thinks tomorrow.'

I hope to continue to receive your whole-hearted co-operation in our endeavour.

Mamata Banerjee

Chief Minister

Government of West Bengal.

4. The Department have created the following post for the Fire Prevention Wing under West Bengal Fire and Emergency Service :

- a) Director (Fire Prevention)
- b) Asstt. Engineer(Civil).
- c) Asstt. Engineer(Architectural)
- d) Asstt. Engineer (Computer Science)
- e) Sub-Asstt. Engineer (Civil)
- f) Sub-Asstt. Engineer(Architectural)
- g) P.A. TO Director(Fire Prevention).

5. The Department has adopted a policy of modernizing the Control Room of WBFES by Fleet Management System. The total cost for the purpose is Rs. 2.40 Cr.

6. The Department has procured 200 nos. of Wireless Set (Walkie Talkie). The total expenditure for the purpose is Rs. 52.60 lakh.

7. The Department have procured the following equipments from the grant under 13th Finance Commission :

- a) 15 nos. of TATA 407 Chassis.
- b) 10 nos. of Chain Saw and 20 nos. of Circular Saw.
- c) 3 nos. of Towing Vehicles Chassis from TATA motors.
- d) Fabrication of Towing Vehicles.

The proposals for procurement of the following equipment from the aid of 13th Finance Commission is under examination :

- 500 nos. of Breathing Apparatus Set
- Arial Ladder of 54 mtr. for Nabadiganta Township Authority
- Arial Ladder of 42 mtr.
- 3 nos. of Hydraulic Tools
- Portable Search Light
- Mini Size Water Tender.
- 24 nos. of Water Tender.
- 1 no. of Heavy Duty Dewatering Pump
- 10 nos. of High Pressure Breathing Compressor

8. The Department has adopted the Policy of engaging PWD as the executing agency for all Construction/ Renovation work of the Deptt.

9. It has also been decided that out of the provision of the fund of 13th Finance Commission about Rs.7.50

Cr. will be used for construction of new Fire Station as well as renovation work of old Fire Station.

10. The State Plan fund of Rs. 23.00 Cr. will be used for ongoing scheme.

11. The Department has also taken up a policy to give Top Priority for construction of new buildings for those existing Fire Stations which are still functioning in rented houses.

12. The Deptt. has taken up the scheme for revival of the Kalyani Fire Services Academy with a view to impart effective and professional training to the fire operators and other officials of the Dte.

13. An expert Committee has been set up comprising officers of the F&ES Dte., Engineers of the PWD and officers of the Finance Deptt. for surveillance of Writers' Buildings with respect to fire safety.

14. A Fire Safety Audit Committee has been formed taking experts from different fields to monitor whether the high rise buildings and public places are following the fire safety norms. The said committee has inspected around 40 hospitals and have identified deviations from fire safety norms. The committee formulated fire safety guidelines for hospitals and nursing homes which have been widely circulated. It is reported by the Committee that review of 16 (sixteen) hospitals out of 40 is complete on the basis of the recommendation made by them.

15. A committee has been constituted for revision of the existing West Bengal Fire Service Act, 1950 and rules thereunder. The said Committee shall frame separate sets of rules for existing and New Buildings (like Multi storied buildings, hospitals, commercial complexes, shopping mall etc. which normally have large public gathering and are vulnerable to fire).

16. In the backdrop of the recent fire incidents in and around Kolkata, as per the instruction of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Deptt. have taken up to set up seven new fire stations namely : (1) Strand Road, (2) Parama Island (near EM Bypass), (3) Jadavpur University Campus, (4) Taratala, (5) Garia, (6) Rajabazar & (7) Khidirpore / Hastings in and around the KMDA area. Besides this, a new fire station has been planned to be set up at Kakdwip, Dist.-South 24 Parganas in view of the huge accumulation of devotees & VIPs during the Sagar Mela which is held in Ganga Sagar every year.

17. During her visit to the W.B.F&E.S. Dte. the Hon'ble Chief Minister had instructed to dispose of the

condemned vehicles, which had not been done for a pretty long time. In compliance to that, the Dte. has taken up the matter and 91 (ninety one) nos. of condemned vehicles/ appliances were e-auctioned. We have collected Rs. 97,99,005/- as a result of the auction.

18. Meeting of Standing Fire Advisory Council : After a gap of 50 years this year the 33rd Meeting of the Standing Fire Advisory Council, Ministry of Home Affairs is an Apex body meant for advising the Government on various issues relating fire services was held at Kolkata in July. As much as 70 delegates from various parts of the Country took part on the Conference.
19. Awareness Programme- This Department has initiated a proposal of awrness programme among the public through Print Media/Electronic Media /Hoardings.

20. 3 new Fire Stations namely at Bhadreswar in the district of Hooghly, Haldibari in Coochbehar and Gobardanga in the district of North 24-Pargans has been completed, Kakdwip fire station Land identified and construction new fire stations at Khatra of Bankura 7 Jhalda of Purulia are going on.
21. Introduction of Disaster Management Course: This is the first time in the West Bengal Fire and Emergency Services that a course on Disaster Management has been introduced in Institute of Fire Service at Behala and a good number of personnel/officer has been taken such opportunity of training.
22. Procurement of fire Equipment and Appliances: The Department incurred an expenditure of Rs. 2. 23 crore for procurement of Machine & Equipments viz. 1 (one) unit of Hydraulic Platform of 30 Metr height, 40 Nos of Trussed Type 10.5 Metr Fire Ladder, 10 (ten) nos of High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor Unit for refilling of B.A Set Cylinders



Fisheries, Aquaculture, Aquatic Resources and Fishing Harbours



The department is consistently pursuing its goal to enhance fish production and welfare of fishermen community.

Financial allocation over the years

Financial Year	Total (Rs. In Lakh)
2009 - 10	13032.26
2010 - 11	14192.24
2011 - 12	14442.39

Achievements under the Major Schemes:

1. Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture under PFDA & BFDA- To bring more inland water bodies under scientific pisciculture- Physical achievement (In hector)

2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12
1464.03	1020.65	1169.33

2. Dev. of infrastructure facilities in inland and marine fishing villages- Creation of infrastructure facilities like roads culverts, sluice gate, community halls, sinking of tube wells etc for the purpose of social development of the fishing communities- Financial allocation (Rs. In lakh)

2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12
1760.38	1882.06	1979.81

3. Training - Fish farmers, unemployed youth, fishermen & women are being trained at the grass root, district and state levels to transfer the scientific pisciculture methodology – Person trained

2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12
2475	3975	6545

4. Managerial subsidy - Financial assistance to the PFCS & CFCS of different districts for upliftment of their activities – No. of Societies got subsidy

2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12
47	59	108

5. Rural Electrification – To provide solar light in fishing villages – No. of solar light distributed

2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12
0	32	48

6. Grant of old age pension to old & infirm fishermen – The pension is paid to the old & infirm fishermen who do not have any ostensible means of maintaining livelihood – Amount released (Rs. In Lakh)

2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12
381.60	638.73	870.00

7. Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana – Objective is to achieve 4% annual growth in agriculture and allied activities – Amount released (Rs. In Lakh)

2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12
944.10	1684.06	2246.00

8. Status of fish production in State
(in lakh metric ton)

2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12
15.05	14.43	14.72

9. Status of fish seed production in State
(in million no.)

2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12
12566	13453	13846

- **MGNREGA:** In order to achieve more fish production and rural employment generation, it has been decided that Fisheries Department is executing the MGNREGS in different districts from 2011 - 12. So far 149 nos. of schemes with an estimated amount of Rs. 21.27 Cr. lakh have been submitted to the district NREGA Cell and in most of the districts works have been started. It is expected that 2549 hectare area will be developed with the of 6.91 lakh mandays.
- **Development of e-governance in fisheries sector:** The Fisheries Department has initiated to implement e - governance programme to address the needs of the farming communities and its other related

stakeholders through provisions of relevant information and services through the various channels available in their vicinity for making them aware of the Govt. schemes, policies & different acts and rules. Website has already been set up.

- **Accelerated Development of Minor Irrigation (ADMI) Project:** The project of ADMI (2012-2017) will be implemented with the financial support of World Bank assistance through the Water Resources Investigation & Development Department. The Fisheries intervention part involves an amount of Rs. 25.63 crore for five years for enhancement of fish production in the water bodies created/developed by the Water Resources Investigation & Development Department
- **E-tendering:** Initiative has been taken to introduce e-tendering system. Proposal received from ITI Ltd. has been vetted by IT Department and now under examination of the Fisheries Department. It is likely to be implemented during 2012 - 13
- **Development of Social Fisheries:** To supplement stock as well as restore the breeding ground of indigenous carps, and endangered fish species a unique river ranching programme is being implemented in five sites.
- For diversified production of fish byproducts, assistance for maintenance of 54 no. of Marine Kuthis in South 24 Parganas and Purba Medinipur have been made.
- BENFISH has executed 6 schemes on ice plant, market complex, delivery of boats, renovation of beel etc. involving Rs. 25.45 Cr.
- 8 schemes have been implemented under RIDF involving Rs. 914 Cr.



Forest



The primary concern of the Forest Department is to implement policies and programmes relating to conservation of the country's natural resources more particularly its biodiversity, forests and wildlife. While implementing the policies and programmes, the department is guided by the principles of sustainable development by extensive afforestation and facilitating biodiversity conservation.

1. West Bengal has recorded forest land of 13.4% of its geographical area. This forest cover also includes the mangrove forests of Sundarban region. In spite of limited recorded forest land in the state, a large portion of forest and tree cover can be attributed to people's participation in Social Forestry as well as resuscitation of the degraded forest land through Joint Forest Management. West Bengal is rich in biodiversity. The main strategy for conserving its unique biodiversity has been through protection of national parks, sanctuaries, biosphere reserves, and identified wetlands and coastal areas. The state has 4064 sq. km. of forests under protected areas, which is 34% of the state's total forest area and 4.54% of the total geographical area. There are five National Parks, fifteen Sanctuaries, two Tiger Reserves, and one Biosphere Reserve.

During the previous year the thrust was on following issues (1) afforestation to increase green cover and to facilitate biodiversity conservation, (2) protection and development of forests and wildlife, (3) involvement of Joint Forest Management Committees for afforestation and protection, (4) socio-economic development of forest villages and fringe population, (5) forestry Research for improvement of plantation forests, (6) capacity building of forest personnel for better management, (7) infrastructure development for protection of forests and wildlife, (8) conservation of medicinal plants and value-addition of non timber forest produce (NTFP), (9) promote social / farm forestry and urban / recreation forestry, (10) soil and

moisture conservation, (11) eco-tourism development and involvement of JFM members in eco-tourism, and (12) awareness generation on forest and wildlife protection and Bio-diversity conservation.

The initiatives taken on various issues and some of the achievements are indicated below:

- The Directorate of Forests and its subordinate offices have been brought under the ambit of treasury system for better & uniform financial management of some expenditures with effect from 1st April, 2012
- Nurseries are being raised, under various State Plan Schemes, for creation of 9400 ha. of plantations during 2012 planting season.
- Another 6000 ha. of plantations, including national plantations under Farm Forestry, will be raised during 2012 under schemes like MGNREGS, National Afforestation Programme and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes.
- 2. Around 1430 nos. of applications for secondary license under Sawmill Regulation Rules have been approved by the State Level Committee and the same have been forwarded to the Authorised Officers for granting a fresh license. This matter was pending for a long period.
- An amount of Rs.4.5 crores have been disbursed to the people living in the forest fringe areas, as part of compensation for crop damage and human death due to wildlife depredation. Initiatives have been taken to make payment for compensation to the beneficiaries through the banks / account payee cheques to increase transparency in such payments.
- West Bengal now has 4386 Joint Forest Management Committees also known as Forest Protection Committees and Eco-Development Committees. They

actively participate for regeneration, protection and conservation of the forests in the state. The Committees have been modified to include representatives of MLAs in the JFMC Executive Committees.

- The Forest Directorate since 2009-10, is implementing the Housing Department Scheme for economically weaker section (EWS), named as 'Geetanjali' (formerly known as 'Amar Bari'). Under this scheme fund for construction of 2400 dwelling units were received during 2011-12.
- RIDF Scheme with 24 projects were operational in 13 districts of West Bengal. Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY) schemes were also implemented by the Directorate.
- Activities have been taken up with funds from under 13th Finance Commission for preparation and implementation of Working Plan, afforestation & regeneration, habitat improvement, infrastructure maintenance & development, reduction of man-animal conflict and Joint Forest Management.
- West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd. (WBFDC) has procured honey from Sundarbans through the Forest Protection Committees and sold them under the brand name MOUBAN. Initiative has been taken to promote citronella, turmeric and various medicinal plants.
- WBFDC now runs its eco-tourism activities at 20 resorts: 17 in North Bengal 3 in South Bengal with a total capacity of 380 beds.
- West Bengal Wasteland Development Corporation Ltd. Established in 1989 was almost non-functional in the past, has been activated recently. During 2011-12 it has undertaken afforestation scheme on wastelands belonging to poor farmers in the districts of Purulia, Bankura and Birbhum of nearly 1100 ha. The Corporation has been recently entrusted to support the management of parks and gardens under the Forest Directorate.
- West Bengal Zoo Authority (WBZA) was constituted in 2009-10 with both Alipore and Darjeeling under the Authority. The foot fall in Alipore Zoo was 21.65 lakhs during 2011-12. Several new projects like new entrance plaza, aviary for aquatic birds, tiger and leopard enclosures, reptile-park, lesser cat enclosure and the central food plaza are near completion. The Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling is one of the premier zoos in the world and

is a member of the 'World Aquarium and Zoo Association', being one of the only three zoos in India with this honour. Last year, the Zoo has commissioned the Pheasant breeding center at Dow Hill. This year all the remaining 10 mini-zoos of the state have been brought under the management control of the WBZA.

- Agreement for Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) sponsored West Bengal Forestry and Bio-diversity Conservation Project, for a total amount of Rs.406 crores, have been signed on 29th March, 2012. This is an externally aided project which has been sanctioned for West Bengal Forest Deptt. after nearly 2 decades. The total project cost is Rs.406 crore which will be spent in 8 years, of the amount Rs.345 crore will be provided by JICA as a soft loan to be paid in 40 years.
- Rhino census has been conducted in Gorumara N.P. during March 2012 and the estimated population has gone up from 35 to 42. 1st phase census of Red Panda in Singalila N.P. have been completed and the 2nd phase is under progress. For the first time, Indian Bison (Gaur) census has been done in Gorumara N.P. during March 2012 and the estimated population is around 700 plus. A crocodile census has been conducted in Sundarban Tiger Reserve during February-March 2012.
- Sundarban West Sanctuary, in 24-Parganas South Forest Division of Sundarban Biosphere Reserve, has been approved for constitution.
- The Nature Interpretation Centre has been constructed in Jorjungalow for the Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary.
- A large grant project for Sundarban has been sanctioned by IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) in March 2012.
- A major eco-tourism development activity has been taken up in Darjeeling and Kalimpong areas through the participation of Lamahata Forest Protection Committee.
- Old Takda Club in Darjeeling, established in around 1910, has been taken over possession by Forest Deptt. and the same is being converted into a eco-tourism resort.
- Major Rural Development Activities, around the forest fringes, have been taken up under CSS-Integrated Action Plan and fund from Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs Deptt. in the districts of Paschim Medinipur, Bankura and Purulia.

- A world bank aided coastal Zone Management Programme has been initiated in Purba Medinipur Forest Division from 2011-12 financial year.
 - A work programme has been initiated by Urban Recreation Forestry Division for construction of a memorial park in New Town, Kolkata for the purpose of planting of trees by dignitaries visiting Kolkata.
3. The Citronella grass and turmeric plants - It has been cultivated in 130 hectares of land and 10 hectares of land respectively in North Bengal. The Citronella grass has also been cultivated on experimental basis in South Bengal. Two new derivatives of Citronella Oil, Phenyl, and Hand-wash have been introduced.
 4. Four sale centres for sawn timber have been re-opened at Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Bhuttabari and Kurseong.
 5. The trademark 'Banaja' for the Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) has been registered. Four new herbal products have been launched, viz. Trikatu Churma, Neem Oil, Arjun Tea and Ayurvedic Shampoo.
 6. Two new sale-counters of forest products have been opened. To test the quality, a laboratory has been set up at the growing centre of Ayurvedic vegetations.
 7. This Department has to intervene in man-wild animal conflict on several occasions. To mitigate this, a Wildlife Squad has been opened.
 8. Conservation of Tiger Reserve at Sundarban is a major programme of this Department. For this purpose several measures like anti-poaching, behavioral studies of tigers, improvement of sweet water pond etc. have been taken up.
 9. A new Eco-tourism Centre has been opened for the tourists at the Garochira village near Birpara in Jalpaiguri districts & Capacity of eco-tourism resorts has been enhanced by permanent addition of 12 beds and temporary addition of 104 beds.
 10. River Dam - 3 km. River Dam Project has been materialized with Boulder-pitching in Coochbehar and Jalpaiguri District. Besides, small Check Dams have been built in various districts.



Food & Supplies



- During the current Kharif marketing season, till 16.04.12 more than 20 lac MT paddy; 12 lac MT of rice (balance being in process) have been procured. This is around 3.0 lakh MT more than the amount of rice procured till 16.04.2011 in the last KMS-'10-'11. Procurement operation will continue till 30th September, 2012). During KMS '09-'10 & KMS '10-'11, 12.95 lakh MT and 13.16 lakh MT rice were procured respectively. In the current KMS, our achievement in procurement of rice is expected to exceed the previous years' achievements.
- For the first time, farmers are being paid Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy through A/C payee cheques.
- Farmers have been sensitized widely through TV, Radio and Print media.
- Paddy is being purchased from directly from farmers through PACS as well as on their own by the appointed CMR agencies (Benfed, Confed, WBECSC Ltd. Nafed & NCCF) by organizing Camps. So far 4000 camps have been held.
- In 23-LWE affected Blocks of Jungle Mahal, BPL benefits under TPDS have been extended to all Tribal families having annual income not more than Rs. 42,000/-, and all general families with annual income not more than Rs. 36,000/-. They get rice through TPDS @ Rs. 2/- per KG at enhanced scale. Each 5-member family gets 55 kg of subsidized food grains (rice and fortified atta) per month. About 18 lakh beneficiaries are availing of this benefit.
- 49 additional outlets have been opened in addition to existing MR Shops in Jungle Mahal areas to facilitate villagers to draw their ration articles. Vacancies have been declared to open new MR Shops in Junglemahal areas.
- Around 3.0 lakh Aila affected families (1.90 lakh in South 24 Parganas and 1.10 lakh in North 24 Parganas) are getting 2 kg of rice per week @ Rs. 2/- per kg per week in addition to usual ration Under TPDS with effect from 14th April 2012 (1st day of Baishak, 1419). This scheme will continue for six months.
- To heighten public awareness of the problem of hunger "World Food Day-2011" has been observed by distributing rice free of cost to around one thousand ST families in four blocks of Aila affected districts.
- Each family comprising five members in Darjeeling Hills used to get 65 kg of food grains (rice, wheat & fortified atta) per month at subsidized rate upto March, 2012. The enhanced quota will be restored once additional quota of food grains is received from GOI.
- Workers and their dependents of Closed Tea gardens are getting AAY benefits under TPDS and the benefits would be continued upto 3 (three) years even after opening of Tea gardens.
- For ensuring transparency, the Dept. has launched the website www.wbfood.gov.in
- For revamping TPDS of the State Apex body has been constituted and as per advice of the said body Action Plan for digitization of ration cards and supply chain management system has been prepared and submitted to the Government of India.
- To strengthen enforcement activities 5 (five) special vigilance squads headed by senior officials have been formed and the said teams are deployed regularly for surprise inspections.
- To contain diversion of ration commodities system of Door-step delivery up to Fair Price shops level has been enforced throughout the state.

- To receive and redress grievances, the Deptt. has set up a Toll-free booth 1800-345-5505.
- Bogus, fake and nonfunctional ration cards are being cancelled by organizing special drives in districts and through appeal to consumers in print media to surrender such cards.

Vision and schemes in pipeline

- To eradicate starvation by ensuring food security to all "Food for All" program shall be strengthened through focusing on starvation Zones.
- Laminated bar-coded Ration Cards with unique ID No. will be given to all residents of West Bengal within 2012-13.
- Supply chain of PDS food grains will be monitored .
- Particulars of all Ration Cards, PDS Distributors, Dealers will be digitized.
- Movement of PDS kerosene tankers will be centrally monitored by using GPRS tools to contain diversion.
- Godown space with 2 lac MT capacity will be constructed.
- Office accommodations for DCF&S, SCF&S will be created at 20 locations.
- Mustard oil, sugar and Bengal gram will be distributed during festive periods (EID and Puja)
- A week-long awareness programme and special distribution of fodograins among selected beneficiaries will be undertaken.
- Modern Quality Control laboratories will be set up at Khadya Bhavan, Kolkata and at Siliguri.



Food Processing Industries and Horticulture



West Bengal has strong potential for setting up of Food Processing Industries and expansion of horticulture. The Govt. has taken a fresh look into the sector for its systematic and inclusive growth.

Total fund utilization (Rs. in Lakh) of Directorate of Horticulture.

2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
3131.56838	4032.0952	7415.25832

Total fund utilization (Rs. in Lakh) of Directorate of Cinchona.

2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
99.91	80.61	100.12

Growth trend of Food Processing Industries in west Bengal		
Year	Nos. of project approved from the Department through TAC	Amount involved (Rs. In Crore)
2009- 2010	31	133.7
2010- 2011	16	98.61
2011- 2012	35	501.81

Major policy decision/reforms since June,2011:

1. Sale of vegetables has recently been started on pilot basis in select outlets of Mother Dairy which will provide better price to the farmers and increase availability of good quality vegetables to the consumers.

Fair/Seminar/Awareness Programme / one day Sensitization-cum-awareness Programme		
Year	Total No. of Programmes	Approx. No. of participants attended
2009-2010	3	450
2010-2011	3	600
2011-2012	12	1350

Cluster Development Project (CDP)		
Year	Total No. of Project Sanctioned	Sanctioned project cost (Rs. in lakh)
2009-2010	1	19.47
2010-2011	3	4.5
2011-2012	12	33

2. An innovative project on Vermi-Compost Organic fertilizers is being implemented on a large scale at various locations such as Mallikghat - Kolkata, Panskura - Purba Medinipur, Thakurnagar - North 24 Pgs, Dhantala - Nadia.
3. National Vegetable Initiative in Urban Clusters has been made formally operational by release of funds to the extent of Rs. 7.69 crore since the month of February, 2012. This will help in better linkages of vegetable growers with the urban markets and also help in improve productivity and availability of vegetables. With the increase productivity and availability of vegetables, this will help in stabilization of price in the medium to long run.

Agriculture



The new Government accorded high priority to development of Agriculture as two thirds of the State's population are dependent on agriculture and 95% of the cultivable land is with the small and marginal farmers.

Agriculture Department is entrusted with this vital task. It formulates appropriate policy to make their farming economically viable in a sustainable manner.

The performance of the Agriculture department over the last three years in the various sectors is as follows: -

1. **Production of Food Grains:** The following table indicates the production of various Agricultural produce over the last three years. There has been a significant increase in the production of cereals : -

Sl. No.	Name of the Crop	Total Production '000 tones		
		2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 - 12
1	Cereals (Rice)	14340.61	13389.61	15044.00
2	Wheat	846.66	874.42	908.00
3	Maize (Total)	385.22	352.32	363.50
4	Barley	2.35	2.79	2.80
5	Jowar	0.63	0.01	0.70
6	Bajra	0.02	0.02	0.03
7	Small millets	1.83	1.35	1.94
8	Ragi	13.90	13.83	16.00
	Total Cereals	15591.22	14634.35	16336.97
9	Pulses (Kharif + Rabi)	150.43	176.52	198.45
	Total Food-grains (Cereals + Pulses)	15741.65	14810.87	16535.42
11	Total Oilseeds (Kharif + Rabi + Rabi summer)	726.72	703.27	751.35
12	Jute *	9324.97	8137.47	8558.61
13	Cotton **	3.26	1.09	3.50
14	Sugarcane	1000.81	1134.06	1175.00
15	Potato	13838.13	13421.00	10700.00

* Jute yield rate is in bales of 180 Kg/ha. & the Production is in '000 bales

** Cotton yield rate is in bales of 170Kg/ha. & the Production is in '000 bales

4. Comprehensive survey on status and potentials of Food Processing Industries and Horticulture has been initiated, to be followed by Help Desk at the office of Department of FPI&H for providing assistance to the willing entrepreneurs. This is a unique project.
5. Major project for propagation of orchids (*Cymbidium*) has been launched in Darjeeling by the Directorate of Cinchona & Other Medicinal Plants, Govt. of West Bengal, which will help in plantation of about 5 lakh plants over a period of 3 years.
6. Expert Committee constituted by Food Processing Industries and Horticulture Department, finalized report on setting up of Horticulture College at Kalingpong. This has been approved by the State Government.
7. It has been decided to place completed Research & Development Projects, undertaken with the support of the Department of Food Processing Industries & Horticulture, on the website of 'banglarmukh.com', for general benefit of the entrepreneurs, farmers and other stake holders. Besides, research & development activities are now proposed to be taken up based on the need-based approach. Proposals have been sought from various chambers of commerce.
8. A major policy decision has been taken to review all the ongoing projects, pending for long time, and ensure timely completion, such as Tissue Culture Project at Ayeshpur, Infrastructure Development project at Borjora, Malda Food Park, Jangipur Food Park etc.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

9. One Cluster Development program taken up on Muri making project at Nalhati, Birbhum.
10. 150 ha fallow lands of drier western districts have been brought under fruit like mango etc. cultivation. (35 lakh)
11. 2 new horticulture nurseries have been established. (3 lakh)
12. 16 new ponds have been excavated for the purpose of horticultural area expansion. (9.69 lakh)
13. Nearly 250 ha of old mango orchards have been rejuvenated scientifically. (36 lakh)
14. About 35 vermi-compost units have been established. (11 lakh)
15. About 200 farmers have been trained in and exposed to modern horticultural practices. (3.8 lakh)
16. One 200MT Controlled Atmosphere(CA) Store at Garhbeta, Paschim Midnapur (25.6 lakh)
17. Two Multicommodity Cold Stores at Simurali, Nadia and Industrial Growth Centre, Malda of capacities 3000MT and 7500MT respectively (192 lakh).
18. Post Harvest Dissemination Centre at Ramkrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur, South 24 Parganas (99.32 lakh)
19. Establishment of Rural Market and Pan Mandi at Bankura & Nadia (302 lakh)
20. Vegetable Seed Production unit at Nadia (18.54 lakh)
21. Cultivation of pineapple in 10 ha area has been completed in Bunkulung, Mirik.
22. New plantation of mandarin orange has been completed in 20 ha area.
23. Cultivation of medicinal plant, chirata has been completed in 100 ha area.
24. One lakh plantlets of tissue culture Ipecac have already been prepared out of target of two lakh plantlets.
25. Under National Mission for Medicinal Plants, plantation of medicinal plants like Jatamunsi, Kuth, Asvragandha, sarpagandha, Kalmegh, Ghritakumari etc. has been completed in 63 ha area.

Health & Family Welfare



The Health & Family Welfare Department aims to provide accessible, affordable, responsive and standardized health care services to all. The department's strategy focuses on improvement of reproductive and child health, health care needs of residents of underserved areas, reduction of out of pocket expenditure of common people and increasing accountability among all health care providers.

Basic Health Indicators of Bengal have started to improve. Infant Mortality Rate has gone down from 33 in 2010 to 31 in 2011. Death rate has gone down from 6.2 in 2010 to 6 in 2011. All India position in certain select indicators is here :

Basic Health Indicators						
Indicator	Data received in December, 2010			Data received in December, 2011		
	West Bengal	India	Rank of West Bengal among major states*	West Bengal	India	Rank of West Bengal among major states*
Birth Rate	17.2	22.5	4	16.8	22.1	4
Death Rate	6.2	7.3	1	6	7.2	1
Infant Mortality Rate	33	50	4	31	47	4
Total Fertility Rate	1.9	2.6	3	1.9	2.6	2

Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) is 145 for the years 2007-09 as per RGI 2011 – 4th lowest in India/ *Major States – population 20 million or more as per Census data.

Nearly 3000 beds have increased during last one year.

Type of Institution	Total no. of Beds		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-10 (Tentative)
Medical College Hospitals	11210	12641	12641
District Hospital	7762	8204	9513
Sub-divisional Hospitals	8888	9901	11372
State General Hospitals	5030	4899	4957
Other Hospitals	6504	6504	6504
Rural Hospitals	8820	8820	8960
Block Primary Health Centres	1086	1086	1086
Primary Health Centres	6592	6592	6612
Sub-Centres	0	0	0
Total	55892	58647	61645

Admission in hospitals and number of outpatients during 2011-12 have increased by over 4.5% and 8% respectively compared to 2010-11.

Type of Hospital	No. of outpatients (In Lakh)		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
MHC	45.43	49.80	54.04
DH	43.24	44.85	46.06
SDH	69.46	72.70	71.14
SGH	24.38	25.22	25.44
Other Hospitals	10.50	10.20	10.62
RH	85.53	85.87	84.67
BPHC	166.2	162.57	157.32
PHC	208.93	224.22	239.71
SC	280.65	281.70	345.21
Total	934.41	957.15	1034.21

Type of Hospital	No. of outpatients (In Lakh)		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
MCH	5.66	6.08	6.69
DH	6.79	7.34	7.82
SDH	10.09	10.54	11.05
SDH	2.59	2.65	2.62
Other Hospitals	0.76	0.95	0.89
RH	6.19	5.89	5.85
BPHC	6.43	6.40	6.57
PHC	0.60	0.63	0.81
Total	39.11	40.48	42.30

Number of institutional deliveries in 2011-12 increased by about 9.5 % compared to 2010-11.

Type of Hospital	No. of outpatients (In Lakh)		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
MCH	1.03	0.99	1.12
DH	1.14	1.19	1.31
SDH	1.78	1.85	2.01
SGH	0.38	0.37	0.37
Other Hospitals	0.06	0.04	0.07
RH	1.15	1.18	1.19
BPHC	1.32	1.38	1.57
PHC	0.18	0.20	0.26
SC	0.06	0.07	0.06
Total	7.10	7.27	7.96

Major Policy Decisions/ Reforms since June 2011

1. Formation of Multi-disciplinary Expert Group

This Expert Group, constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Subrata Maitra, is to provide a

road map for improved patient care services in government run hospitals. An Implementation Committee will thereafter follow up.

2. **Formation of High Level Task Force:** Under the Chairmanship of Dr. Tridib Banerjee, this Task Force is mandated with the task of monitoring service delivery aimed at mothers and children. This Task Force oversees the functioning of existing units including SNCUs, Neo Natal Care Units etc and advises on creation of new such units.

3. **Creation of Seven New Health Districts :** - Seven New Health Districts have been created at Nandigram, Jhargram, Bishnupur, Rampurhat, Diamond Harbour, Basirhat and Asansol. Posts have been created and the postings shall be made soon.

4. **Drug Procurement Policy :** Aimed at improving and maintaining availability of quality drugs in healthcare facilities, a new drug procurement policy has been put in place that specifically aims at preventing entry of spurious drugs/ drugs from dubious sources. The new policy shall allow speedy procurement of high value drugs and double per capita drug outlay in OPD. The next steps will be to have in place an online 'e-Drug Procurement' mechanism aimed at improved efficiency and more transparency. 'Fair Price Chemist Shops' in hospitals shall be another innovation aimed at the good of the common man in the state.

5. **Tie-up of peripheral Hospitals with Medical Colleges :-** In order to disseminate skills and provide tertiary care support to peripheral hospitals an experiment has been initiated wherein peripheral hospitals are formally linked to a selected Medical College. In this, already, Baghajatin SGH has been tied up with National Medical College and Hospital while Salt Lake Sub-divisional Hospital has been tied up with NRS Medical College and Hospital. In a similar exercise, the Abinash Dutta Maternity Home has been transformed into a satellite campus of RG Kar Medical College & Hospitals and the results have been quite encouraging.

6. **Setting up of West Bengal Health Recruitment Board (WBHRB) :-** The WBHRB has been setup to recruit primarily Group B and Group C staff.

7. **Polio Eradication :-** The Government has intensified its efforts in participation with citizens and public representatives to improve the outreach and quality of the Polio Eradication Programs. Similar initiatives are underway in tackling Vector borne diseases and the initial results are encouraging.

8. **OPD Tracking & Mother and Child Tracking:-**

Superintendents of Hospitals having 100 beds or more are to inform through a structured SMS by 9.30am every morning when OPD started as against when it was to start. The SMS also provides information regarding attendance of doctors. Operationalized for more than six months now, this tracking system is giving good results insofar as timely starting of OPDs is concerned and in ensuring timely attendance by doctors. As an extension of this tracking system, a SMS based solution to gather real time data from different health facilities in West Bengal regarding infant deaths, maternity deaths and total deliveries and even more has been started. This Mother & Child Tracking system is likely to prove to be a useful tool in formulating tactical responses to events and also give a baseline in formulating strategic interventions.

9. **Citizen Centric Fortnights :-** Citizen Centric Fortnights have been conducted recently with encouraging results. These were aimed at the G-C interface and along with issuing Citizen Charters, guidelines for free transport, drugs and consumables and providing diet for all mothers and infants was attended to. Removal of long accumulated bio-medical wastes, providing seating and drinking water facilities in OPDs and outside labour rooms were also a part of these drives. Cleaning up of hospital premises, painting the wards and ensuring clean toilets were also a part of this exercise. The results have been positive and it is intended that these drives shall be continued with.

10. **Procurement of High end Equipment :** The healthcare sector and its requirements demand regular infusion of high quality high-end instruments and built-up area having niche requirements. To ensure objectivity, transparency and prudent financial management, the West Bengal Medical Service Corporation is working with experts to ensure timely and proper procurement and construction.

11. **West Bengal Medical Council :** In a state of suspended animation for long, efforts are underway to revive, revamp and make more effective the West Bengal Medical Council, so that it functions as an ombudsman in the sector as originally envisaged.

12. **Delegation of Financial Powers :** To bring in higher levels of operational efficiency in day to day functioning the Finance Department has been convinced to delegate department approval committee (DAC) powers to Principals of Medical Colleges.

13. **Improvement of Reproductive & Child Health facilities : Operationalization of Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric Care Centre (CEmOC) &**

Basic Emergency Obstetric Care Centre (BEmOC) Facilities:

- 121 CEmOC & 572 BEmOC facilities have been identified; 95 CEmOC & 355 BEmOC facilities are operational now.
- Each BEmOC facility will cater to areas within a 6Km radial distance and services shall be available 24 x 7; similarly each CEmOC facility will cater to an area within 25 Km radial distance.
- 11 MCH Hubs will be established in non BRGF districts.
- To motivate more institutional deliveries 15 PHCs and 50 BPHCs and RHs (where most number of institutional deliveries were recorded-minimum 1500/year in case of a BPHC and minimum 300/year in case of a PHC) have been awarded .

14. **Recruitment, Promotion & Transfer Policies :**

- The State Government has been conducting large scale recruitments in the health sector since May 2011. Till date 402 General Duty Medical Officers (Including 91 for SNCUs), 19 Medical Officers, 73 Specialist Doctors (including 8 for SNCUs), 332 Medical Teachers, 50 Dental Surgeons, 179 Homeopathy Medical Officers and 1308 Nursing personnel have been recruited. Moreover recruitments have also been made to the posts of Engineers (8), Nutritionists (12), Data Entry Operator (24), Managerial Staff (2), Store Assistant (1), Lab Technicians (6), Accounts Assistant (1) and Counselors (6).
- The Government has come out with a more rational and practical transfer and promotion policy for doctors serving in rural areas. All transfers and promotions are being guided by these policies.
- In order to reduce stagnation of officers of the West Bengal Public Health and Administrative Services (WBPH & AS), three new posts of 'Director' have been created under the DHS.

15. **Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF):** Rs. 2280 crore has been sanctioned for the development of advanced healthcare facilities in the 11 backward districts. District, sub-divisional and rural hospitals in 34 locations have been identified for upgradation to super speciality level. Out of 34 identified locations, preliminary activities have already been started at 13 sites, namely Onda, Chhatna, Nandigram, Purulia, Metiaburj, Sagardighi, Kakdwip, Islampur, Bolpur, Gangarampur, Falakata, Debra and Salboni.

16. **Input for North Bengal** :- Improvement of facilities in the Mental Hospital, Tufanganj, upgradation of the MJN Hospital, Coochbehar and setting up of a second campus of the Siliguri District Hospital, all using assistance provided by the Uttarbanga Unnayan Parishad are just few of the efforts made to provide better health care facilities in North Bengal.

17. **Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) :-** As a first time initiative, the GoI scheme of RSBY has been extended to Howrah district of the state. This scheme facilitates low cost medical insurance to disadvantaged social sections. The promise of the scheme being immense, it shall be extended soon to other parts of the state.

18. **Mobile Medical Units :-** In a bid to gain confidence of populations in far flung and Left Wing Extremism affected areas and to ensure availability of health care services at the doorstep, GIS based monitoring for 11 Mobile medical Units has been started in Jangalmahal region.

19. **Public Private Partnerships (PPP) :-** The constantly changing expectation and aspiration sets of the citizens requires that administrators and development managers think out of the box. PPPs are one such mechanisms where market driven innovations and energies can be channelized in public good. Our experience in PPP in diagnostics being excellent, we aim to extend the same in this plan period to Digital X-rays and Dialysis in all tertiary health care units. The High Level Task Force itself is a PPP in its own way aimed at monitoring and directing quality of health service delivery to mothers and children in government facilities. It is expected that in this Plan period, 5 specialty health care facilities shall come up in the state through PPP. PPP is not just to be restricted to hospitals but also shall be extended to medical education facilities.

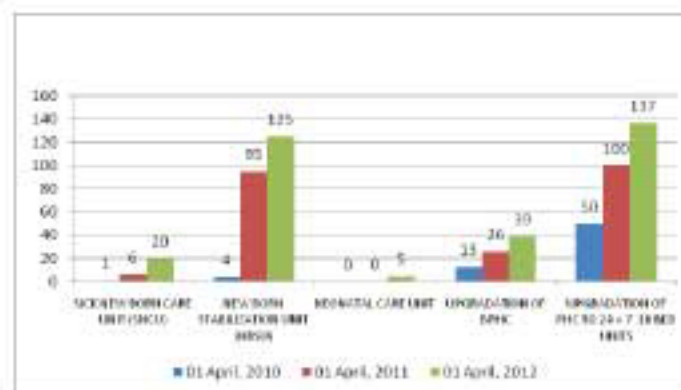
20. **Clearing of state share backlog under NRHM :-** For successive years, the state government failed to release its share in National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and this led to drying up of fund flow from the Union Government. This has now been rectified. Despite an overall financial crunch, the State Government has released Rs. 202.5 crore as state share of which Rs. 115.3 crore is against the accumulated State Share from 2007 to 2010-11. Moreover, in the year 2012-13 Rs. 280 crore has been budgeted. This measure should allow much better program delivery in NRHM.

21. **Biometric Attendance :-** Biometric attendance has been introduced at Swasthya Bhavan. It is expected that this system will be extended to all Medical Colleges & Hospitals and also in the District Hospitals in phase.

22. **Use of resources provided by the 13th Finance Commission :-** The 13th FC has been generous in their allocation to the sector and the funds being made available are being prudently used in strengthening physical infrastructure and equipment in healthcare facilities, in blood banks, new CMOH offices, mental hospitals, upgrading of PHCs, accommodation for doctors, infection management and other items that shall strengthen public sector health care in the state.

23. **Health Services Infrastructure Strengthened :** Due to lack of proper infrastructure, even for ordinary health problems which are to be handled in the primary/secondary level hospitals, patients have to be taken to tertiary hospitals leading to huge additional expenditure for the patients and overcrowding in the tertiary hospitals and medical colleges. We have been trying our best to upgrade the lower tier hospitals even in remotest rural areas so the common minimum diagnostic and treatment facilities are available in those health care facilities. At the same time we are trying to improve the infrastructure in the tertiary hospitals so that they can be used more as critical care and referral unit in a real sense. The present government has also been trying to emphasize efforts towards mother and children care. The state has already made 20 SNCUs operational as promised last year and another three SNCUs will be made operational very soon, we have also made plan to create 20 more SNCUs during financial year 2012-13. A decision has also been taken to set up SNCUs at all the Medical Colleges, so that at tertiary facilities we shall have both level II and level III care units for neonates.

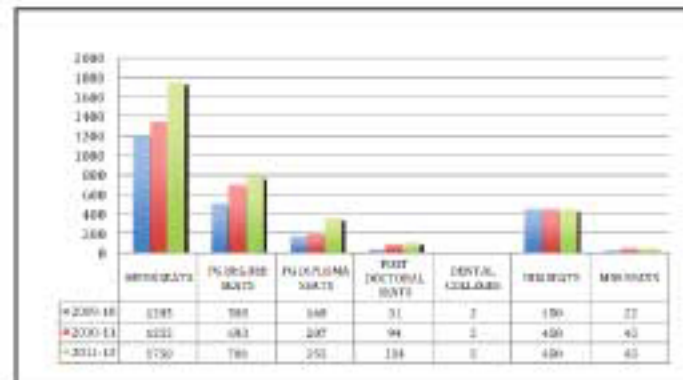
No of UNITS CREATED



For the first time a, hundred seated Night Shelter for patient parties is being constructed next to Beliaghata B C Roy Polio Hospital, Kolkata.

Seats for MBBS course in 2011-12 have increased by 395 over 2010-11. Seats for PG Degree, PG Diploma, Post Doctoral Courses etc. have also increased.

Medical Education- Seats



Plans have been drawn to start certificate programs and a postgraduate course in Family Medicine in collaboration with Royal College of General Practitioners. In addition, certificate courses in neonatology and anaesthesia are being planned under the aegis of the WBUHS.

The State Government has also been working to revive the systems of alternative medicines under the banner 'AYUSH'. Essential infrastructure like teaching and non-teaching staff, medical equipments, clinical laboratory and related facilities will be provided. The present Government has also decided to open new 60 AYUSH dispensaries in different hospitals especially in backward areas.

Position of family welfare programmes, immunization, maternal health and disease control are shown here :

Progress of Family Welfare Programmes in West Bengal

Year	Methods				
	Sterilisation	IUD	C.C. Users	O.P. Users	Total acceptors
2009-10	286674	82156	560360	651373	1580563
2010-11	274878	78803	601149	657330	1612160
2011-12 (P)	281778	83478	610754	659352	1635362

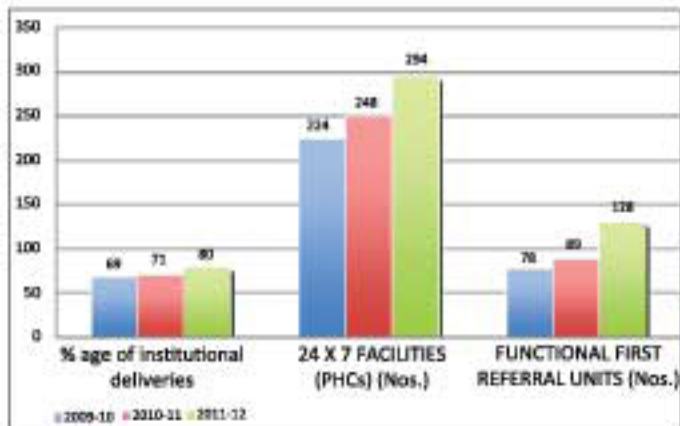
P- Provisional. Number of total acceptors has been increased by about 2% in 2010-11 as compared to 2009-10 whereas the same is increased by about 1.4% in 2011-12 compared to 2010-11.

Progress of Major Immunization Programs in West Bengal

Year	TT(PW)	DPT	POLIO	BCG	MEASLES
2009-10	1502713	1678522	1600142	1719572	1552782
2010-11	1526529	1468044	1462452	1654042	1423533
2011-12 (P)	1534621	1673283	1533287	1697817	1490157

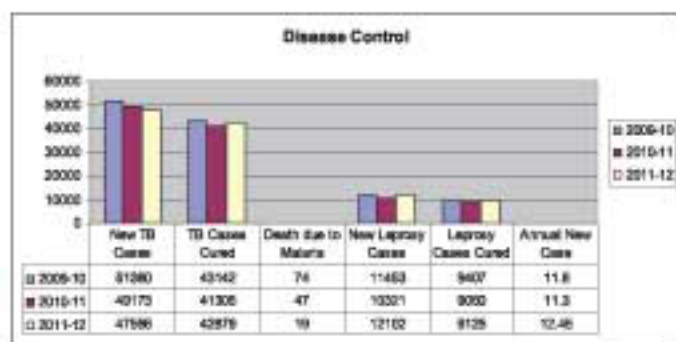
Observation: Progress in immunization in 2011-12 shows an increasing trend in respect of all the methods as compared to 2010-11.

Maternal Health



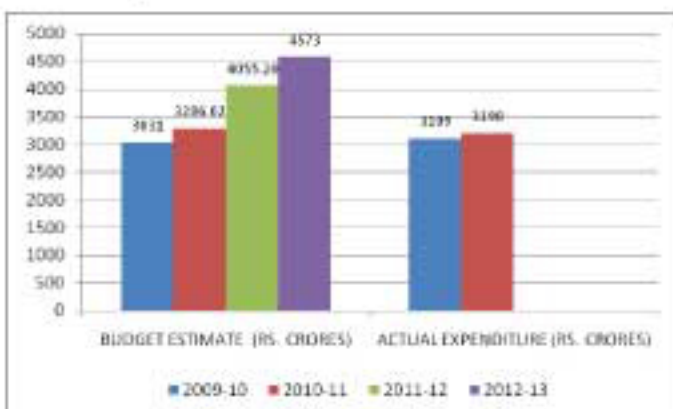
* Tentative

Disease Control

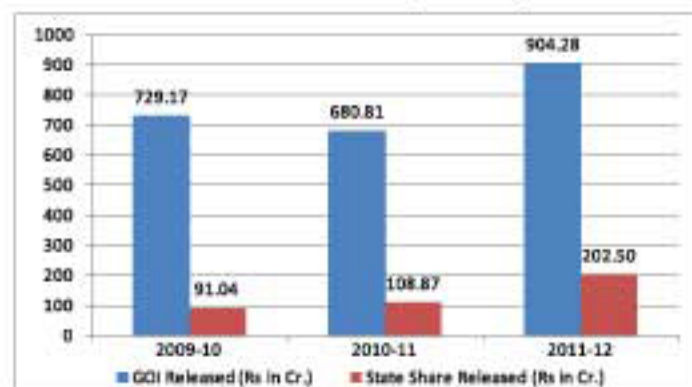


Position of utilization of funds and allocation of resources for drugs and equipments purchased are shown here. Drug procurement budget has been hiked to Rs. 285 crores in 2012-13 from Rs. 153.39 crores in 2011-12

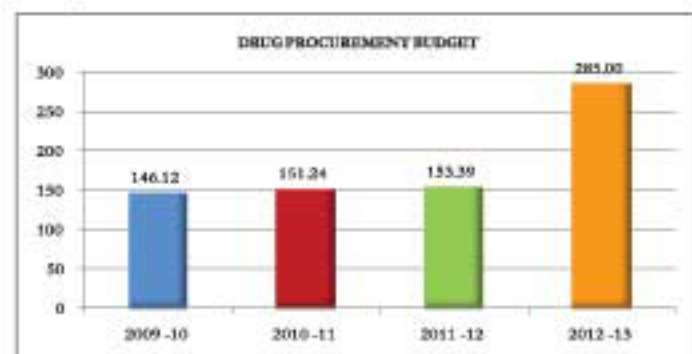
State Budget



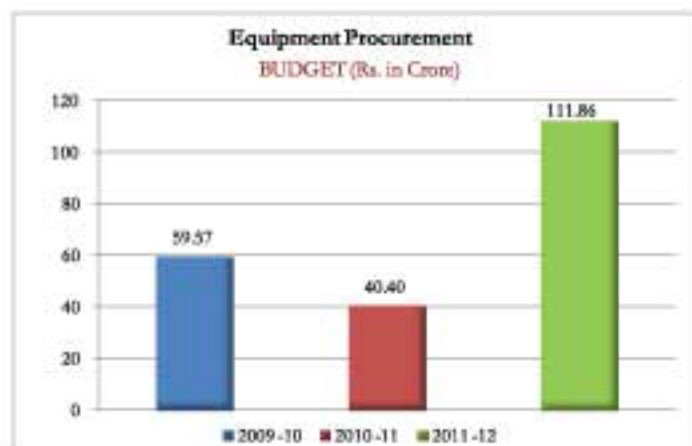
National Rural Health Mission (NRHM)



Drug Procurement



Equipment Procurement



With a renewed sense of commitment to the public, we are trying our best to reach the scope of health facilities to the remotest corner of the state with a view to fulfil our objective of the targeted march towards 'health for all'.

Hill Affairs



Hill Affairs Department

- The new Government, within one month of assuming power, resolved all the outstanding issues which remained unsettled even after protracted negotiation among the Central Government, the State Government and the GorkhajanmuktiMorchha (GJM), which led to the signing of the Tripartite Agreement for the formation of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) and restoration of peace and normalcy in the hill subdivisions of Darjeeling after a long time.
- At the initiative of the State Government, the Central Government has agreed to provide Rs 200 crore every year for three years to the GTA for taking up important development projects. The State Government will also provide appropriate grants.
- To give effect to the Tripartite Agreement, the State Assembly passed the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration Bill, which has since received the assent of the President of India.
- A high level Committee headed by Hon'ble Justice Shyamal Kumar Sen, retired Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court, has been set up, as per terms of the Tripartite Agreement to look into the issue of inclusion of new areas in GTA. The report of the Committee is expected to be received soon.
- The State Government is now ready to conduct elections for the formation of the formation of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration.
- The State Government is committed to restoration of peace and normalcy and development in the hill subdivisions of Darjeeling.

Priority has been fixed to develop drinking water supply scheme, establishment of modern medical colleges and hospitals, nursing college, tourism institutes and establishment of cultural centres to keep up old cultural traditions of the people of the area.

This apart, Government will take up construction of

rope-way in the Darjeeling sub-division and a research institute for tea/cinchona cultivation and to set up a processing centre at Mungpoo for vegetables, flowers etc.

Under Special Central Assistance (SCA) & State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) different developmental works on key sectors are on progress. Repair / Reconstruction of rural roads, jhoras damaged by earthquake and heavy rain are being undertaken.

It has been decided that 3(three) new Polytechnics and 2(two) new ITIs would be set up in the hills. It has also been decided that a Sainik School will be established in the hill areas.

Under RIDF-XIII to RIDF-XVI, works on priority sectors viz. Rural roads, Minor Irrigation are in progress.

Under RIDF-XVII, 26(twenty-six) projects have been sanctioned by NABARD.

Quantative Statement showing fund sanctioned under different sectors

Year	Sector	Sanctioned Amount
2009 -2010	State Normal Plan (Core Plan)	5.00
	Special Central Assistance (SCA)	43.29
	RIDF	18.34
2010 -2011	State Normal Plan (Core Plan)	3.26
	Special Central Assistance (SCA)	25.97
	RIDF	8.74
2011 -2012	State Normal Plan (Core Plan)	13.00
	Special Central Assistance (SCA)	37.21
	RIDF	25.17

Home Department



Home Department, which is primarily responsible for police administration, law and order and human rights, has made noteworthy achievements during the last one year.

- Apprehensions had been raised in many quarters that there would be widespread violence after declaration of the Assembly election results last year. However, there were practically no incidents of violence after the results had been declared. This was possible on account of strong political will and determined administrative action.
- The crime situation as well as the general law and order situation in the State has remarkably improved over the past one year. This is due to a number of important reform measures taken for strengthening the police administration and alertness at all levels of administration.
- There has been remarkable improvement in the law and order situation in the Jangalmahal region. The Chief Minister herself visited the region several times to boost the confidence of the local people in administration and initiated and launched several development and welfare measures for the mitigation of long-standing problems of the local people. 10,700 junior police constables and NVF/Home Guard personnel have been recruited from local youths residing in different blocks of Jangalmahal region. In addition, several development projects, namely, construction of a bridge over Subarnarekha river at Bhasraghat in Nayagram, water supply schemes, construction of stadiums, construction of girls hostels, upgradation of high schools to higher secondary schools, setting up of new colleges, distribution of bicycle to all girl students studying in classes IX to XII, distribution of rice at Rs 2 per kg to

all non tribal families having annual income of Rs 36000 and to all tribal families, etc. This development initiative, coupled with intelligence-based response by security forces have restored peace and rule of law in the region. This is evident from the fact that while 139 civilians and 35 security forces were killed in the year 2010, these numbers were 12 and 2 in 2011 and nil in the year 2012

- The surrender-cum-rehabilitation package for Maoists has also been made more attractive than the model scheme of the Central Government. The State's call for surrender has resulted in change of mind by important Maoist leaders. 23 Maoists including some top leaders have surrendered so far to join the mainstream of society. The State Government has made all arrangement for their security and rehabilitation.
- The situation in the hills of Darjeeling district remained disturbed over a long period of time. Protracted discussion among the Central Government, the State Government and the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) failed to settle the long standing agitation by GJM. This Government, within a month of assuming power, resolved the outstanding issues through bilateral discussion with GJM, which led to the signing of the tripartite agreement for the formation of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration. This led to the restoration of peace and normalcy in the hills after a long time.
- As a part of the restructuring of the police organisation in the State, the total area under Kolkata Police jurisdiction has been extended to make it coterminous with the jurisdiction of Kolkata Municipal Corporation. 9 police stations of South

24 Parganas have been transferred to Kolkata Police, which have been further divided into 17 police stations.

To improve urban policing, four new Commissionerates of Police, namely, Asansol-Durgapur, Howrah, Bidhannagar and Barrackpore Commissionerates of Police have been set up with IGP/DIGP level officers functioning as Commissioners. Two more Commissionerates of Police, one for Siliguri and the other for Haldia will be established shortly.

65 Police Stations staffed exclusively by women police personnel have been sanctioned out of which 10 have started functioning at Howrah, Barasat, Baruipur, Asansol, Jhargram, Contai, Chinsurah, Krishnagar, Siliguri and Jalpaiguri.

A cyber Lab attached to the Cyber Police Station of Kolkata Police Headquarters at Lalbazar has been set up to tackle cyber crimes by providing training to police officers in cyber-forensics.

In order to address the problem of acute shortage of manpower in police, emphasis has been given on filling up of existing vacancies of police personnel. This apart, 27,216 posts of different ranks have been created for West Bengal Police and Kolkata Police during the last one year.

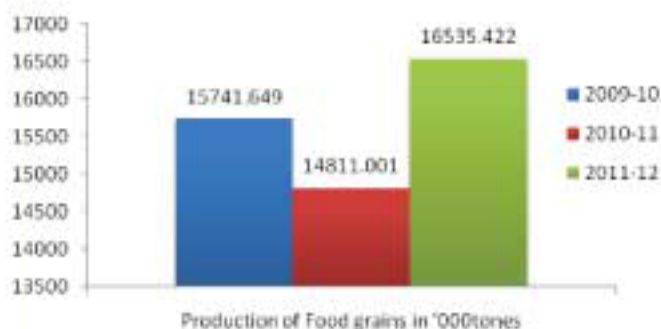
To assist the police, 3351 Village Police volunteers are being recruited for deployment in Gram Panchayat areas. 530 Green Police volunteers have been sanctioned for Kolkata Police. Deployment of 700 Green Police volunteers and 331 Special Police volunteers in the newly created police commissionerates is under active consideration of the Government.

For proper regulation of traffic in Kolkata Police area, two new traffic divisions with 10 Traffic Guards have been created. Close-Circuit television (CCTV) sets have been placed at strategic locations.

Ambulances equipped with critical care facilities and a Transit Trauma Care Unit have placed at important locations to provide immediate help to critically injured victims of road accidents and to transport them to hospitals.

A number of community welfare initiatives have been taken up by Kolkata Police like felicitation of toppers of Board/Council examinations, project "Kiran" to impart computer education among the youth of the underprivileged sections of the society and project "Goalz" in collaboration with the British Council to impart football training to the youth coming from poor families.

- Police Welfare Boards have been constituted for Kolkata Police and West Bengal Police to look after the general welfare of police personnel and their family members as well as matters relating to housing and medical requirements.
- The facility of free treatment at Kolkata Police hospital has been extended to the family members of Kolkata police personnel. An improved Group Mediclaim Policy has been introduced for Kolkata police personnel and their family members.
- Ten Commissions of inquiry have been set up for the following incidents:
 1. Unnatural death of Mustafa Bin Qasim, ex-MLA
 2. Sain Bari incidents of Burdwan
 3. Unnatural death of Kallol Sur, ex-BDO
 4. Police firing during MahakaranAbhijan on 1993
 5. Police firing at Nainan village, Magrahat
 6. Allocation of land at Rajajarhat by WBHIDCO
 7. AMRI fire incident
 8. AnandaMarg killings
 9. Cossipore-Baranagar Massacre
 10. Killing of Santhal people during HulMahotsab
- A State-Level Review Committee under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice MoloySengupta, retired Judge of Calcutta High Court was set up to recommend release of under-trial prisoners in deserving cases. The Committee has submitted its first report, and based on it, undertrial prisoners have been released.
- Following due process of law, 42 life convicts who have completed more than 14 years of imprisonment have been released.

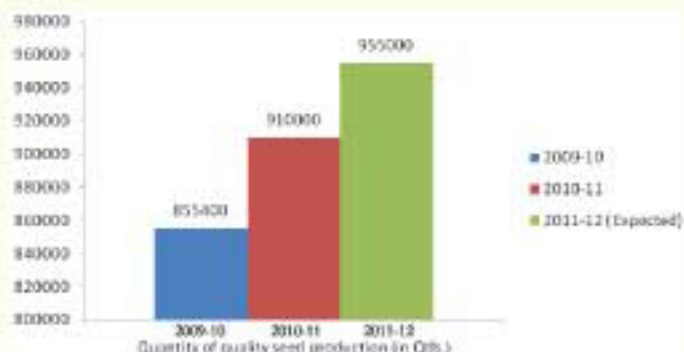


2. **KCC:** A special drive was launched for issue of KCCs during the year. More than 7 lac KCCs were issued as shown in the table below:



3. **Seed Production:** Efforts have been made to increase the quantity and quality of seeds; 95500 MT were produced.

Seed production. The comparative figures for the three years are :



4. **Fertilizers:** Inspite of the major increase in prices since 2010 in non urea fertilizers, the availability of fertilizers was a top priority for the state Government. To ensure availability at MRP special drive was undertaken. The following indicates the details of the enforcement carried out :-

Sl. No.	Year	Number of Shop Inspected	Number of Action Taken					
			Suspension	Cancellation	Lodge FIR	No. of seizures of fertilizers	Show causes issued	No. of A.L. revoked
1	2009-10	2648	5	3	Nil	Nil	249	5
2	2010-11	2121	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	262	1
3	2011-12	9845	357	116	27	18	5262	117

5. There has been a significant increase in production and consumption of **Organic Inputs** during 2011-12 in comparison to the preceeding years of 2009-10 and 2010-11, as indicated in the following table :

Sl. No.	Name of organic Inputs	Quantity in concerned Year		
		2009 -10	2010 -11	2011-12
1	Bio -fertilizers	950.0 MT	1025.0 MT	1110 .0 MT
2	Organic manures	37.8 Lakh MT	40.90 Lakh MT	42.40 Lakh MT
3	Vermicompost	21.0 Lakh MT	22.20 Lakh MT	23.8. Lakh MT
4	Green Manuring	6.44 Lakh Hac.	6.45 Lakh Hac.	6.85 Lakh Hac.
5	Compost (City + Rural)	84 .0 Lakh MT	85.40 Lakh MT	87.70 Lakh MT

Housing



Introduction:

The Department of Housing undertakes various activities mainly relating to the framing and implementation of various Social Housing schemes through the Directorate of Housing and West Bengal Housing Board. Besides, there are two other Directorates under the administrative control of the Housing Department viz. the Estate Directorate and the Brick Production Directorate, responsible mainly for the management of different Government Housing Estates and production, supply of quality bricks at reasonable price respectively. Housing Department has also taken up construction of dwelling units for Economically Weaker Sections of People. The Scheme has been named as "Gitanjali".

Achievements

Budget provision & expenditure during last one year has gone up compared to previous years.

Financial analysis (Rs. In Cr.)

Financial Year	Budget Provision	Financial Achievement (Expenditure)	Remarks
2009 – 10	523.00	67.52	12.91%
2010 – 11	575.00	130.34	22.67%
2011 – 12	600.00	146.63	24.44%

EWS Housing Scheme - "Gitanjali" & "Amar Thikana" are also pacing up in progress.

(Rs. In Cr.)

Financial Year	Budget Provision	Financial Achievement (Expenditure)
2009-10	500.00	53.74
2010-11	500.00	113.55
2011-12	525.00	126.97

Release of Fund for E.W.S. Housing Scheme to different Departments has also improved considerably.

Name of the Department	Release of Fund (Rs. in Cr.)		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Minority Affairs & Madrasah Education Department	1.57	5.55	3.73
Backward Classes Department	9.83	14.06	23.89
Forest Department	8.87	14.57	29.91

Sector wise construction performance has also moved up

Sector	Financial achievement (spent) (in Cr.)		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Working women hostel	0.58	0.04	0.77
Housing for LIG	0.17	0.73	0.76
Construction of Night shelter	0.00	0.57	0.50
Construction of rental housing estate for govt. employees	2.59	5.68	4.14
Replacement & renovation of govt. housing estates	4.18	4.85	10.74

Special emphasis has also been given to housing for economically weaker sections including minority community with a view to optimizing planning proportions. Apart from the four Districts viz. Malda, Murshidabad, Uttar Dinajpur and Dakshin Dinajpur previously taken under "Gitanjali" scheme, EWS Housing Scheme for poor people, has been extended to five more Districts viz. Nadia, Hooghly, Bankura, North 24-Parganas and South 24-Parganas. The Dwelling Units will be given to the people free of cost.

This Department has adopted a new policy recently and contemplates to construct night shelters within the campus of Medical Colleges/ Districts/ Sub- Divisional Hospitals in urban areas for the purpose of benefit of patient parties and night shelters at Bus-Stands through urban local bodies for providing shelters during night to stranded passengers coming from rural areas to visit District / Sub-divisional Head Quarters of the Districts for attending Collectorate / SDO Office / Courts / Hospitals etc. for their need. After construction, management of the Night Shelters will be handed over to the concerned Hospital Authorities and local authorities respectively.

Apart from this the department has decided to construct Night Shelter –cum- Bus Shelter-cum – Pay & Use toilet throughout the state at every 50 kms of the National Highways, State Highways and other important roads for the passengers, specially the women journeying by road.

Significant Policy Initiatives & Future Plans

- a) **All quota systems in respect of allotment of flats have been abolished.**
- b) Allotment of flats in Rental Housing Estates (RHE) for the govt. employees and the Public Rental Housing Estates for LIG, MIG, and HIG people was a very cumbersome process so far and inconvenient for the eligible persons and for different Government Employees. With a view to bringing transparency in the system, allotment of flats will be done through application of soft ware by a fully computerised system on first come first serve basis and the details of possession and allotment of such flats will be put to the departmental WEBSITE (to be launched shortly) wherefrom everyone will be able to know one's position in the waiting list and flats which are under unauthorized occupation.
- c) Henceforth all the works of the department with an estimated cost above Rs. 2.00 lakh will be taken up through e-tendering for ensuring transparency.
- d) In case of repairing works, five year compulsory maintenance contracts will be made. Previously there were no such system of maintenance contract and the quality of the works was not satisfactory for ensuring a healthy and habitable condition. Henceforth the name of the Contractor, his Phone/Mobile No. and the tender value for 5 (Five) years maintenance contract will be displayed in 3 to 4 places of each Housing Estate.

- e) For more than three decades the buildings constructed by the department were of old fashion and design without the foresight compatible with the demands of the day. Henceforth, in the multi-storied buildings there will be a 6' wide exit and provision for an additional emergency exit is being considered to combat the crisis arising out of different types of emergencies including fire hazards, earth-quake etc.
- f) There will be a seven member Technical-cum-Works Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Housing Department for examining the tenders of the Housing Department and monitoring all the works including technicalities, purchase and payment of Housing Directorate.
- g) There will be a seven member Running Project and Repairing Monitoring Committee for monitoring all the Running Projects and Repairing works of the Housing Department including all purchase & payment.
- h) Due to the existence of the Arbitration Clause in the tenders of the Housing Deptt., the Govt. had to incur loss of public money to the tune of few crores. Now steps are being taken to withdraw the Arbitration Clause to put a check on the huge leakage of public money.
- i) Special emphasis has been given to the people living in the forest area, Jangal Mahal, Hill areas of Darjeeling, AILA affected areas of Sundarbans and to the Minority, SC, ST and OBC people for construction of EWS Housing 'Gitanjali & 'Amar Thikana'. **The poorest of the poor will be given special priority.**

BRGF: -

- i) With a view to make the Housing programme for Economically Weaker Section of people (EWS) more effective and to address the problem of regional imbalances in respect of housing for poor people special stress has been given to the Backward regions (Districts) of the state. Construction of **34,758 dwelling units** has been proposed under **Special Grant from BRGF in 11 backward districts of the state (Purulia, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur, Bankura, Jalpaiguri, Birbhum, South 24 parganas, Malda, Mursidabad, North Dinajpur and South Dinajpur) including Left Wing Extremist areas (LWE), with proper matching share of Rs. 45.18 crore from the State Budget. The total project cost is Rs. 162.24 crore. Families enlisted under BPL category will be eligible for the scheme.**

West Bengal Housing Board (WBHB)

- a) Henceforth all quota systems will be abolished from WBHB in respect of allotment of ownership flats.
- b) All tenders of Housing Board worth more than Rs. 2.00 lakh will be done through e-tendering.
- c) A separate WEBSITE will be opened shortly which will enable the common people to get all information about their position in regard to allotment of flats and other details.
- d) So far there was lack of transparency in the system of lotteries conducted by Housing Board for allotment of ownership flat. Henceforth the lotteries for such allotment will be done openly in presence of different dignitaries and also the media and also the applicants through randomisation with a fully computerised system.
- e) In case of rejection of any application for allotment of flats so far nobody could clearly know the reasons for such rejection of his/her application, henceforth the

Housing Board will clearly inform the applicants regarding the reasons as to why his/her name has not been considered for lottery.

- f) So far application forms for purchase of flats were available from one bank only and it was very difficult for obtaining such forms. Now, all the application forms will be made available from at least 4 (four) Nationalised Banks in place of only one bank in order to impose transparency in the whole system.
- g) There will be one Technical-cum-work Committee consisting of nine members for monitoring and supervising all works of WBHB including technicalities, purchase and payment.
- h) There will be a nine-member Monitoring Committee for monitoring the works of Joint Venture Companies (JVC) and Assisted Sector Companies (ASC).
- i) Owing to the existence of the Arbitration Clause in the tenders of WBHB the Board had to incur loss of few crores of public money. Now steps are being taken to withdraw the Arbitration Clause to put a check on the huge leakage of public money for the sake of survival



Information & Cultural Affairs



The orientation of the Information & Cultural Affairs Department has changed in the last one year to focus on its primary objective of **preservation of the language, culture and heritage of West Bengal** including that of the minorities and tribals in the state. In furtherance of the above objective, the state is participating in exhibitions and programmes across the state and within the country to showcase the art and culture of Bengal before the rest of the country and beyond, to **upgrade the cultural infrastructure in the state and promote an inclusive cultural development** which will expose the next generation to the art and culture and literary treasures of this state.

An unprecedented number of activities were carried out across the length and breadth of the state by the new Government during its first year of office.

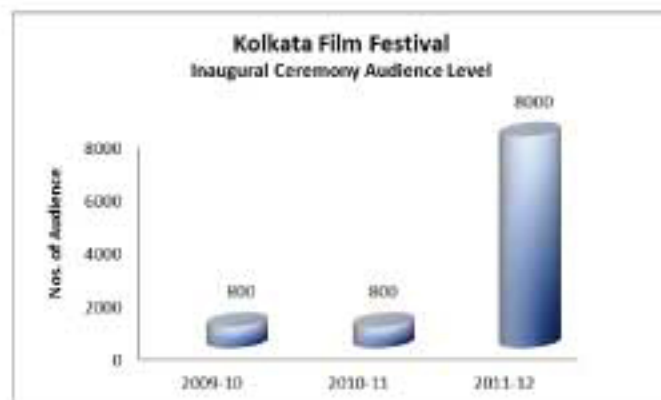
The **Banga Bibhushan Awards**, instituted for the first time, was conferred upon nine legendary performers for their lifetime contribution. They included **Shri Manna De, Gitasree Sandhya Mukherjee, Late Shri Sailen Manna, Shri Haradhan Bandyopadhyay, Shri Dwijen Mukhopadhyay, Smt. Mahasweta Devi, Smt. Supriya Chowdhury, Smt. Amala Shankar and Ustad Amjad Ali Khan.**

150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore was celebrated over the year in a befitting manner through various programmes across the state. Special programmes were held in Kolkata and in the districts to observe Baishe Shrabon and Pachise Baisakh (birth anniversary on 8th May, 2012) with due reverence.

Bangla Sangeet Mela, 2012 has been held from April 13-21, 2012 to showcase various genres of Bengali music. The inaugural event was for the first time held in Netaji Indoor Stadium on April 12, 2012 and the closing ceremony was held at Rabindra Sadan where individuals with outstanding contribution in the field of music were felicitated with Mahasangeet Samman and Sangeet Samman

awards. This year the Mahasangeet Samman were given to **Smt. Firoza Begum, Smt. Girija Devi, Smt. Sandhya Mukherjee, Shri Dwijen Mukhopadhyaya, Shri Amar Pal, Shri Subir Sen, Smt. Sumitra Sen and Pandit Ajoy Chakraborty** and Sangeet Samman were given to **Smt. Juthika Ray, Smt. Madhuri Chattopadhyay, Shri Jatilleshwar Mukhopadhyay, Smt. Nirmala Mishra, Ustad Mansur Fakir, Shri Kumar Subba, Smt. Banashree Sengupta, Smt. Arati Mukherjee, Shri Purnadas Baul, Ustad Rashid Khan, Smt. Swagatalakshmi Dasgupta, Shri Srikanta Acharjee, Shri Nachiketa Chakraborty.** The event culminated in a whole night programme dedicated to Bengali music.

The 17th edition of **Kolkata Film Festival** was organized in 2011 in order to facilitate maximum participation and organise it with adherence to high professional standards. The film festival was inaugurated in Netaji Indoor Stadium to enable a large number of people view the programme and the inaugural film. **150 films from 50 countries were showcased this year.** All information with regard to film festival was provided through a website for the first time in the Kolkata Film Festival. The response and participation of people was overwhelming.



The 100 year old Technicians Studio at Tollygunge is being revamped into a modern Studio space by the State Government for which work has already started. The West Bengal Film Development Corporation- Rupayan is being developed through Public Private Partnership (PPP). Two film cities are being taken up for development at Uttarpara in South Bengal and Dabgram in North Bengal through private participation.

The 150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda is being observed in a befitting manner by the State Government. Yuba Utsavs in the name of Vivek Melas have already been organized by Youth Services Department at block levels. The district, state level and international level Yuba Utsavs will be organised by the state to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Swamiji. Vivek Yatra will be organised from Belur to Kanyakumari in 2012. The "Call to the Nation" will be published in Bengali, English, Urdu, Santhali, Nepali and Hindi and distributed free of cost to school and college students.

The Committee on Press Accreditation assessed the requirement of print and electronic media for press accreditation cards through setting up of transparent standards of eligibility. The Press Accreditation cards have since been printed and distributed. Acknowledging the long standing demand of the Press fraternity, a Press Corner has been set up in Writers' Buildings and the briefing area has been widened and renovated appropriately. The State Government is committed to provide financial assistance to needy journalists for which the policy on "Journalists Benevolence Fund" is being formulated.

The Government has given pension to 196 persons for their outstanding contribution in the fields of literature, art, music and culture under "Literary & Cultural Pension Scheme" during the year 2011-12.

Considering the vital role played by the Basumati Sahitya Mandir in the freedom movement of the country and its association with eminent and historic personalities such as Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Sarat Basu, Surendranath Bandyopadhyay, Jatindramohon Sengupta, Sarojini Naidu, the State Government decided to revive the Basumati Corporation Limited. The publication of Masik Basumati Sahitya Patrika, one of India's oldest and most popular monthly literary magazines, has already been launched in the Kolkata Book Fair after a long gap of 39 years. In the financial year 2011-12, the Basumati Corporation earned revenue of Rs. 5 crore.

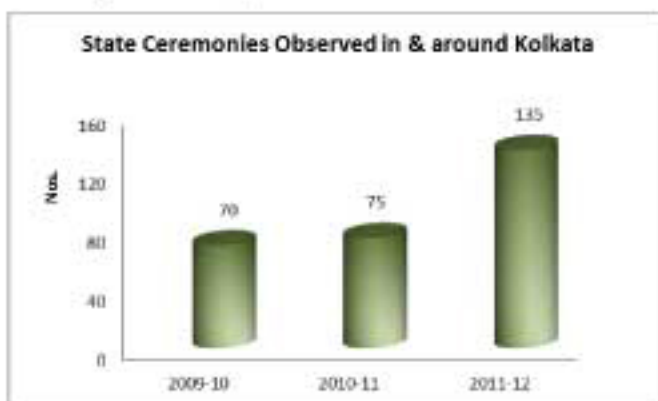
West Bengal participated as a Partner State in the India International Trade Fair, 2011, for the first time, to exhibit its strengths and opportunities to the domestic and

international visitors. The State also took the opportunity of the IITF platform to organise a "Rising Bengal" session with industries, entrepreneurs and foreign missions in New Delhi which was presided over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The deliberations were followed by an outstanding performance of Tagore's dance drama Balmiki Pratibha staged by the inmates of various correctional homes.

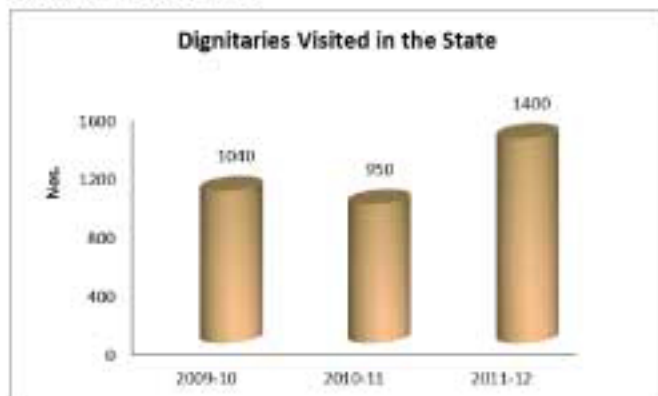
The Government of West Bengal participated in the Republic Day Parade held at New Delhi after a period of 12 years. The Government of West Bengal tableaux featuring Shantiniketan and commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore led the tableaux in Rajpath. The tableau was awarded the second prize in the cultural contest participated by all states.

It has been decided to accord the languages such as Urdu, Hindi, Nepali, Oriya, Santhali and Gurumukhi the status of second language where the people speaking the languages constitute 10% or more of the population. Urdu has already been accorded the status of a second language.

135 state ceremonies including birth and death anniversaries of renowned personalities in the field of art, culture and public life were commemorated in the Writers' Buildings and other places of the state.



Dignitaries visiting the state increased to 1400 in 2011-12 from 950 in 2010-11.



Other distinguishing achievements/policy initiatives/special programmes of the Department during last one year are:

- The **100 years of National Anthem** was commemorated by organizing a befitting programme at Town Hall on December 27, 2011.
- Project for renovation of the **Tagore House, Jorasanko** with the assistance of Central Government has been taken up.
- The **Rabindra Sadan Complex**, located in the heart of the city, is being envisaged to be **developed into a modern, state-of-the-art global complex**.
- **32 Rabindra Bhabans** are being renovated across the districts in West Bengal with financial assistance from the Government of India and the State Government.
- **Rabindra Rachanabali** (compilation of Tagore's works) is being published in **17 volumes**. The first and second volume has already been published.
- **Mongpu Villa** in Kalimpong, with which Tagore had a creative association, is being renovated.
- "**Rabi Kiraney**", a painting workshop, was organized at Gagandendra Pradarshashala from 26th to 28th March, 2012.
- The **Birth Anniversary of Nepali Poet Bhanubhakta** was organized on July 13, 2011 at Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Siliguri **after 20 years**.
- **Hool Dibas (Santhal Uprising Day)** was commemorated by the State Government in a befitting manner through felicitating the family members of Sidhu and Kanu and distribution of pattas of land among landless tribals of Paschim Medinipur district and awarding scholarships to tribal students.
- **37 committees** have been reconstituted or newly formed for taking up activities towards promotion and preservation of the various forms of art and culture in the state.
- **Kazi Nazrul Islam Academy** is being set up for preservation and promotion of Kazi Nazrul Islam's works. **Birsha Munda Academy, Rajbanshi Bhasha Academy and the Nepali Academy** are also being set up for the preservation of the language and culture of these regional entities.
- **Kazi Nazrul Islam's home at Churulia** in district of Burdwan and **Grace Cottage at Krishnanagar** in Nadia district will be preserved by the State Government.
- The **11th edition of Natya Mela** was organized from November 23-30, 2011 in Kolkata and Howrah, followed by the newly annexed North Bengal Chapter from December 3-7, 2011 in Siliguri.
- A **seven day dance festival** was organized from December 8-14, 2011 to **commemorate** the birth anniversary of the great Indian Maestro, **Uday Shankar**.
- The **Indian Classical Music Festival** was organized at Rabindra Sadan, Kolkata from **7th to 11th January 2012** with eminent artistes from across the State participating in it.
- **Rajya Charukala Utsav** was organized from **4th to 11th February 2012** where renowned artistes groups from all over the State participated.
- **Jatra Utsav** was held from **14th January to 7th February 2012** at Phanibhusan Bidyabinod Jatra Mancha. 27 troupes from all over the State participated in the Utsav. **Inmates of Alipore Correctional Home** staged a jatra titled "**Maa-Maati-Manush**".
- Roopkala Kendra organised the **first phase of 11th International Social Communication Cinema Conference** scheduled from 14th to 16th March, 2012 at Nandan. This year for the first time narrowcast delegates from the districts participated in the inaugural session held at Nandan.
- The **International Children Film Festival** was organized for the first time by the Sishu Kishore Academy which showcased 160 films.
- '**Uttam Kumar Award for excellence in Cinema**' has been constituted and will be conferred on persons for their lifetime contribution in the field of cinema.
- For **restoration and preservation of old Bengali films** made by the production houses of yester years, the Government had moved for archival rights including permission for tele-cine transferring the films in DIGI beta and hard disc. Thirty (30) immortal films made by the New Theatres in thirties and forties of the last century have been preserved. These include Daktar, Jiban Maran, Chandidas, Notirpuja among others.
- The **Heritage Commission and the Centre For Archeological Studies & Training in Eastern India (CASTEI)** have been reconstituted. The Directorate of Archaeology and Museums is taking active care towards the preservation of **108 State Protected Monuments and Sites** within the jurisdiction limit of

the State and publication of the reports on the exploration & excavation and catalogue of the museums, 'Jelar purakirti' in Bengali, etc. as a part of routine activities for creating awareness among the scholars, students and common people. The West Bengal Heritage Commission has declared more than 200 heritage buildings for protection and conservation.

- The Directorate of Archaeology in collaboration with PWD has undertaken the conservation work of **Radhagovinda Jew Temple at Antpur in Hooghly.**
- The District Museums at Bishnupur in Bankura district, Malda District Museum, Balurghat in Dakshin Dinajpur district, Raiganj in Uttar Dinajpur district, Jiaganj in Murshidabad District Museum at Jiaganj and Bagnan Ananda Niketan Kritishala will be strengthened during the

year 2012-13. New site museums are planned and rural museums will also be strengthened.

- The renovation of the roof of the pillared **Bhogamandap** in front of the **Durga Temple** at Antpur will be undertaken during the year 2012-13 along with other conservation works. The ancient **Portuguese Wooden Mast within the Bandel Church Complex** will also be conserved during this year. Already 33 projects have been identified for conservation and development of the State Protected Monuments, unprotected monuments and protected heritage buildings under the West Bengal Heritage Commission;
- Archaeological excavations are planned in the year 2012-13 at **Santhaldanga** located at the village Arra within the Police Station Bhatar in Burdwan, at **Chandraketugarh** in North 24 parganas district and **Dantan** in Paschim Medinipur.



Information Technology



Key Achievements

- Foundation stone laid for IT Hubs & incubation centres at Durgapur (Ph-II), Asansol, Barjora, Siliguri (Ph-II) and Purulia. Process for infrastructure building initiated. Land identified for such centres at Bolpur, Haldia, Kharagpur, Falta, Kalyani, Krishnanagar, Behala, Rajarhat, Bantala and Darjeeling.
- Pilot project for e-Office launched at DM Office, North 24-Parganas. Similar project is being implemented at South 24-Parganas.
- Push based sms alert system prepared for Disaster warning- a step towards Mobile Governance.
- Online application, processing and issue of Caste Certificates inaugurated in pilot e-Districts – Jalpaiguri & Bankura. The project was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister at Bankura in April, 2012.
- Prototype Employment Bank software application developed 70 lakhs data migrated to the database.
- Process of selecting private partners for IIIT at Kalyani almost complete after identification of land.
- Two Expert Committees headed by Mr. Sam Pitroda & Mr. N. R. Narayanmurthy have started functioning. The new IT Policy has been drafted as per the advice of the Committee.
- File & Letter Tracking System developed and implemented in different Govt. offices.
- WEBEL witnessed 17.6 % business growth and four times operating profit over last FY.

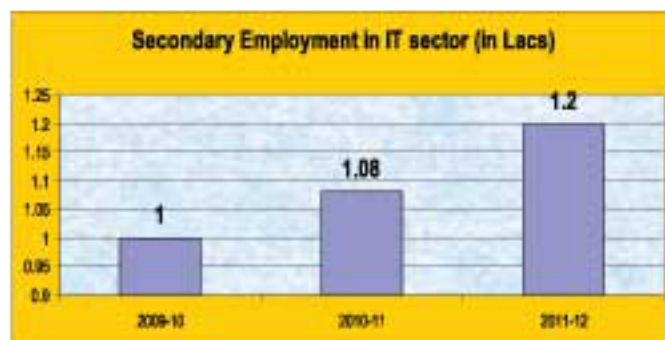
Following Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, NCR and Maharashtra, West Bengal occupies the sixth position in the country and aspires to become one of the top three IT states in the country in the IT, ITeS and ESDM sectors, capturing at least 25% of India's IT revenue by 2015 and to transform the State into a knowledge-driven welfare society with extensive use of IT and ITeS in Governance and in the daily lives of the people.

Total IT Exports from STPK and Non-STPK Parks for three Financial years are shown below:



Four of the top IT companies in India namely Tata Consultancy Services, IBM, Wipro and Cognizant Technology Solution are presently operating in the State. Around 200 companies are engaged in export of software and services from Kolkata. There are approximately 300 more companies who are engaged in domestic businesses.

The secondary employment in this sector is estimated at least five times more.



The graphical representation of the business of **WBEIDC Ltd (WEBEL)**, an undertaking under the administrative control of IT department shown below, reveals that during last three years, WEBEL and its group companies have a shown a steady growth of business from Rs. 87 Crores in 2009-10, Rs. 91 Crores in 2010-11 and Rs. 107 Crores (provisional) in 2011-12.



Besides, the operating profit of WEBEL & its group companies has increased from Rs. 1.00 Crore in 2010-11 to Rs. 4.00 Crores (provisional) in 2011-12.

Some of the major New Business received by WEBEL during last 6 months are shown below.

Sl.	Department	Job	Budget (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	Generation of a Web based "Employment Bank "	Labour	93
2.	"Samajik Mukti Card" (SMART Card) to Un-organized labour for PF and other social benefit Schemes	Labour	25
3.	Development of Web based Software Application and Issuance of similar Card to "Construction Workers" & "Transport Workers"	Labour	16
4.	Video Conferencing System between 19 offices of Food & Supplies Dept.	Food & Supplies	42
5.	Digitised Electronic PDS , Pilot Project with 5 lacs beneficiaries , 80 Ration shops at locations of Bowbazar, Kolkata & Sankrail, Howrah	Food & Supplies	220
6.	Document Management System (DMS) for office of DM (Darjeeling)	P&AR	70
7.	Web based Exam Portal System	Public Service Commission	50
8.	For connecting 82 nos. of Non KMA municipalities	Municipal Affairs	219
9.	For connecting 385 offices of L & LR Dept. across the State	L&LR	768
10.	For connecting 200 co-Located Nodes (Police Stations)	Home	400
11.	LAN in 200 offices of Labour Dept. across State	Labour	400
12.	Hardware for Data Centre of KUSP	Municipal Affairs	1700

Plan budget estimates for the last two financial years have been shown in the table below:

Year	2010-11	2011-12
Budget Estimate (Rs. Crores)	93.7	100.36
Expenditure (Rs. Crores)	16.42	29.52

e-Governance

The Government has taken up extensive e-Governance projects and schemes in tune with the National e-Governance Plan. The progress under these schemes is furnished below:

- 1.1 West Bengal State Wide Area Network (WBSWAN) has been set up by the IT department connecting the administrative framework of the State including Districts, Sub-Divisions and Blocks with more than 350 Points of Presence (PoPs). INVC, a software based Video-conferencing solution riding over WBSWAN is being implemented in 82 non-KMA ULBs, in addition to 51 KMA ULBs in the State. Also, a Studio based Video Conferencing facility is being provided to the 22 State Government Buildings to enable Hon'ble Ministers and Senior officials of the State Government to hold meetings with the District Officials on virtual environment.
- 1.2 State Data Centre (SDC) has been set up with the ultimate objective to consolidate all e-Governance infrastructures, applications and services of the State in a single dedicated world class Tier II data repository, which offers the highest degree of security, reliability and availability.

e-Governance applications hosted and managed at State Data Centre

Sl. No.	Year	Applications being hosted and managed at SDC
1.	2009-10	Nil (State Data Centre didn't exist at that time)
2.	2010-11	i) Banglarmukh portal ii) e-District portal
3.	2011-12	i) Banglarmukh portal ii) e-District portal iii) State Assisted Scheme of Provident Fund for Unorganized Workers SASPFUW) iv) Kolkata Urban Services for Poor (KUSP) v) Commercial Tax Directorate applications

1.3 The pilot e-District project is operational at Jalpaiguri and Bankura with following 15 public services:-

- (i) Income certificate, (ii) Domicile certificate, (iii) Caste Certificate, (iv) RTI, (v) Grievance Redressal, (vi) Firearm license, (vii) Fatka/Firecracker license, (viii) Blasting license, (ix) EM-1 (Entrepreneurs Memorandum - I), (x) EM-2 (Entrepreneurs Memorandum - II), (xi) Prime Minister Employment Programme, (xii) EC-cum-RC (Eligibility cum Registration certificate), (xiii) Subsidy, (xiv) Old age/ Widow/ Disability pensions, (xv) Social welfare - Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS)

- 1.4 A File & Letter tracking system, an in-house software application developed by State e-Governance Mission Team (SeMT) has been implemented in various Government offices by IT Department to make the file and letter management and tracking easier and efficient. Table 8 provides the details of the Government departments and offices having the system already operational. So far department like Information Technology, Urban Development, Commerce & Industries, New Town Kolkata Development Authority (NKDA), Home, Higher Education, Disaster Management, Personnel & Administrative Reforms, Women and Child Development and Social Welfare and Environment have adopted the system.
 - 1.5 The pilot project for "e-Office" has been launched in the District Magistrate office in North 24 Parganas with great success towards achieving the ultimate goal of an efficient, paperless government office. The project implementation is also under progress in the District Magistrate office in South 24 Parganas.
 - 1.6 The Government has decided to implement a Document Management & Archival System in each district of the State to create an electronic repository of all Government Records. Darjeeling District and Home department have been selected for the pilot effort.
 - 1.7 As a first step of Mobile Governance, a Push based SMS system for Disaster warning dissemination has been prepared for Disaster management department with technical expertise of SeMT.
- In the next step, the Government intends to extend Mobile based delivery of citizen services under various e-Governance schemes. As a pilot, Transactional (Push) and Pull-based mobile integration of Citizen Services under e-District scheme has been developed