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FOREWORD



A new government has moved to power in West Bengal. The government sticks to the ideal of the mother, the soil and the people. It's still the early days of the government. One may say, the government is still in the cradle. No work has been done in the last 34 years in West Bengal. Work culture was shattered. Economic destabilization struck roots. An immense burden of debt has been bequeathed to us. Both political anarchy and deterioration of law and order situation are causes of concern. At this juncture of time the new regime has taken over the charge of governance. West

Bengal was put to devastation by the erstwhile government. Now the job of restructuring the state has begun.

It is a difficult situation. The job in this situation poses a challenge. It marks the beginning of fulfilling the pre-poll pledges that were made during the days of struggle along with the people at large. The process of returning land to the unwilling farmers at Singur has started. The matter is sub-judice now. We are waiting for the judgment. The work will commence as soon as we get the approval. Industry will go hand in hand with agriculture in peaceful coexistence as they complement each other. Industry will flourish by maintaining the interests of farmers and agriculture, stepping up agro-diversities. We have been able to highlight our efforts within the span of a few months

People of both the hills and the Jangal Mahal are all smiles now. Importance has been attached to tourism, and people are responding. Tourists are thronging the tourist-spots in huge numbers. Tourism-based economy is growing in the hills again. We have been dissipating and accelerating the growth of tourism by way of developing the infrastructure. The age-limit for public service has been enhanced from 32 years to 40 years. The age-

limit for Scheduled-caste and Scheduled-tribe candidates has been fixed at 45 and for OBC candidates at 43. Teachers now get salaries on the 1st day of every month. DA to the tune of 10% has been sanctioned and released for Government employees. One-time ex-gratia payment for puja-festival has also been increased. Paid leaves for two years have been sanctioned to women in government service in their service period to look after their children.

Various steps have been taken for the rural people. Arrangements are being taken to hand over the wages to the workers, engaged in 100-day jobs on the spot. The target limit of earth-digging job has been reduced from 99 cft. to 69 cft. This is in consideration of the general physical ability and diligence of men and women of West Bengal. Kishan Credit Card and crop insurance have been introduced. The number of cold storages is being increased. 150 cold storages will come up within the next few years. The government is standing beside the paddy, potato and jute-growers. The state-government has given subsidy to jute-growers although the centre has done nothing for them. Farmers had to face trouble owing to the doing away of ceiling of fertilizer prices initiated by the centre a long time ago. Problems in relation to fertilizer would not have cropped up if the state governments raised their voices of protests then. Our government has placed a demand to the union government that fertilizers should remain subsidized and farmers should be given proper support.

Rule of law is being restored in the state. Work for establishing democracy by demolishing partisan rule is in full swing. And it is being done with earnestness. The work for doing away with pockets of partisan rule in different sectors including police-administration, health and education is on. Much freedom could be achieved. People in general are benefited, although a lot is yet to be done. Democracy will be restored above all. The law and order situation is being revamped for facilitating the job of police-administration. Four new Police Commissionarates have been constituted. We are working towards the aim of attaining a better administration. Coordination is being stepped up by ministers and officers in districts. I myself have visited quite a few districts and held meetings. Administrative coordination is being initiated from the grassroots level. Functions of different departments are being strung along besides enhancing coordination in between functionaries like the OC and BDO, the SDPO and the SDO, the DM and the SP. A more efficient administration is our target.

Steps are being taken to ensure the welfare of all the Nepalese and Tribal workers of Tea-gardens. The government stands beside the people with a humane attitude after removing

the scars of the dark days of long-standing deprivation and backwardness in the Jangal Mahal and the Aila-affected parts of the state. A special importance is being attached to the Health sector. New health districts are being shaped up. The infrastructure which remained hamstrung for a long time, is being rejuvenated. The government is taking all the necessary steps to curb the rate of child-mortality. More infrastructural jobs in relation to treatment of children have been performed in so little a time than what the previous government did in their long tenure. The general health of mother and child continues to be precarious owing to factors like remoteness of some areas, poverty, lack of awareness on the part of a section of society, early marriage and premature motherhood, want of adequate food, malnutrition etc. Children are being brought to hospitals in serious condition. In these cases, matters like rural development, social awareness and welfare of women are to be looked into as they are all essential apart from the development of infrastructural facilities of the hospitals alone. The previous government left all these unattended after so many years of rule. We have been trying our best to scale down the child-mortality rate in the face of this dangerous situation. One per cent decrease in CMR has already been made possible in a short period of time. An approval could be obtained from the Planning Commission to the effect that 25-26 hospitals would be constructed in districts within 2-3 years and that the hospitals would contain facilities to treat super critical cases of medical emergency. The work will begin with the availability of fund without lapse of time.

We have been working through financial constraints. As much as 94% of the resources are being spent in mandatory expenditures like salary payments and accrual of interest, thanks to indiscriminate loans made by the previous government. How is it possible to manage the rest? Our ability therefore falls short of what we aspired for, planned for and desired. We take it as a challenge. We are showing that it is possible. People are the witnesses. Some, of course, are not able to take our progress against these odds in the proper spirit. Those publicity-mongering fault-finders are taking resort to false propaganda, slander and even conspiracies that affect people adversely. What were they doing for so many days? Taking a long nap? The state went through a long period of partisanship, backwardness, exploitation, corruption, lack of planning and oppression. The previous government riddled West Bengal. We have been trying to give the state a new lease of life by dedicating ourselves and assuming it as a challenge. Some are publicly criticizing us without mentioning our good performances. This is unmixed conspiracy. You can not expect

to turn everything into gold overnight. But our struggle is on, and we are earnest nevertheless. The envious lot would never like it. It is for this reason, false statements are issued forth and facts and statistical data are being ignored. In fact, work for all the sections of the society is being pursued. A great many initiatives and programmes are being taken for the people belonging to the minority sections. Employment opportunities are being widened for self-help groups and the government grant is extended for them to render their products more commercially viable. A bunch of employment opportunities, many schemes including 'own land, own house' scheme have been arranged for the members of backward classes and special importance is being attached to the unorganized sector as well.

A record quantum of activities has been done now within a very short span of time since we came to power. Much of the activities remained unattended to in the last 34 years which left the state in jeopardy. We are breaking the inertia of inactivity, removing the stalemate and lending speed. We believe in the adage: 'work more, talk less'. This is the change, this is how the governance for the soil, the mother and the people will be run. We have started the campaign to lead Bengal to the supreme seat in the confederacy of global powers chanting the hymn of performance orientation. Those who do not like this are envying us, slandering us and conspiring against us. I am sure that the soil, the mother and the people of Bengal would not believe in those conspirators.

The new government has done much work in a very short span of time; shortage of space would not allow me to present all the details in this write-up. I have just mentioned a few of our activities and I shall thank the people again. You have reposed your confidence on us. We are, we were and we shall be by you. The act of reviving all the departments including those of Education, Industry, Agriculture, Health, Economics, Employment, Law and Order and Culture has started from within a very tough situation. We have been working with the target that all the people from all walks of the society get the benefits of development. This is what we are aiming at. The process has begun and will go on and grow. Be with us.

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Chief Minister, West Bengal

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Home

Introduction:

Home Department contains the branches - (1) Police Branch, (2) Political Branch, (3) Home Special (HR) Branch, (4) Political Sufferer Branch, (5) F & NRI Branch, (6) CR Branch and (7) C & E Branch.

Major achievements

Howrah / ASL-DGP Police Commissionerates have been created since September 1, 2011 in order to strengthen the law and order situation. 2 new Commissionerates at Bidhan Nagar and Barrackpore have begun to function since January 20, 2012. Creation of 2 more Commissionerates at Siliguri and Haldia is under process.

The Police Welfare Board has been formed in order to put an end to political interference and to find solutions to the various problems that the non-gazetted police personnel, working in both West Bengal and Kolkata Police forces.

The area under the jurisdiction of Kolkata Police has been extended. The area, which was 104.5 sq. km. before this arrangement has come up to 108.5 sq. km. following the formation of 17 Police Station out of 9 ones and the formation of 2 divisions by inducting 10 Traffic Guards in South 24 Parganas.

Surrender and Rehabilitation Scheme for CPI (Maoist): State Govt. has declared a revised Surrender and Rehabilitation Scheme for CPI (Maoist) inclined to abjure violence and return to main stream which yielded good result and 11 Maoist squad members have surrendered so far.

Job opportunities for inhabitants in Jangal Mahal area: State Govt. has made an extensive provision to recruit 10,700 Constables, HGs and NVFs, exclusively from 23 Blocks in Jangal Mahal from amongst the unemployed youths of the area. The recruitment process of 5,000 NVFs is almost complete

Cheques from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund of Rs. 3 lakh each (Rs. 2 lakh already delivered to them) have been handed over to the families of Rabindranath (Babu) Bose, Rabindralal Mishra and Lalmohan Mahato, who died of Maoist attacks, from Jangal Mahal Festival dais on January 12, 2012 at Jhargram. This is an unprecedented event in the state.

Cheques of Rs. 1 lakh each were also handed over from the same dais to 22 families of persons, assassinated by Maoists. The families consist of 57 members in all.

Fixed deposit certificates of Rs. 1.5 lakh each were given to 9 Maoist members in keeping with the promise of rehabilitation package.

Decisions have been taken to create 65 Police Stations, run exclusively by women in the state. Of these 10 such women-run Police stations have been functional in Howrah, Barasat, Baruipur, Asansol, Jhargram, Contai, Chinsurah, Krishnagar, Siliguri and Jalpaiguri.

Home (Political, Constitution & Election, Commonwealth Relations)

1. Notifications regarding constitution of 7 Commissions of Inquiry namely, (1) D. P. Sengupta Commission of Inquiry (regarding death of Mustafa Bin Quasim, MLA), (2) Arunava Basu Commission of Inquiry (regarding Sainbari), (3) Gitesh Ranjan Bhattacharjee Commission of Inquiry (regarding death of B.D.O., Kallol Sur), (4) Susanta Kumar Chattopadhyay Commission of Inquiry (regarding Mahakaran Abhijan), (5) Justice Prabir Kumar Samanta Commission of Inquiry (regarding Mograhat firing), (6) Justice Nikhil Nath Bhattacharya Commission of Inquiry (regarding firing on people of Santhal community at Paschim Medinipur) and (7) Justice A.K.Bishi Commission of Inquiry (regarding mass killing at Cossipore) have already been issued.
2. 4 new departments have been formed. (a) Department for North Bengal Development with a view to bettering the condition of districts in North Bengal. (b) Department for Inland Water Transport in order to use waterways as an alternative mode of conveyance. (c) Department for Youth Services for the development of the youth. (d) Department for Statistics and Programme implementation.
3. Change of name of this State - from 'West Bengal' to 'Paschimbanga' is under process.

Home (Police)

- ❖ East Traffic Guard under Kolkata Police has been bifurcated into two Traffic Guards namely East Traffic Guard and Park Circus Traffic Guard.
- ❖ 6967 nos of posts in different ranks have been created for the newly included Police Stations which are to be filled up phase wise in four consecutive years.
- ❖ 2500 posts of Constables, 300 Police Drivers and 50 Lady Constables have been created under Kolkata Police.
- ❖ K.P.R.B. have been permitted to fill up 137 posts of S.I., 115 posts of Lady S.I. and 684 posts of Sergeant in Kolkata Police.
- ❖ Medical treatment of Family members- Previously, only the Police personnel of Kolkata Police were entitled for free Medical treatment at Kolkata Police Hospital. Now the family members are entitled for free treatment.

Improved Group Mediciclaim Policy: A better mediclaim policy was implemented for the Kolkata Police personnel and their families. The new features of this policy include the following:

- ❖ The sum insured has been increased from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 1.50 lakh.
- ❖ Buffer amount has been increased from Rs. 60 lakh to Rs. 1 crore.
- ❖ The parents of the employees have been covered in the policy. Hence the family size is now 1+5 instead of 1+3 as in the previous policy.
- ❖ The retired police employees have been permitted to become a member of this policy along with their spouse.

Community Policing

- ❖ In order to encourage students, the toppers of Class-X and Class-XII were felicitated during the Rabindra Sandhya Programme on 11.06.2011 by Kolkata Police.
- ❖ A project namely 'KIRAN' aiming at imparting Computer Education amongst the children of the underprivileged section of the society was launched on 25.06.2011 under Topsia Police Station, Kolkata Police.
- ❖ A project viz. 'GOALZ' was started in collaboration with the British Council to impart football training to the young talents coming from the underprivileged areas.
- ❖ Transit Trauma Care Unit was inaugurated at Kolkata Police Hospital in order to provide emergency treatment to those injured in road accidents. This initiative has been undertaken by Kolkata Police in order to bring down the mortality rate in cases of road accidents.
- ❖ A 'Cyber Lab' was inaugurated on 10.08.11 at Lalbazar. This lab will be utilized to train officers dealing with cyber crime in cyber forensics and allied areas.
- ❖ Increase of CCTVs at the strategic locations to monitor traffic flow centrally from Lalbazar traffic control room.

WEST BENGAL POLICE

Welfare measure for CIF Bn. raised in the State: State Govt. has announced provision for paying 30% Risk Allowance for serving policemen in CIF Bn. to boost up their morale and confidence.

Seizure of illegal lethal weaponries: Search and seizure of the illegal lethal weaponries - special emphasis has been given to implement this at field level with monitoring from senior officers. The updated statistics noted below reflects achievement of police during the last 180 days.

- ❖ No. of Arms Seized : 6422
- ❖ No. of Ammunition Seized : 39281
- ❖ No. of Bombs seized : 8631

Personnel & Administrative Reforms

Introduction :

The **Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department** is the Cadre Controlling and reformative Authority for IAS, WBCS (Executive), West Bengal Secretariat Service and Assistants & Typists in the West Bengal Secretariat. The attached Offices of P&AR Department are (i) Administrative Training Institute (ii) Resident Commissioner, West Bengal at New Delhi (iii) Vigilance Commission (iv) West Bengal Information Commission and (v) Lokayukta, West Bengal. Allotment of fund for development of infrastructure in district and sub-divisional level is another key function of this Department. It functions as 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 Achievements of Department

- ❖ The upper age limit of general candidates in Group 'C' and 'D' categories of Government jobs has been extended from 37 years to 40 years, to 45 years in the cases of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates and 43 years in the case of Other Backward Class candidates.
- ❖ West Bengal Staff Selection Commission has been formed to avoid procrastination in the recruitment of government employees in the Group 'C' and 'D' categories by PSC. This commission will henceforth appoint 'C' & 'D' category employees.
- ❖ The Vigilance Commission has been reformed by turning the one man commission to the 3 men commission. The activities are expected to be speedier and more accountable. One of the main activities of the commission will be to probe into various complaints under the provision of Anti Corruption Act 1988.
- ❖ The West Bengal Civil Service (Exe.) Recruitment Rules, 1978 has been amended in order to enhance scopes for promotion from other posts to WBCS (Exe.) cadre.
- ❖ The West Bengal Civil Service (Executive) (Determination of Seniority) Rules 2001 has been amended in order to remove anomalies regarding seniority of promoted and directly recruited WBCS (Exe) Officers.

- ❖ The West Bengal Secretariat Service (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules, 2001 have been amended. As a result of this move, approval of the concerned department will not be necessary in case of a placement of officers belonging to Secretariat Service in the state.
- ❖ The West Bengal Services (Training & Examination) Rules, 1953 has been amended. From now on, the seniority of WBCS Officers will not depend solely upon the result of an examination, but also on the report as to how the concerned officer has assimilated the training.
- ❖ In order to provide better services to the people of West Bengal, its responsibility has been entrusted to the Resident Commissioner, New Delhi.
- ❖ WBIC has arranged for online reservation facility for tourists, planning to visit various destinations in West Bengal. A media centre has been opened at Banga Bhavan for an exchange of information. A web page titled 'Media Reflections' has been created to collate all the news items pertaining to West Bengal in the print media. The centres emergency contact no (toll free) is 1800-11-3300.

Other Achievements of Department

- The Service Records of IAS and WBCS have been computerized and placed on the Web for its easy access to the Officers. Efforts are on to provide various online services to officers and staff to improve their efficiency.
- Construction of Administrative Building of South 24-Parganas at Baruipur is going on in full swing. A sum of Rs. 100 crore has so far been released as subsidy.
- The work of land development and construction of Administrative Building of Purba Medinipur at Nimtouri at a cost of Rs. 51.13 crore is continuing.
- Construction of Administrative Buildings of S.D.O. at Kharagpur, Egra, Siliguri, Bidhannagar and Ranaghat has also been taken up. These schemes are likely to be completed soon.
- This Department has taken up a scheme for setting up of 3 (three) Regional Training Centres (RTCs) in the districts of Darjeeling, Coochbehar and Howrah at a cost of Rs. 4.50 crore. Initiative has been taken to dispose of Public Grievances promptly with the use of Information Technology.

Attached Office: Administrative Training Institute

➤ 3 (three) more class rooms and one computer laboratory have been constructed in the Disaster Management Wing of the Administrative Training Institute (ATI). The Institute organized quite a few functions in order to enhance the skills and capabilities of the administrative personnel.

➤ A new hostel in the ATI is being constructed to augment the hostel accommodation by another 100 seats. The estimated cost of the scheme is to the tune of Rs. 73.06 lakh only.

Attached Office: West Bengal Information Commission

➤ 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.

Upcoming Projects:

➤ It is proposed to start training of engineers recruited by different departments at their induction level in the ATI.

➤ The WBIC is planning to construct its own building in near future.



Health & Family Welfare

The Health department took quite a few significant decisions in the last few months after the new government had taken over. There is a completely new work culture, a rediscovery of work ethic, a reassertion of our accountability towards the citizenry and a rapid rollback of the decade's old patina of destructive and all pervasive politicisation. The symptoms of the lack of working atmosphere are being withered away.

A crisp well targeted and able to be monitored Plan of Action (POA) has been prepared for the next 4 years. The overall attitude is vastly different from the monotonous, turgid verbosity of yesteryears.

Improvements in hospital administration, provision of advanced medical infrastructure in the districts, optimal use of existing resources, greater transparency in procurement, stronger accountability on the part of all health department functionaries, emphasis on the rapid reduction of IMR /MMR, polio eradication, sharp reductions in the incidence of vector borne diseases like kalaazar, dengue & chikungunya, purposive use of private sector skills and energy through an open PPP process, are but some of the features of the POA, which is available to all citizens on the health department website. The government has posted all these facts on the website because it believes in transparency.

1. Increase in the number of seats at Medical Colleges

The number of seats in the government medical colleges has been increased to 1750.

2. New Health Districts

It has been decided to create seven new health districts. All the preparatory actions, including location of office space, post creation etc. have been finalised. Formal notifications will be issued soon & it is expected that these new health districts at 7 places i.e. Bishnupur of Bankura, Diamond Harbour of South 24 Parganas, Basirhat of North 24 Parganas, Jhargram of Paschim Medinipur or Jangal Mahal, Asansol of Bardhaman, Nandigram of Purba Medinipur and Rampurhat of Birbhum will be operational soon. Jhargram has already started to function as a Health District.

3. Reducing the rush of patients in upper grade hospitals

Linkages of the Medical College hospitals with other nearby hospitals of smaller capacity were announced earlier. Work on these has been carried forward. SSKM Hospital is supervising neonatal section of the MR Bangur Hospital. Formal tie up of RG Kar Hospital with Abinash Datta Maternity Home, Indira Matri Sadan, NRS Hospital with Bidhannagar SGH & Chittaranjan National Medical College with Bagha Jatin SGH will be operational soon.

These initiatives, taken together with the planned upgradation of Gardenreach, Baghajatin, Vidyasagar, Abinash Datta hospitals and the addition of nearly 3500 beds in smaller facilities, will help address the problem of overcrowding in big hospitals to a large extent.

4. Budget & Finance

Non plan expenditure is going up by 35% a year. Despite this enhanced outlay of non-plan budget, adequate provision has been made for supply of drug and consumables to the hospitals for better care of the patients.

5. Initiatives taken in Jangalmahal

In the line with the announcements in Jhargram made by the Chief Minister, mobile medical units (MMUs) have become operational in 11 Jangalmahal blocks (Gopiballavpur-I, Gopiballavpur-II, Binpur-I & Binpur -II, Jhargram, Jambani, Salboni, Sankrail, Nayagram, Garbeta-II, Medinipur Sadar). Land for training of ANMs at Lalgurh has been identified. Mobile ambulances have been operational one each in Medinipur MCH, Jhargram SDH, Mohanpur BPHC, Belpahari RHC / Kharikhamthami BPHC in Paschim Medinipur and Balarampur PHC in Purulia. The work of upgradation of Jhargram SDH and the upgradation of Raipur BPHC to 70 bedded rural hospital has already been undertaken. The vacancies in health centres of Jangalmahal area are being filled. Young doctors willing to serve in these areas are being offered with the incentive that they would be transferred after two year tenures.

6. OPD Monitoring

To monitor the timely running of the OPDs in hospitals with 100 or more beds, an SMS-based monitoring system has been introduced. Superintendents of the hospitals send structured messages by 9:30 am each day indicating the number of OPDs opened vis-à-vis number of OPDs scheduled to open. The SMS also provides information regarding the attendance of doctors. As a result, the OPDs are regularly monitored (whether opened timely, absenteeism of doctors etc.). The initiative has been operational for last three months and has yielded good results. Timeliness and attendance have improved.

The monitoring system is being extended to districts as well so that the district authorities may monitor the status of function of OPDs at BPHCs and PHCs.

7. Sick Neonatal Care Units (SNCU)

So far the state had 70 beds for SNCU in 6 hospitals. The new government has extended the facility to 194 beds for SNCU in 13 hospitals within this short time. Effective mother & child care has been prioritized. 6 new units for sick new-born babies have been commissioned in B.C.Roy & M.R.Bangur, Howrah, Malda, Baharampur and Siliguri hospitals. Such type of

units at Arambagh, Jangipur, Chinsurah and Balurghat are going to be completed. The health department hopes to have at least 24 fully operational SNCUs by end of this year and 40 units by the financial year 2012-13. A new High Level Task Force (HLTF) has been set up under some eminent practitioners to improve mother and child care. 121 new Comprehensive Emergency Maternity and Obstetric Centres & 569 Basic Emergency Maternity and Obstetric Centres have been created using funds from NRHM. The referral transport chain that caters to mothers and children for their immediate transportation, in case of emergency, to better medical attention is operational. Institutional deliveries have risen sharply. Proposals for additional infrastructure to be created in the medical colleges and district hospitals are under consideration. New protocols are being issued for the mother and child care units in the medical colleges & hospitals to ensure 24 X 7 care. The rate of child-death has come down as a result of these measures.

8. Creation of tertiary care units in districts & sub-divisions

A project proposal with an expenditure of more than Rs. 2000 crore designed to create tertiary care infrastructure in districts and sub-divisions like Bishnupur, Chatna, Borjora, Onda of Bankura; Bolpur and Rampurhat of Birbhum; Gangarampur of Dakshin Dinajpur; Mal and Falakata of Jalpaiguri; Chanchol of Malda; Debra, Ghatal, Jhargram, Salboni, Nayagram and Gopiballavpur of Paschim Medinipur; Egra and Panskura of Purba Medinipur; Sagardighi, Jangipur, Domkal of Murshidabad; Raghunathpur of Purulia; Baruipur, Kakdwip, Metiabruz Diamond Harbour of South 24 Parganas; and Islampur of Uttar Dinajpur, has been prepared and sent to GOI. Further, jointly with the Uttar Banga Unnayan Parishad, a well-thought out programme with an estimated expenditure of more than Rs. 50 crore has been prepared for the districts in North Bengal. These include, the improvement of the mental hospital at Tufanganj of Coochbehar, upgradation of the MJN hospital of the same district and building up of the 2nd campus of the Siliguri district hospital etc.

9. Citizen Centric Fortnight

The recently concluded Citizen Centric Fortnight has been a success. It sought to focus on & redress very important needs. Citizens have placed their demand, along with issues like free transport, drugs and consumables & diet for all mothers and infants. Long accumulated bio-medical wastes are being removed; drinking water facilities and proper seating arrangements in the OPDs and outside labour rooms have been provided. The hospitals have been spruced up, freshly painted and wards and toilets cleaned.

10. Tertiary Care facilities through PPP

A concept paper on tertiary care facilities through PPP in districts / sub-divisions has been posted on the website for comments. Public interest has been growing and we expect the formal EOI (Expression of Interest) process based on public opinion to commence soon. An innovative approach seeking O & M operators from the private /NGO sector to run some of the underutilized suburban health-care facilities is ready for implementation. Once grounded, this could prove to be a game changer for our public health system.

11. Human Resources Development

Human resources development has been brought back into focus. Government doctors, who have worked for 3 years in remote, difficult and backward areas, will now be entitled to a 50% quota in PG diploma and 40% quota in PG degree seats. They will also be entitled to 30% weightage in marks as an additional incentive. This benefit, though available nationwide, was introduced in 2010-11 in our state.

12. Transfer & Promotion Policy

Transfer & promotion policies for medical officers have been finalised through a comprehensive, web-based interactive process. Gradation lists, promotion and transfer policies for a numbers of other categories of staff have been published & put up on the website. Good performers are being felicitated. A calibrated course of action for accelerated career advancement in the Health Services Directorate is nearly ready for implementation.

13. Manpower

Necessary manpower is being inducted in phases. More than 300 new medical teachers have been recruited, followed by 232 GDMOs and 37 specialists to man the health facilities in districts. 285 Auxiliary Nurse cum Midwives (ANM) have recently been recruited. A major programme to induct 2500 nurses is on the anvil. To meet urgent needs of the Sick New-born Care Units (SNCU), 600 retired nurses are being taken on contract basis.

14. Steps to eradicate Polio

The government is determined to prevent a recurrence of polio. An unprecedented Public support could be garnered for the purpose. The district administrations, the UNICEF, the WHO, the National Polio Support Programme (NPSP), the Rotary Club, the KMC and other urban bodies are working closely with health department officials. Programme quality has improved. Similar emphasis is put upon fighting diseases like malaria, kalaazar, dengue and Japanese encephalitis with the support of one and all.

In all, there is a ray of hope, of optimism and a renewed sense of accountability of the government to the public is witnessed. Development based on the programme of 'health for all' will be carried forward.

- matters pertaining to granting permission for more than ceiling under section 14Y of the W.B.L.R. Act, 1955 etc;
- ensuring that safeguards are taken to avoid misuse of the land;
- preventing any coercive measures in the matter of procurement of land;
- ensuring payment of fair and reasonable price for the land.
- Land Problems Eased For Industries- The Government has solved the land related problems of many of the investors in the industrial sector. Six Large/Medium scale employment generating industrial projects like M/s. Jindal Steel Works Limited, M/s. Patton International Ltd. etc. have been allowed to hold land, for setting up of Industries, in excess of the prescribed ceiling limits.
- Leasehold Lands Lying Unutilized Being Monitored- Government has decided to ascertain the details of leasehold lands lying unutilized beyond the stipulated period of three years for the purpose for which it was settled so that necessary action can be taken in respect of such cases as per law.
- Vesting and Distribution of Land Gains Momentum- Target of vesting of land during this financial year has been hiked. An area of 274.91 acres of land has already been vested. Steps are being taken to achieve maximum vesting of land as possible to reach the target.
- Target of distribution of vested agricultural land in the form of Pattas to the landless farmers during this financial year has also been correspondingly hiked. An area of 657.37 acres of land has already been distributed so far, benefiting 4632 families. Steps have been taken to achieve the target so fixed.
- Nijo Griha Nijo Bhumi Prakaalpa Launched- To provide all landless and homeless families 3 Cottahs of land so that by 2015-16 there would be no landless and homeless families in the rural Bengal, a new scheme called Nijo Griha Nijo Bhumi Prakaalpa has already been launched by the Government.
- The Chief Minister handed over pattas of 3 cottahs of land to 103 beneficiaries under this project from the Jhargram Stadium dais on January 12, 2012. The Chief Minister initiated the project to bring it into the reach of 5.5 lakh landless and homeless people in five years' time.

- More Thrust to Citizen-centric Services- 326616 nos. of petitions for Correction of Records under section 50 of WBLR Act 1955 have been disposed of on the basis of merit of the cases during the last 200 days. 239325 nos. of mutation petitions, 29100 nos. of Conversion petitions and 6075 nos. of Barga petitions have also been disposed of during this period after necessary formalities. About 11,000 nos. of bargadars and pattadars have received institutional finance for supporting cultivation.
- Roll out of MAP Services in all 341 Blocks and supply of mouza maps to the citizens from District Land & Land Reforms Offices has been arranged as a measure of citizen centric services. Citizens may now collect ROR and computerized map of the land from the land & land revenue office.
- Emphasis on e-services- Land & Land Reforms Department will soon be launching a departmental website. Citizens will be able to get instant information regarding land matters by entering the website.
- Recognizing importance of electronic connectivity for better, faster and more transparent governance, all BL&LRO, SDL&LRO, DL&LRO & Collector Offices are being connected with the Office of D.L.R.&S., W.B. at the State level by West Bengal State Wide Area Network (WBSWAN) under National Land Records Modernization Schemes.
- Pilot Project for Integration of some Land Reforms Offices with Sub-Registry Offices to make mutation on registration an easy and automatic affair is being worked out by the department. 10,036 nos. of computerized mouza records have already been updated in the last few months. Survey Settlement works of 64 mouzas have been finally published during this period.
- Institutional Initiatives- Large nos. of court cases pending in different courts and tribunals are being reviewed and steps are being taken for their expeditious disposal.

First phase of work i.e. listing of the household schedules under 9th Agricultural Census Operation 2010-2011 has already been completed in 3904 mouzas and steps have been taken to improve revenue collection. An amount of more than Rs 100 crore has already been collected in the last few months.

Information & Cultural Affairs

The Information & Cultural Affairs department under the State Government is primarily entrusted to catering information to the people, promoting cultural activities, encouraging film movement and preserving archaeological heritage of the State. In an effort to accelerate the pace of activities for reaching out to more people, the department has been geared up and given a new shape. And this is why there has been a perceptible change in the approach and performance of the department under the new regime. A brief sketch of achievements is as under:

Achievements

- statewide celebration of 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore in a befitting manner
- observance of the Hool Dibas (Santhal Uprising Day) in a befitting manner through felicitating the members of the families of Sidho and Kanho and distributing pattas of land among the landless tribals of Paschim Medinipur and awarding scholarships to the tribal students to encourage them to attain education
- conferring Bangabibhushan award, instituted for the first time, to 9 legendary personalities
- observance of birth and death anniversaries of famous personalities in Writers' Buildings
- establishing the first Kazi Najrul Islam academy in the state
- restructuring the Heritage Commission
- the department decided, in consultation with the Government of India, to take up a project for repairing of the Tagore House at Jorasanko jointly with the Union Govt.
- setting up a larger Press Corner and widening of the adjacent press- briefing area
- revamping the Mongpu Villa with which Rabindranath Tagore had a direct creative association,
- participated in the India International Trade Fair-2011 as a co-organizer state. Important seminars were organized on topics of 'Aspects of the tourism sector of the state', and 'Promotion of indigenous small grain rice in the domestic, and

international markets'. This year the State Day was organized with an interactive session titled Rising Bengal. Hon'ble Chief Minister was present along with four of her ministerial colleagues. Union ministers were also present on the occasion.



The Chief Minister, in the function, upheld the prospects of industrial investments in the state in the presence of the Ambassadors / foreign delegates, industrialists and Government officials.

- The 17th edition of the Kolkata Film Festival, this year, was organized in a different way as the event got off to a more colorful start than the earlier occasions as the festival this year was inaugurated for the first time at the Netaji Indoor Stadium with wide participation of members of the Bengali film industry cultural personalities and common people.. The Bollywood Superstar Sharukh Khan and eminent actor Sharmila Tagore were present on the occasion. As many as 150 films from 50 countries were showcased in this year's festival. All information was provided to people through a website which was launched for the first time in the history of the Kolkata Film Festival. For the first time a grand finale was organised at Nandan. Next year the govt. will ensure wider participation of people in the Kolkata Film Festival (KFF), making Netaji Indoor Stadium a regular screening venue.
- The 11th edition of Natya Mela was organised as per its regular schedule from the November 23- 30, 2011 in Kolkata and Howrah, followed by an extension of the event in Siliguri of North Bengal from the 3rd to the 7th of December, 2011. All forms of drama performed by over 100 theatre groups from all over the state were showcased in over eight auditoria. Seminars and symposia were also organized.
- A state -level Committee has been formed to implement various programmes on the occasion of sesquicentennials of Swami Vivekananda.

Projects in the pipeline

- ▶ Setting up of cultural academies in Junglemahal (Sidho-Kanhu Academy) and Darjeeling (Nepali Academy) in order to encourage local culture of Jangal Mahal.
- ▶ For the development, modernization and widening of Rabindra Sadan campus, a Vision Committee has already been set up.
- ▶ Upgradation of the Rabindra Bhawans across the state under the Tagore Cultural Complex scheme, in consultation with Government of India.
- ▶ Five cultural centres to be set up at Bishnupur, Santiniketan, Jangipur, Aantpur and the Currency Building, Kolkata.
- ▶ A completely new Film City to set up at Uttarpara.
- ▶ Upgradation and modernization of the 100 year old Technicians' Studio at Tollygunge.
- ▶ In a bid to uphold the language and culture of the linguistic minorities of the state, the state government has decided to accord the languages such as Urdu, Hindi, Nepali, Oriya, Santhali and Gurumukhi the status of second language as the people speaking these languages constitute 10 per cent or more of the population in the state.
- ▶ Revamping Basumati Corporation Limited to the extent of viability.
- ▶ Instituting Uttam Kumar award for the first time.
- ▶ Developing the West Bengal Film Development Corporation through Public Private Partnership.
- ▶ Revamping the rural Information & Cultural Wing so that the state govt. can ensure a better communication.



Minority Affairs & Madrasah Education

Objective is to bring about socio-economic empowerment of the minority communities through development in the field of education, housing, skill development, self-employment; and to ensure communal harmony throughout West Bengal through promotion of institutions for this purpose.

Achievement

- The state government has set a target to affiliate 10000 unaffiliated Madrasahs and the process has already been started.
- The West Bengal Minority Development & Finance Corporation, the West Bengal Minorities Commission, The State Haj Committee, the West Bengal Madrasah Service Commission and the Governing Body of the Urdu Academy have been reconstituted.
- A meeting was held between Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) Rajendra Sachar in Kolkata to discuss steps to be taken for all-round development of Minorities in the State.
- Salary payment to teachers of 609 Madrasah is being made on the 1st day of each month through banks.
- Funds are being sanctioned for construction of boundary walls of different burial grounds. So far, Rs. 365 lakh have been released for 65 such cases.
- 650 teaching posts have been sanctioned in High/Higher Secondary Madrasahs.
- 12,639 beneficiaries have been provided with self-employment loan and micro-credit amounting to Rs. 33.55 crore.
- 1673 students have been given Rs. 5.37 crore education loan.



- About 4.83 lakh students from Primary to PhD level have been given scholarship amounting to Rs. 63.39 crore.
- 4,421 minority youth are undergoing skill development programme in trades having high employment potential. Another 5000 youth will start receiving skill development training soon. 4671 unemployed youth are undergoing Job-oriented training (School Service/Madrasah Service Commission).
- In Kolkata Municipal Corporation area, 4 (four) Ward Health Units and 3 (three) Urdu medium Primary schools have been set up with funds from this Deptt.
- 3279 IAY houses, 1458 Anganwari centers, 896 additional classrooms in different schools, 155 health centers will be constructed soon.
- 20 acre and 5 acre land at Rajarhat, New Town have been allotted for Aliah University and New Haj Tower respectively.
- An awareness-cum-scholarship & loan distribution programme with Hon'ble Chief Minister as the Chief Guest was conducted on 30.07.11 and on 10.1.12 at Netaji Indoor Stadium, On the second day the Chief Minister disbursed scholarship amounting to Rs. 51.5 crore among 3.06 lakh students and educational loan amounting to Rs. 11.92 crore among 56 thousand students. We can refer here that during previous year Rs. 111.23 crore was disbursed among 6.84 lakh students in this two heads. This year the number of students has increased to 8 lakh and more 2 lakh students may receive scholarship and educational loan in this year.
- The department has so far released Rs. 26 crore for education purpose, Rs. 103 crore for skill development & self employment and Rs. 10.72 crore for infrastructure development.
- The Foundation stone of a government Polytechnic College at Baruipur, South 24 Parganas was laid by the Chief Minister on 17.1.12. The building will be constructed with the held of Technical Education Department.

Important Policy Decisions Taken

- (1) Persons with mother tongue Urdu, Hindi, Oriya, Nepali, Gurumukhi and Santhali have been declared as Linguistic Minorities.
- (2) Minority Educational Institutional Status Guidelines have been finalized by which various Institutions will be recognized without any government grant-in-aid. Wide

publicity through newspapers in Bengali and Urdu has been given to invite applications for recognition.

- (3) Every district shall have one Minority Welfare Office building with total estimated cost of Rs.14 crores. Already Rs. 7 crore has been disbursed.
- (4) Wide publicity through newspapers on construction of boundary walls in graveyards has been given to invite applications.

Schemes in the pipeline

- (1) Decision was taken to construct 2600 houses for the poor minorities in rural areas in North 24 Parganas under the "Geetanjali" (erstwhile 'Amar Bari') scheme and another 2500 houses in Bankura, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, Malda, Murshidabad and Sundarbans of South 24 Parganas.
- (2) Construction of flats by KMDA in Sonarpur Municipal areas in South 24 Parganas under the scheme "Basic Services for the Urban Poor" for poor minorities;
- (3) Construction of buildings of Aliah University and New Haj Tower at Rajarhat, New Town;

Upcoming Projects/Schemes

- Construction of 6 ITIs & 2 Polytechnics in the MCBs in Minority Concentration Districts under MSDP;
- The Survey of wakfs in Kolkata with the help of Kolkata Municipal Corporation;
- Economic empowerment and EWS housing for destitute women under DMWRP scheme;
- Scholarship scheme for Jain students (Jains are declared as minorities in this State);

The effort of this department is to supplement and not substitute the works being executed by other departments. The State Government has been liberal in providing financial support for taking up new activities and to expand the scope and reach of ongoing activities of this department. But a lot more is required to be done and all the departments need to give greater importance and focus to address the socio-economic and educational backwardness of the minorities in the State.

Hill Affairs

In order to restore peace, law & order in the hill areas of Darjeeling district, present Government, after coming to power, laid special emphasis on hill affairs. The following achievements have so far been made.

- ❖ A Memorandum of Agreement was signed between Government of India, Government of West Bengal and Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) on the 18th July, 2011. The text of the agreement aims at constitution of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) with a view to meeting political, economic, cultural, ethnic aspirations of the hill areas of Darjeeling.
- ❖ A GTA Bill, 2011 has been drafted and passed by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly and sent to Hon'ble President of India for her assent.
- ❖ Government of India has assured to extend necessary financial assistance for the development works to be executed by this autonomous GTA in the hill areas of Darjeeling. Priority has been fixed to develop drinking water supply scheme, establishment of modern medical colleges & hospitals, nursing college, tourism institutes, and establishment of cultural centres to keep up old cultural traditions of the people of the area.
- ❖ A High Power committee under the Chairmanship of Justice Shri Shyamal Kumar Sen has been constituted for determination of the territorial jurisdiction of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA). The committee has been functioning in full swing.
- ❖ The State Government has sanctioned Rs. 50 crore as initial assistance for repair of infrastructure damaged in the districts of Darjeeling due to earthquake. Allocation for sectors like (a) repairing of roads (Rs. 20 Cr.) (b) providing drinking water facility (Rs. 2 Cr.) (c) irrigation (8 Cr.) and (d) house building grant (RS. 20 Cr.) has been made. Besides this, the State Government has also requested the Union Government for providing Central Assistance from the National Disaster Response Fund in the wake of earthquake of an amount of Rs. 495.25 Crore.
- ❖ An amount of Rs. 8.65 crore has been sanctioned as a special assistance for different development activities in present DGHC area.
- ❖ For construction and repair of rural roads Rs. 9.91 crore has been sanctioned.
- ❖ Renovation of existing rope-way in Darjeeling is on the verge of completion, one test run has already been made.
- ❖ A research institute for tea/cinchona cultivation will be set up.
- ❖ A processing centre at Mungpoo for vegetables, flowers etc. will be set up.

Commerce & Industries

Shilpa Sathi - to promote the ease of doing business

Shilpa Sathi - a single window clearance system has been inaugurated in West Bengal and has started functioning successfully. Shilpa Sathi will help the investors in setting up industries ensuring time-bound issue of various clearances for projects and investment proposals. The earlier 99 pages procedural form has been reduced to only 7 pages. The time limit of approval is set to 15 days, in case field visit is not involved.

56,000 Crore investments in 16 major projects

The State Government has announced 16 major industrial proposals in the state with a proposed investment to the tune of Rs. 56,000 Crore. These industrial projects include investments by SAIL, Indian Railways, Burn Standard, Tractors India Limited, HPCL, TVS Motors and Universal Group, Reliance Group.

Unleashing energy potential

- ❖ Rs. 2000 crore has been invested in gas grid network in Greater Kolkata area for city gas distribution. MoU has been signed between Greater Calcutta Gas Supply Corporation, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. & GAIL (India) Ltd.
- ❖ Draft lease document given to Great Eastern Energy Corporation Ltd. (GEECL) for extraction of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) from 210 sq. km of allotted area in Asansol-Raniganj belt. GEECL has already started marketing CBM.

Projects in Progress

- ❖ **Land related issues for advance procurement of land have been settled with the following investors**
 - 10 million tonne steel plant of JSW Bengal at Salboni; in the 1st phase 3 million tone steel would be produced.
 - Cold - rolling mill of Patton International Ltd. at Uluberia, Howrah.
 - Integrated steel plant of 1.10 million tone capacity of Sova ispat Ltd. near Mejhia, Dist-Bankura.
 - Rolling Mill, Steel melting shop of Ankit Metal & Power Ltd at Jorhira, Dist - Bankura
 - Foundry Park at Ranihati, Howrah by Foundry Cluster Development Association, where around 150 foundry units will be located.

❖ **Recommendations had been sent to L.R. Department for Section 14Y permission for projects like**

- ACC Cement plant of 2.5 million tonne capacity near Kharagpur
- Shipyard project at Kulpi of Titagarh Wagons Ltd.
- 1.5 million tone cement plant at Dankuni by Ultratech Cement Ltd.

❖ **Appraisal of upcoming projects**

- The details of appraisal of 4 companies namely M/s. Universal Crescent Power Private Limited, M/s. SPS Ispat & Power Limited, M/s. Sri Badrinarain Alloys & Steel Limited and Vikash Smelters & Alloys Limited have been done by Expert Committee on Steel & Allied Industries (ESCAI). The Committee has also submitted its report.

❖ **Infrastructure work and Master Plan for Industrial Park:**

- Construction of infrastructure like arterial road, internal road and road side drain has been completed in Vidyasagar Industrial Park, Kharagpur. There approximately project cost was Rs. 47.43 crore.
- Master Plan for Panagarh Industrial Park (approximately 1500 acre land) and for Rishi Bamkim Shilpauddyan, Naihati (approximately 98 acre land) have been finalized.

❖ **Allotment of possession of land:**

- Allotment of land was made to 2 companies in Vidyasagar Industrial Park.
- Possession certificate have been issued to 2 companies against their land allotment at Panagarh Industrial Park, Panagarh followed by physical possession.
- Possession certificate was issued to 1 company at Rishi Bamkim Shilpauddyan, Nauhati followed by physical possession.

New Projects

- ❖ **Construction Equipment:** New units of Tractors India Ltd (TIL) at Vidyasagar Park, Kharagpur and Changuai, Kharagpur have been commissioned. The total investment in the entire project would be to the tune of Rs. 600 crore (till completion of all 4 phases) and would generate employment exceeding 2000 persons directly and another 3000 persons indirectly in a phased manner. TIL will manufacture Reachstacker and Forklift trucks in association with Hyster - USA and cranes in collaboration with Manitowoc - USA.
- ❖ **Eco Tourism:** The State Government had signed agreement/MOU for setting up Rs.26000 crore worth package of projects including an eco-tourism park and a 1980

MW power plant at Nayachar Island in Purba Midnapore district. There will also be housing to rehabilitate fishermen and a scheme for giving incentives for modern fishing methods, besides an industrial park.

- ❖ **Fertilizer:** Matix Fertilizer & Chemical Ltd. is setting up of a 2200 MTPD Ammonia Plant and 3850 MTPD single stream Urea Plant at Panagarh Industrial Park with a proposed investment of Rs 11000 crore and employment generation of 1525.
- ❖ **TVS:** has approached the Government of West Bengal for setting up of a unit. Earlier they were running their assembling work line through M/s. Mahabharat Motors Manufacturing Pvt. Ltd. Government of West Bengal through WBIDC granted, in-principle, approval to TVS for setting up of such units of 45.17 acre of land at Uluberia, Howrah. In joint venture basis with M/s. Mahabharat Motors Manufacturing Pvt. Ltd. Christened as Neo strategic Motors Pvt. Ltd.
- ❖ **Projects nearing completion:**
 - Expansion project of Dhunseri Petrochem Ltd. for expansion of its PET resin manufacturing capacity from 2 lakh Tonne per annum to 4.3 lakh Tonne per annum. (by March, 2012)
 - Leather Goods Training Centre at Bantala (by Dec, 2011)
 - ITI at Foundry Park, Ranihati, Howrah (by Dec, 2011)
 - Bitumen Emulsion Plant of Hindustan Colas Ltd. at Haldia ready (will be commissioned as soon as environment ban at Haldia is lifted).

Proposals Received

❖ **Raghunathpur Industrial Park, Purulia**

- Reliance Cementation Company Private Limited has proposed to set up a Cement Plant having capacity of 3 MTPA with an investment to the tune of Rs. 500 crore.
- DVC is setting up a thermal power plant in Raghunathpur, Purulia. For the facility of staff quarter, etc. they have submitted a proposal to us for land. They have proposed to invest approximately Rs. 510 crore.

❖ **Panagarh Industrial Park:**

- Hindustan National Glass has proposed to set up a mega glass complex involving the contains glass plant having capacity of 1900 TPD and Float glass plant with 900 TPD capacity. For that project they have proposed to invest of Rs. 3616.40 crore.

❖ **Plasto Steel Park, Barjora, Bankura**

- Dimension Steel & Alloys Pvt. Ltd. has proposed to set up a Ferro Alloys/ TMT Bars/Peelet Plant with an investment to the tune of Rs. 240 crore.
- Total investment of Rs. 201.71 crore proposed by companies like Rath TMT Saria, Surya Alloy Industries Ltd, Lalwani Ferro Alloys Ltd, R.K. Wire Products limited, Sri Vari Energy Pvt. Limited, North Techno Projects India.
- IT Department has proposed to set up an IT Incubation Centre at the park.

❖ **Food Park, Sankrail, Howrah**

- Mida & Co. Pvt Ltd. has proposed to set up a food processing unit with a proposed investment of Rs.9-10 crore. Proposal has been received from Sharda & Sons Baking House P. Ltd for setting up a Food & Beverage Processing Unit.

❖ **Poly Park, Sankrail, Howrah**

- Shyam Steel, Prime Technoplast Pvt Ltd and Ramky Enviro Engineers Ltd have proposed to set up their units in Poly Park.

❖ **Rishi Bankim Shilpa Udyan, Naihati**

- Texmaco Rail & Engineering Limited has proposed to set up a Greenfield steel foundry for producing steel & alloy steel casting with an investment to the tune of Rs. 322.83 crore
- Supreme Industries Limited, Indian Furniture Products Ltd., Marc Eco Lighting Pvt. Ltd. etc have proposed to invest at the park.

❖ **Keventer Group has proposed to set up Food Park at Dankuni with an estimated project cost of Rs. 273 Crores. Additional Rs. 61.50 crores has proposed with employment generation of 4500 for expansion of existing Factory. The group has also proposed to set up a Food Testing Laboratory with Food Training Institute and R&D Centre at Barasat.**

❖ **Techno India Group has proposed to set up an International Hub for Information Communication Technology & Electronics at Joka with an investment to the tune of Rs. 1000 crore over the period of six years. The group will also develop TIG Centre for Skill Development and Vocational training institute. Techno India has proposed to set up a Knowledge Hub at Behala which will include Public School, Engineering College, Business School, Medical College, Dental College, Nursing College, Paramedical College, Teaching Hospital, Vocational Training Institute. The**

group has also proposed to set up an Integrated Food Park & Biotechnology Cluster at Baruipur/Chinsura with an investment of Rs. 100 crore generating 4000 employment.

- ❖ Fortune Furnitech Pvt. Ltd has proposed to set up a Wood Hub in PPP model/JV with state Government. They will develop Training Institute and Retail Chain with huge employment potential and state of art technology.
- ❖ Duncan Goenka Group has proposed to shift their EPDM Rubber plant from Navi Mumbai to Haldia with a Rs. 300 crore investment plan.
- ❖ Indo Canadian Papers Ltd. has proposed to set up World class paper project based on Whole Jute Plant at Hazinagar, near Naihati with an investment to the tune of Rs. 1200 crore.
- ❖ S D Infrastructure & Real Estate Pvt. Ltd has proposed to set up a Garment cum Apparel Park Industry at Barasat. The company will invest Rs. 1276 Crore over 6 years with projected employment generation of 30000.

Release of Fund

Up-to-date release of plan funds is Rs. 237.74 crore against a plan provision of Rs. 440.00 crore has been done.

Mines & Minerals

- ❖ To generate more revenue from minor minerals like sand / boulder / pebble a proposal has been initiated to grant mining lease for the above mentioned minerals by auction. It will ensure transparency in grant of lease and will reduce wastage of minerals. To implement this, proposal for amendment of West Bengal Minor Mineral Rules 2000 has been finalized and will be issued shortly.
- ❖ There is provision of granting mining lease of granite by auction. But though there were prospecting reports of G.S.-I showing availability of granite, auction after 2005 was not done. Now steps have been taken to further start the process of auction of granite. For this, field survey by a team of officers headed by the Chief Mining Officer is going on. It is expected that notice for auction can be issued in December 2011.
- ❖ Preliminarily work is going on for developing the website of Director of Mines. Tender notice is expected to be issued by end of December 2011.
- ❖ Tender document has been prepared for digitization of geological maps.

Public Enterprises and Industrial Reconstruction

The Public Enterprises Department (previously known as Public Undertaking Department) exercises administrative control over a large number of undertakings in the State sector, so that a coordinated policy for their betterment could be implemented.

Public Enterprises Objective

Public Enterprises Department is the Nodal Department for evolving general policy of Govt. of West Bengal in managing State Public Sector Enterprises.

Achievements

- ☐ Prior to 2003, there were 23 PSEs under the control of P E Department of which 7 were closed and 3 were transformed to Joint Ventures within 2010. About 6000 employees of PSEs were compelled to take voluntary retirement. The new Government decided to reform and operate the remaining 13 PSEs of this department without causing any further displacement of job of the employees in the revitalization process.
- ☐ The Boards of Directors of the PSEs are being reconstituted. Already one reconstitution has been made.
- ☐ Long-term, Mid-term and Short-term working plans for restructuring are being taken up and primary review of the plans has been done.
- ☐ Steps have been taken to appoint new Chief Executives to a few PSEs of which 2 cases have been finalized.
- ☐ For PSEs like Lily Projects Ltd., Neo Pipes & Tubes Ltd., National Iron & Steel Co. Ltd. and Electro-Medical & Allied Industries Ltd., different paths of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) are being examined for sustained revival of the companies.
- ☐ Financial Restructuring of Britannia Engineering Ltd. involving conversion of Debt into Equity followed by capital reduction has been completed. This has enabled the company to attain a positive Net Worth and capable of approaching Financial Institutions for its business requirements.
- ☐ The Department is working in tandem with the Central laws like the Companies Act, 1966, The Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act 1985, The Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 in order to reconstruct the industries.
- ☐ To revitalize the big, medium and small closed or sick industrial units, the new West Bengal Industrial Renewal Scheme 2011 has been formulated with new enabling provisions for the units attempting revival.
- ☐ It has been decided to extend financial assistance for the coming 6 months for resuscitation of M/s. Sri Annapurna Cotton Mills & Industries Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Bharat Biscuits (Bake Fresh Biscuits) Pvt. Ltd. And M/s. Standard Pharmaceuticas.

Information Technology

Vision

Presently the IT revenue of West Bengal is only 3% of India's total IT revenue. Karnataka dominates other Indian states in terms of attractiveness as an IT destination followed by Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra. The vision of the Department is to become one of the top three IT states in the country and to capture 25% of India's IT revenue by 2015.

To achieve this new Government aims to bring IT investment in all important Tier II & Tier III Cities of the State.

Achievements

High Powered Committees for Government - Industry Interface

Two High Powered Committees both chaired by Mr. Sam Pitroda and mentored by Mr. Narayan Murthy were formed to ensure development of Hardware & Software industry at a faster pace. Various eminent industry leaders are also members of the two committees. The Committees have started functioning. To study the existing situation and suggest remedial measures ten Working Groups (WG) have been formed for various sub-sectors like Baseline of Software industry, Infrastructure, e-Governance, Human Resource, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, e-Education, e-Health, e-Agriculture, Baseline of Hardware industry, Solar LED R&D Medical Instrumentation & front end. The Working Groups are expected to submit their report very soon.

New IT Policy on the Anvil

- To promote Small & Medium Scale enterprises and to promote e-Governance in state, as well as to create human resource in the State a new IT Policy has been drafted. Finalisation of the Policy will be made after recommendations of the Working Groups are received.

Exploring New IT Destinations:-

- For the areawise dispersion of the IT sector in districts, initial steps for creation of IT Parks & Incubation centers at places such as Durgapur, Bankura, Haldia, Kharagpur, Falta, Siliguri a tender for location analysis has recently been floated.
- Initiation of survey process to identify unused land in the city & places like Nonadanga, Bantala, Rajarhat, Sector V, etc for development of IT industry, has been done.

New Projects and Expansions of existing projects

- Infosys has been allocated a land of 50 acres to set up their infrastructure in the state by the present government. This concludes long pending commitment of the previous government.
- MNCs like Wipro, CTS, TCS, etc. have been offered facilities by the department to expand their set up in the State.

Special Initiatives

- Face-lifting of IT hub at Salt Lake with the help of newly formed authority Nabadiganta has started with good response from the companies.
- In order to create job opportunities for visually impaired citizens, funding of Rs.1 crore has been given to Webel Mediatronics for development of electronic Braille Display-Tactile Reader.
- To support the development of hardware industry in the state, funds have been given to University of Calcutta for Design and implementation of digital micro fluidic based chips for Bio-Medical appliances.

e-Governance

- To improve transparency, internal efficiency, reduce costs and for speedier and more efficient delivery of public services the new Government has introduced a slew of e-initiatives in the last few months for implementation of e-Office, e-Tendering, e-Auction in various Departments and offices of the State Government. In fact, in e-governance a number of initiatives indicated in the Ninety Day's Report have either been translated into practice or progressed significantly.
- For hassle free property transfer a pilot project for linking Land & Land Reforms Department with Registration Directorate using WBSWAN has been concluded successfully. Decision to roll it out in selected areas of the State has been taken.
- For smooth functioning of the motor vehicles department, far off places will be linked with District Motor vehicles offices using WBSWAN. To begin with Baruipur and Diamond Harbour has been linked with Alipore HQ, which will be made operational soon.
- The software for issue of Backward Caste Certificates and Settlement of land related issues like mutation, change in character of land etc. online is ready and under process of validation before introduction.
- In order to bring transparency in the functioning of the Government Departments; e-Office pilot project is under progress at the District Magistrate Office of North 24 Parganas. The paperless office (e-Office) will be extended to all other districts,

on successful completion of the pilot project at North 24 Parganas. Another pilot project for e-Office is being introduced in IT Department.

- The Departments like PWD, Irrigation and Waterways, Public Health Engineering are in the process of introducing e-procurement and e-tendering solution.
- Movements of Files & letters have become more transparent & smooth in the Department of I.T. by the introduction of in-house developed File & Letter Tracking & Management System. The application will be soon implemented in Urban Development Department & Darjeeling District Magistrate Office.
- In order to bring citizens more close to the Government, push based mobile Governance services for the Department of Disaster Management & Fisheries Department is going to start in the first week of January.
- The tender on State Portal and State Service Delivery Gateway has been finalised. This will give a new technically advanced Portal for the State and through it many services like Application for various Scholarships for students, Disaster Management Grants, Fire services etc for the citizens will become easier.
- Land has been allotted at Kalyani for setting up of an IIIT under Public Private Partnership mode.

West Bengal Electronics Industries Development Corporation

- All the Tender Committees have been reconstructed with competent officials to be more effective.
- The Chairman and Managing Directors have been appointed and they have resumed offices. The advertisement for appointing Executive Directors in Technical and Business Development, Finance have been advertised along with some other key senior officials in different functional areas for effective functioning of WBEIDC.

Employment Generation

When all the projects/schemes are implemented it is expected to generate 80,000 (eighty thousand) jobs in the state.

Conclusion

The creation of excellent infrastructure to attract talent from all over India, promotion of innovation and becoming leader in the IT sector is the vision for the next five years. To build this e-system, the industry, academics and the government have to work in unison. The new ICT policy that is being framed is expected to guide all stakeholders in this direction.

The Department will strive hard to make West Bengal information driven welfare society where e-delivery system for citizen centric services will free its people from bureaucratic formalities and procedural delays.

Parliamentary Affairs

Introduction :

The Parliamentary Affairs Department plays a pivotal role in discharging the constitutional obligation of the State Govt. The main function of the Department is the regulation of relations between the Executive and the Legislature. The Department has also embarked upon a well thought-out scheme of organizing a number of programmes on Parliamentary Democracy / Parliamentary System and allied subjects. The object is to develop a healthy respect for our representative institutions among the youth fraternity.

In keeping with the spirit of creating a well developed healthy Parliamentary Practice and Procedure, the following programmes are being organized in a systematic and regular manner:-

1. Summoning and Prorogation of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly and run the business of the Assembly.
2. Notification of Assent to Bills.
3. Matters relating to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.
4. Matters relating to the establishments of the Legislative Assembly Secretariat.
5. Scrutiny of and advice on the procedure to be followed in the Legislature of the State, including intimating all Departments regarding introduction of Bills
6. Administration of office of the Chief Government Whip.
7. Youth Parliament Competition & Quiz Contests for students of Schools and Colleges covering the whole of West Bengal and workshops thereon.
8. Time to time Orientation Programme of Government Officials on Parliamentary Procedures and Practices.
9. Publication of bilingual Journal titled "Samsadiya".

Achievements:

- A total of 17 Bills were introduced and passed in three Sessions of the House.
- Important discussions held in the House include: 'The Singur Land Rehabilitation



and Development Bill, 2011', 'The Gorkhaland Territorial Administration Bill, 2011', 'The West Bengal Finance Bill, 2011', 'The West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2011', 'The West Bengal Staff Selection Commission Bill, 2011', 'The West Bengal Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2011'. Also, an important discussion was held on the Government Resolution regarding change of name of the State from 'West Bengal' to 'Paschimbanga'.

- The Bengal Legislative Assembly (Members Emoluments) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2011 was promulgated on 16th November, 2011 for raising the daily allowance of Members of WBLA was discussed and passed in the House.
- Initiatives taken for holding Youth Parliament and State level, college level, block/ municipality level workshops have been completed.

Public Health Engineering

There is a big role of the Department of Public Health Engineering in success of the development activities of the Government. During this period, the Public Health Engineering Department has leaped forward with some major and path breaking decisions towards providing adequate and safe drinking water to the rural population of the State. Some of the initiatives can be looked at in the field and the rest are in the pipeline.

Achievements

- The first major initiative of the Public Health Engineering Department is to prepare a document, called Vision 2020. In this document it is proposed that there will be supply of potable drinking water through piped water supply schemes to all rural people of West Bengal along with livestock on a sustainable basis. The estimated expenditure of short-term planning and long-term planning are Rs.1,295 crore and Rs.21,125 crore respectively, which will be spent during coming ten years.

- Another important initiative is to arrange supply of drinking water permanently in all the blocks of LWE areas. A long term planning has been taken to supply safe drinking water in the all 23 Maoist influenced Blocks, under the Districts of Bankura, Purulia and Paschim Medinipur. Under this plan 50 schemes, whose total project cost (expenditure) is Rs.142 crore has already been completed. Apart from this the water supply project has started in 39 single mouzas in Paschim Medinipur and as per the announcement of Chief Minister on 11.7.2011, 50 projects will be executed at Lalgargh, Netai and other places of Jangal Mahal.

- The another step to mitigate the problem of drinking water supply in rocky areas of South Bengal is to set up rig bored tubewell. Administrative approval for procurement of one DTH Rig has been given at sanctioned cost of Rs. 208.72 lakh.

- Government has giving priority to solve the acute water supply problem in Darjeeling. Planning of an extensive scheme has been made at a cost of Rs.1031 crore, which will be effective in Darjeeling district through 20 years. The most praiseworthy initiative is the Balason Pumping Station for the Darjeeling town which is expected to be commissioned soon and will provide relief to 1,75,000 city dwellers of this area.

- Two surface water based water supply schemes based on River Bhagirathi as source i.e. Nadia North Sector Part-I and Nadia North Sector Part-II in the District of Nadia with an estimated cost of Rs. 144.15 crore have been inaugurated. These two schemes will supply

arsenic free drinking water to 7.56 lakh people of 164 villages. Four big surface water based water supply schemes drawn under Master Plan i.e. Murshidabad Central Sector, Raghunathganj, Chakdaha and Haringhata are in advanced stage of implementation. Approximately, 25.97 lakh people will be benefited through these schemes.

- For use of proper technology through the discussion with the scientists of this field for supply of arsenic free safe drinking water out of the arsenic contaminated ground water. All the ongoing 338 nos. of groundwater based piped water supply schemes drawn up at an estimated cost of Rs. 974.32 crores and aiming to benefit a population of 65.43 lakh in the arsenic affected districts of West Bengal, those are at an advanced stage of implementation shall be benefited by the aforesaid technical breakthrough.

- A national seminar was recently held at Kolkata, to ensure the safety and quality of food and water which are sold in crowded areas. Such type of conference was never organized before and this conference will go a long way towards forming a clear view and bringing meaningful convergence between different related sectors e.g. water, drainage, food & health.

- Very recently, one big scheme in the saline area of Sunderban Islands named as "Kamakhyapur & adjoining mouzas with Solar Power System" has been technically sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs.38.09 crore covering 10 nos. of villages, aimed to benefit a design population of 38,178. The scheme is based on Reverse Osmosis technology running on solar power system, which shall convert the brackish ground water yielded by the 21 (twenty one) nos. of proposed tubewells to sweet potable water and subsequently shall cater to drinking water needs of the people of the area.

- e-tendering system in PHE Department has very recently been successfully launched as "One More Step Ahead Towards e-Governance in Public Health Engineering Department, Government of West Bengal". This will bring transparency in the whole tendering process, reduce tender cycle time, help in fast and accurate prequalification and evaluation, reduction in the labour intensive tasks of receipt, recording and distribution of tender submissions etc. etc.

Upcoming Projects / Schemes

- Overall planning of piped water supply to most of the areas of Bankura and Purulia Districts has been completed. This planning envisages collecting water from DVC and other rivers. Preparation of the project profiles towards comprehensive water supply coverage for the two Districts of Bankura and Purulia at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,203.54 crore and Rs. 1,276.61 crore have been completed and further steps are being taken for

fund procurement. The preliminary discussion for financial assistance with JICA (Japan), Union Government and World Bank has been completed.

- Public Health Engineering Department will procure some more mobile treatment units. These units are life saver in flood ridden areas during flood. With the help of these units, drinking water pouches are made from polluted water in a very short period.
- The industrialists and the common people of Chatna area of Bankura district have come forward united to meet the water scarcity problem of long time through implementing a project under PPP model. The preparation of project report of the aforesaid PPP Model piped water supply scheme for Kanki and its adjoining mouzas and Ankit Metal & Power Limited at an estimated cost of Rs. 296.16 lakh have already been completed.
- To solve the drinking water problem in Siliguri Corporation area, an alternative intake arrangement of water collection has been conceived in the upper side of Teesta Barrage, which is proposed to be implemented at an early date.
- There are two types of drinking water problems in South 24 Parganas - Arsenic contamination in ground water and excess salinity. This has also attracted the attention of the Government. Of late this Department has announced a very large piped water supply scheme. Approximately 32.89 lakh people of 902 moujas to 10 Blocks will be benefited due to this scheme. The estimated expenditure of this scheme is Rs.1400 Crore. This scheme is the biggest in rural Bengal and after completion of this scheme 90% people of this district will be benefited (will come under this scheme).
- To solve the Arsenic problem the Government has started the work on war footing step. Within the December, 2012 all of the arsenic contaminated blocks (79 nos.) shall be covered by supply of safe arsenic free drinking water under Master Plan. 12 nos. of surface water based and 338 ground water based piped water supply schemes taken up under the Master Plan will be completed. This will benefit 165.89 lakh people of the aforesaid 79 Blocks.
- Besides arsenic, there is a problem of excess salinity in drinking water from available sources. The problem was not addressed on a whole some view point earlier. Now to combat the problem, a de-salination project to supply saline free drinking water is under preparation in the district of East Midnapore. Such type of projects shall also be replicated in other saline areas of the State.
- An International conference about water quality issues was held in Kolkata in February, 2012. The main topic is problem of arsenic contamination in water.

Panchayats & Rural Development

Achievements:

MGNREGA

- Total expenditure incurred: Rs.1270.29 crore
- Total Person days Generated: 545.83 lakh
- No. of Rural Households provided with employment: 27.69 lakh
- The State Government has adopted measures to ensure jobs to all under the scheme of 100 Days' Work.
- The State Government has reduced, in consultation with the Union Government, the ceiling of earth digging rate in the scheme of 100 Days' Work by an unskilled labourer working on a plane field from 99 sq ft to 69 sq ft by considering the average toiling capacity of the people of West Bengal.

Indira Awas Yojna

- Out of an annual target of 1,99,176 of houses, 158,725 no. of houses were sanctioned till November, 2011 (79.69% of annual target)
- Out of available fund of Rs. 964.86 crore, Rs. 644.39 crore was utilized (66.79%)
- State Share to the tune of Rs. 98.43 crore has been released to seventeen districts.
- Number of houses constructed till November, 2011: 130,045 (65.29% of annual target of 1,99,176 allotted for 2011-12)

Backward Regions Grant Fund

- Proposal for 2nd Installment for 2011-12 in respect of South 24 Pgs & Malda sent to MoPR, Government of India.
- Total Expenditure for 11 BRGF districts was Rs.139.13 Crore.

Total Sanitation Campaign

- Total number of household toilets built: 337,330
- Total number of school toilets built: 9,078
- Total number of ICDS toilets built: 4,014

Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY)

- No. of SHGs formed under the Programme: 16,603 (No. of Women SHG formed: 14,456)

- No. of Grade I Passed SHGs linked with Cash Credit: 13,665
- No. of Grade II passed SHGs linked with Bank Credit for implementation of Economic Project 3,994
- Expenditure under different heads of the programme: Rs 108.30 Crore
- No. of Clusters formed: 225
- No. of Federations Functioning: 16
- No. of Fairs (State & National Level) in which SHGs participated: 5
- Total Sale proceeds : Rs. 27.16 Crore
- Proposal for setting up Rajya Haat for SHG Products at Madhusudan Mancha, Kolkata, sent to MoRD, Government of India.

NRLM (National Rural Livelihoods Mission)

- Proposal for formation of State Level Society has been approved by the Department now approval in the cabinet is awaited.
- 5 Working Groups have been formed for preparation of State Perspective Implementation Plan (SPIP) and draft reports have been prepared
- Initial Annual Action Plan (IAAP) has been submitted to the MoRD, Government of India.

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

- Number of Road constructed: 136
- Total Road constructed (in Km): 592.997 Km.
- 1000+ Habitations benefitted: 112
- Funds spent: Rs. 235.01 crore

Training of PRIs

- Training of newly recruited GP employees started
- Training of GP functionaries under World Bank supported ISGP Project started

National Social Security Programme

- All particulars of pension beneficiaries were verified and final data base of all blocks (except 4) has been uploaded in the website
- Utilization expenditure: 85%
- Funds for all pending pensions have been released

Rural Infrastructure Development Fund

- Rs. 105.00 crore spent

13th Central Finance Commission

- Rs. 257.00 crore spent

3rd State Finance Commission

- Rs. 210.67 crore spent

E-Governance

The following numbers of persons have been trained likewise:

- Training on Gram Panchayat Management System (GPMS) - 605 Gram Panchayat employees and 30 Panchayat Samiti employees; IFMS - 220 Panchayat Samiti employees; SEBA - 32 employees, Basic Computing - 254 Gram Panchayat employees in DOECC centres, NPP & Area Profiler - 52 resource persons;
- New version of GPMS released with MSQSL & National Accounting Code incorporated and rolled out to almost 90% Gram Panchayats of the State;
- Verification and uploading of NSAP beneficiary particulars almost completed (barring 4 Blocks);
- RHS - the software has been upgraded to incorporate mouzas (revenue village) and has been fully implemented;
- National Panchayat Portal (NPP) - Portals for 160 Gram Panchayats and 15 Panchayat Samitis have been created.

Institutional Strengthening of Gram Panchayats Project (World Bank supported)

- Capacity building support is being provided to selected 1000 GPs
- Process for selection of eligible GPs for providing Block Grant is under process.

Community Health Care Management Initiative

- Presently 951 Homoeopathic, 175 Ayurvedic GP level dispensaries are running in different districts under State Budget fund.
- 227 Homoeopathic, 7 Ayurvedic and 4 Unani dispensaries have already been approved under AYUSH sub-head of NRHM fund.
- 4101 new Village Health and Sanitation Committees have been prepared.
- 2895 new SHGs have been tagged with CHCMI at Gram Samsad level and 2564 new GUS level health plans have been prepared.
- 25.79% of VHSC fund has been utilized for the purpose it was allotted.

Finance

Introduction

The vision of change in the Department of Finance was guided by the modernizing perspective with cutting edge tools of e-Governance be adopted by all Departments to bring about a people friendly, harassment free and corruption free governance model in rising Bengal.

With this perspective the Department of Finance initiated major reforms in the areas of commercial taxes, registration and stamp revenue and excise.

Commercial Taxes

The vision of the Directorate of Commercial Taxes is to provide efficient and transparent citizen-centric service delivery by replacing paper dependent, individual driven processes to non-obtrusive electronic services through e-governance. Efficiency in tax administration is also being attempted through major simplification and rationalization of tax rules. The overall objective is to achieve better tax compliance through minimum transaction cost to the tax payers.

1. Steps for simplification & rationalization-

- a. **Assessment:** Deemed Assessment has been introduced for the return period 2011-12 through insertion of Section 47AA in the WB VAT Act, 2003. Now, a dealer who has filed his return and has paid the requisite tax shall be deemed to have been assessed. This facility has also been extended to dealers for the assessment years 2009-10 and 2010-11 by amending Section 47A in the VAT Act. All the dealers would now get an 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 31st December, 2011 to avoid assessment for these two assessment years.
- b. **Audit:** Under the existing provision, the dealers were to be assessed after the finalization of audit report. There was no scope to the dealer to comply with the findings of the audit and avoid assessment by paying the demand. The amendment to Section 43(5) & Section 46(1) in the WB VAT Act, 2003 provides option to the dealer to make the payment of tax as arrived at in the Audit Report and avoid assessment. This will prevent unnecessary duplication of work. Amendment has also been made in the rules to provide that a dealer whose tax payment was more than 30% in the previous would not be selected for audit.

- c. **Settlement of Certificate Dues:** A large number of old certificate cases of the West Bengal Sales Tax Act, 1994 have been lying unrealized over the years. A new Settlement Scheme has been introduced amending Section 56A(5) of the WBST Act, 1994 to provide dealers an opportunity to settle their outstanding dues by payment of only 25% of the demand along with 5% of the accumulated interest (subject to the maximum of Rs.1 lakh).
- d. **Disposal of cases by Fast Track Administrative Benches:** There are more than 5000 cases pending at the West Bengal Commercial Taxes Appellate and Revisional Board. For expeditious disposal of pending appeals, amendment has been made in Section 87A of the VAT Act so that all cases of assessment year 2006-07 and 2007-08 with disputed amount upto Rs.20 lakhs are transferred to the Fast Track Administrative Benches for quick disposal. All these cases will be disposed of within 31st December, 2012.
- e. **Way Bills:** At present all the dealers have to compulsorily generate waybills for importing goods into the State and no dealer is exempted from this requirement. In order to reduce cost of compliance of large tax-payers, amendment has been made in the Section 73(2) of the WB VAT Act, 2003 and Section 68 of the WBST Act, 1994 to exempt dealers with tax payment of more than 3 crores in the previous year, departments and public sector undertakings of Central and State Governments, from the requirement of waybills. This will be operationalized very soon. Changes in the rules have been made to further simplify the existing dematerialized waybill system.
- f. **VAT Refund:** As per the earlier provision, only those dealers who have 75% of their turnover as export sales, other than EOU units or units located in Software Technology Parks (STP) were eligible for pre-assessment refund. The minimum requirement of 75% of export sales has been reduced to 50% through amendment of Section 61(ab) of the WB VAT Act, 2003 to enable more dealers to take advantage of the facility of pre-assessment refund. Rules have also been amended to increase the release of pre-assessment refund 75% to 90% of the claim amount. VAT pre-assessment has also been made online with payment of refund amount through ECS directly into the bank account of the dealer.
- g. **Online VAT registration and dematerialization of registration certificate:** The online registration has been made compulsory from 1st. August, 2011. Application can be filed from anywhere, anytime (24 X 7). No hearing or personal appearance of the dealer for registration. Registration Certificate has been dematerialized and

would be available on the applicant-dealer's desktop instantaneously after grant of registration by the registering authority. There is no delay in receipt of registration certificate. No seal or signature of the registration authority required on the Registration Certificate. Dealer can check online the status of his e-application.

2. Computerization of Commercial Taxes Directorate:

For achieving the goal of simplification, rationalization, transparency, objectivity and speed in operation to ensure better service delivery and in turn better compliance, an effective networked computerization environment needed to be developed with a thorough review of administrative practices and procedures accompanied by redesigning and streamlining basic systems and procedures.

The recently introduced e-services by the CT Directorate under NeGP are as under:-

- i. Online VAT refund and payment of refund through ECS (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 01.09.11)

The availability of the newly introduced e-services has allowed various new facilities to the taxpayers.

In respect of **registration** under the Sales Tax and VAT Acts, there is no personal hearing or necessity of engagement of tax intermediary. The aspiring dealer willing to register himself applies online anytime and from anywhere. He generates the certificate of registration through his own desktop once the grant is made electronically by the registering authority in workflow manner. The certificate need not have any seal or signature of any authority of the Commercial Taxes Directorate. Thus in the new system there is no question of preparation of a certificate from the concerned Commercial Tax office or despatch thereof from the office. The new system thus eliminates the delay in registration and corrupt practices usually associated at every point. The system has been made mandatory over the whole of West Bengal and no paper application is received. This system of dematerialized certificate of registration under VAT/ST laws has been introduced first time in India.

West Bengal is the only state in the country to have made e- registration mandatory, de-materialized Registration Certificate and dispensed with prior hearing of the dealer before grant of registration.

As regards refund, the new system of online refund has replaced old system of manual application and refund by cheque. The dealer can now file his electronic applications anytime (24 x 7) and from anywhere. In the new system, tracking of status of the application is possible at the exporter's end through 'Dealer's Profile' link in the Directorate's website. The system has the facility of online monitoring by senior officials on computerized workflow method and there is automatic creation and updating of database on submission of e-application for refund. Unlike the previous system, now the refund amount is directly credited in the dealer's Bank Account through Electronic Clearing System (ECS). The new system has prevented fraudulent refunds, through real-time checking with Returns filed by the dealer and other online validations and has also reduces delay and corruption significantly.

Recently introduced system of online **Return** under the West Bengal Sales Tax Act, 1954 has really completed the system of online Returns compulsorily by all registered dealers of West Bengal. **West Bengal is one of the few States in the country to have made online Return compulsory for all dealers. Online Returns have not only benefited the dealers, but also has helped the Directorate immensely by making available various data useful for generation of Management Information Service.**

Another new service of online submission of Form 16 exercising option for Composition Scheme has also helped the concerned dealers considerably, eliminating the chance of misplacement of any paper copy of the application and possible loss of the paper application while transit from the office where it is submitted and where it is required to be stored. The new system automatically allows the dealer to file Return in Form 15R which was earlier dependent of the grant by the Commercial Tax office.

3. Initiation of Regulatory and Business Reforms on Mission Mode :

While taking the initiative for introduction of citizen centric services under the Mission Mode (MMPCT), it was felt to rethink and redesign all the processes radically in a series of steps designed to produce dramatic improvements in performance in terms of speed, quality, transparency, service and cost and to use information technology as the key enabler for that radical change. Some basic principles were followed to provide the foundation for re-engineering like:-

- ❖ Identification of customers' needs and creation of infrastructure to support these expectations.
- ❖ Design work processes in light of organizational goals.
- ❖ Restructure to support front-line performance.

For this purpose it was decided first to prepare an 'As-Is-Analysis' for documentation of existing activities and processes. A vision statement was prepared and a 'To-Be' model was finally arrived. Then the gap analysis was made. Once this was done, the next step was to develop a transition plan from the 'As-Is' to the 'To-Be' undertaking re-engineering activities.

The re-engineering process was done keeping in mind that the existing processes are completely transformed and not merely translated in electronic terms. In respect of each of the areas identified as a service area, AS-IS and TO-BE reports were drawn indicating where we were and where we wanted to go.

4. Pay Taxes without headache

Upto April, only three Public Sector Banks could accept deposit of Commercial Taxes electronically. Considering the inconvenience and hardship of taxpayers who had Bank Account with other Public Sector Banks, the Government has authorised the following seven additional Public Sector Banks during the last few months to accept deposit in electronic mode:-

Allahabad Bank

Bank of Baroda

Bank of India

IDBI Bank

Indian Bank

Punjab National Bank

UCO Bank

With the addition of seven more Banks to the earlier three Banks, the taxpayers have now wider choice of Banks for depositing Commercial Taxes. In October, 2011 e-payment constituted around 80% of total collection.

Future plan on e-Governance

Future plan (within March, 2012) of the citizen centric e-services of the Directorate under the MMPCT are as under:-

- Grievance monitoring
- E>Returns with Digital Signature Certificate
- Appeal, revision, review and recovery and integration with assessment module
- Revised scheme of Dematting of waybills, etc.

This is not the last:

The e-services rolled out recently, have been welcomed by the Trade Circles. This is gradually producing new kinds of government-citizen relationships that tend to make citizens more and less a part of their own governance. The goal to promote citizen empowerment, improve service delivery, increase transparency, strengthen accountability and improve government efficiency has been achieved to a considerable extent. Besides the above, automating of repetitive tasks is resulting in improvement of efficiency and assistance in decision making. Decision implementation has improved by way of better and improved information sharing between working groups in the Directorate and also with the taxpayers. Useful MIS generated through the system helps the Directorate to take investigative work against tax evasion

Registration and Stamp Revenue

Achievements

The achievements of this Directorate from May,2011 are remarkable which may be sorted out below:-

(A). Computerization of process of registration during this period

The status of computerization of registration offices is given below :

- i) ADSR, Ranaghat I on 15.6.11 in the district of Nadia
- ii) Gopiballavpur on 9.8.11 in the district of Paschim Medinipur
- iii) Manbazar on 12.8.11 in the district of Purulia
- iv) DSR, Darjeeling on 15.9.11 in the district of Darjeeling
- v) ADSR, Kurseong on 16.9.11 in the district of Darjeeling

(B) Basic Service to the Urban Poor (BSUP)-

Remission of stamp duty (amount payable - 100/- only) and registration fees has been allowed for execution and registration of document under the Basic Service to the Urban Poor (BSUP) /Integrated Housing and Slum Development Project (IHSDP) of JNNURM.

(C) NLRMP (National Land Records Modernization Programme)

To build a corruption-free, transparent land record system, to achieve conclusive titling, electronic delivery of on-line citizen services to meet their expectations and requirements, to facilitate information reuse, across and within the department, the Directorate of Registration has made rapid progress to implement the National Land

Records Modernization Programme(NLRMP). In the first phase, the pilot project has been launched at ADSR Ranihati office for Ranihati, Panchla and Sankrail blocks in the district of Howrah jointly with L& LR Deptt.on 18.8.2011.

(D)Modernization of Registration Offices

As a drive to modernize the registration offices Advance Queue Management System (AQMS) is going to be installed at the District Registrar's office, South 24 Parganas, Alipur . The system consisting 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 .

(E)'Enemy Properties'

Enemy properties lying in different corners of the State have been identified and necessary steps to check the fraudulent transfers of such properties have been taken. This work is jointly taken up with the Home Deptt.

(F) Revenue

This Directorate has been maintaining a steady growth rate of revenue during the period from May to part of November, 2011 in comparison with the previous year. The growth rate is 35-38%. It may be presumed that the growth rate may be maintained at the desired level if the prevailing situations continue to be the same.

(G) Filling up of vacant posts

There exists a huge vacancy in the registration offices under this Directorate which is no less than 1200. Finance(Revenue) Department has during this period approved through Cabinet filling up of 700 vacancies immediately.

Upcoming Projects

- (i) Website :** In order to provide information for the members of the public regarding market value of properties, the procedure for registration of documents as per sections and articles of the Registration Act and the Indian Stamp Act a website www.wbregistration.gov.in is going to be launched shortly.
- (ii) Computerization :** of ADSR, Kalimpong office is scheduled in January, 2012. With computerization of this office, all 239 offices of the State including the newly-opened ADSR offices at Mal (Jalpaiguri District) and Tarakeswar (in the district of Hooghly) will be computerized.

(iii) **e-Stamping** : The process of e-Stamping has been approved in the Parliament for all the States and the Government of West Bengal has accepted this methodology as a hassle-free, secured and prompt process of stamping for registration of documents. This citizen-centric system is likely to start very soon.

Already Achieved

(A) Rationalization of stamp duty in case of

- (a) family settlements under article 58(A) of the Stamp Schedule
- (b) partition among family members
- (c) short term or long term lease documents
- (d) assignment of lease among family members

(B) Centralized Registration of Mortgage Deeds : The Govt. has also started centralized registration of mortgage deed under a scheme of the Govt. of India to prevent fraudulent and multiple transfer of mortgage properties. In the proposed system the registration offices will be linked on-line with banks for necessary verification of entries of mortgaged properties.

(C) Finance Department has approved proper upgradation of e-RAC in consultation with NIC, Kolkata.

Upcoming Projects

- a) Legacy Data for 30 years: Preparation of computerized data for the properties registered in all registration offices during the last thirty years is going to be started through legacy data record system. This will facilitate to search and identify registration of properties during the said period in the interest of people in general.
- b) Amendment of Stamp Act and Registration Act - The question of amendment of the century- old Stamp Act and Registration Act have been raised from all States in the interest of common people. This Government has taken a leading role in making the coveted modifications in the relevant articles and Acts jointly with the Central Government and other States.

In fine, our goal is to provide SMART governance to the registrant people by the application of Information and Communication technology to make the whole system more effective, more transparent and more citizen-friendly.

Excise

Enforcement of the provisions of State Excise Acts and Rules to prevent illicit liquor has been adequately intensified during the period under consideration. Coordination with

the Police Directorate has been ensured to prevent illicit liquor. Superintendents of Excise in the districts are taking part in the district crime conferences and joint actions are being planned and implemented.

Achievements

1. Excise officers are also conducting raids to curb menace of illicit liquor and take liquor in the market. Comparative figures of number of detection and seizure during the period from May 2011 to October 2011 vis-à-vis the period in the previous year is depicted below

Achieved : Increase in Detections & Seizures

Period	Detection of case under the Bengal Excise Act, 1909	No of arrests	Seizure (includes illicit liquor, fake liquor, Non duty paid liquor)
May 2010 to October 2010	24,533	2756	8,40,432 BL
May 2011 to October 2011	26,369 (7.5% increase)	4074	9,09,108 BL (8.17% increase)

2. In order to implement the e-governance initialization of the department, a 2Mbps leased-line was established between the Excise Directorate Head Quarters at B.B.Ganguly Street and the National Informatics Service facility at Rawdon Street.
3. An online system of collection of excise duties and fees was implemented. The facility, which is being offered by the State Bank of India, has been widely adopted by the department's licensees.
4. The system of e-payment of salaries was implemented in the Excise offices throughout the state.

Goal in the coming months:

1. Further intensification of preventive activities to firmly curb the trade of all kinds of illicit/spurious/non-duty paid liquor in the state and strict vigil in boarding areas to prevent flow of un-authorized liquors from neighboring states, so that the target in excise revenue for this financial year is to be achieved.
2. A revamped R.T.I. compliant departmental website is stated to go live soon, along with a software module for the online submission of requests for import permit for bulk spirit and generation of permit cum pass at the Excise Directorate.

Development & Planning

Introduction

The Development & Planning Department is responsible for the formulation of the State's Annual Plans and the Five year Plans in collaboration with the different Departments of the Government and in consonance with the guidelines of 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 Departments and District Authorities, this Department monitors the implementation of the District Plans, Annual Plans, and the Five Year Plans.

The Development & Planning Department has the responsibility of looking into all matters relating to the constitution and functioning of the State Planning Board and District Planning Committees. The Department is the Controlling Authority of the Bureau of Applied Economics & Statistics.

Achievements:-

1. Strengthening of functioning of the District administration

The Development & Planning Department has taken up two major initiatives for enhancing the speed of work in the districts.

- ❖ This Department is trying to bring in the concept of 'Third Party' evaluation. To begin with the Bureau of Applied Economics and Statistics is tasked to visit the districts of Bankura, Purulia, Paschim Medinipore and the districts of North Bengal to report on vacancies in the various line Departments, Collectorate etc



- ❖ The State Government has recently set up Development Monitoring Committees at Districts, Sub-divisions and Block Levels for (i) ensuring coordination among field level functionaries of respective Departments (ii) speedy execution of various projects (iii) proper delivery of public services and (iv) enhancing quality of implementation of projects and programmes. These committees will go a long way in speedy, effective and transparent implementation and monitoring of schemes of the government under the leadership of the General Administration.

It is hoped that these measures would give a fillip for speedy execution of works in the districts.

2. Plan Matters:

- ❖ The Annual Plan Document for 2011-2012 has been published and distributed.
- ❖ Integrated Action Plan for 11 LWE Blocks of Pashim Midnapur prepared. Total number of schemes approved by Departmental Approval Committee (DAC) is 1272 out of which 562 schemes have been completed.
- ❖ Proposal for Additional Central Assistance for 2011-2012 has been finalized at Rs.144.80 crore and sent to the Planning Commission, New Delhi for approval & sanction. Scheme of Uttarpara Jaykrishna Library has been approved for Rs. 28.28 lakh.
- ❖ District Human Development Reports (DHDRs) of Hooghly, Purba Medinipur and Paschim Medinipur Districts have been released recently. DHDRs of Burdwan and Nadia districts will be published shortly.

3. Bidhayak Elaka Unnayan Prakaalpa (BEUP) :

MLAs of 295 Constituencies of the 15th Legislative Assembly have been allotted Rs. 88.50 crore @ Rs. 30 lakhs each.

4. MPLADS.

The Annual MPLADS fund entitlement per MP Constituency has been enhanced from Rs.2 Crore to Rs.5 Crore in this financial year. For Lok Sabha MPs the % utilization over release is 94.43%. For Rajya Sabha MPs the percentage Utilisation over release is 95.75%.

5. RIDF - Rural Infrastructure Development Fund

The scheme RIDF (Rural Infrastructure Development Fund) a sum of Rs.3.64 crore has been released for execution of earlier RIDF schemes.

6. 20- Point Programme:

- ❖ According to July, 2011 Monthly Progress Report, published by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the performance of West Bengal is good in the following monitorable items like (i) Individual Swaroogaries Assisted under SGSY, (ii) SHGs provided income generating activities, (iii) Food Security provided by Targeted Public Distribution System(only BPL), (iv) Houses constructed under IAY, (v) Functional Anganwadis (Cumulative), (vi) Road Constructed under PMGSY, (vii) Electricity supplied to households, (viii) ICDS Blocks Operational (Cumulative)

7. Statistical Matters.

- ❖ In the 2nd meeting of the State High Level Steering Committee the draft West Bengal State Strategic Statistical Plan has been modified and placed for acceptance by the Committee.
- ❖ The High Level Monitoring Committee approved the Expenditure/Action Plan for implementing/strengthening of the Statistical System to be funded under 13th Finance Commission.
- ❖ State Level as well as District Level Monitoring Committees have already been formed for undertaking the 6th Economic Census.

8. Review of Progress of New Office Building: Civil work is almost complete and expected to be commissioned shortly.

9. State Planning Board: The State Planning Board has been reconstituted and its first meeting was held on 23.9.2011

Power and Non-conventional Energy Sources

Achievements

- Service Connection (L & MV) effected in WBSEDCL area (Urban & Rural):- 7,38,000 nos.
- No. of 33/11 KV substations commissioned by WBSEDCL : 8 nos.
- No. of BPL Service Connections which have been energized - 5,00,660 nos.
- Generation from Power Plants of (WBPDCCL) :12215.52 MU
- No. of consumers added by Durgapur Projects Ltd. (DPL) - Industrial-7 nos, Commercial - 241 nos. and Domestic- 3342 nos.
- Commissioning of Sub-Stations by WBSETCL - Dalkhola 220/132 KV sub-station commissioned
- Grid Power extended to Sagar Island on 19th October, 2011
Commercial operation of Unit No. 6 (250 MW) of Santaldih Thermal Power Station started from 30.09.2011

Other important activities/achievements -

- a) The Board of WBSEDCL has formed a Revenue Loss Prevention Committee for close monitoring of activities related to reduction of Aggregate Transmission & Commercial (ATC) losses.
- b) Constant Monitoring is going on to gear up Rural Electrification works.
- c) This Department has prepared schemes for-
 - ❖ 'Sabar Ghare Alo' project of WBSEDCL (Rs. 2511 crore covering 23632 villages and 3851640 households)
 - ❖ Installation of new 220 KV & 132 KV sub-stations in the backwards districts of West Bengal along with transmission lines and associated transmission system (Rs. 1688.51 crore). Renovation and modernization of Kolaghat Plant's 3 Units (Rs. 1500 crore)
 - ❖ Upgradation of hospitals of the power stations of WBPDCCL (Rs. 80 crore)
 - ❖ Installation of 2 new generation units of 270 MW capacity each at Santaldih thermal power station (Rs. 748.80 crore).



- d) Further, WBSEDCL has prepared a detailed project report (DPR) for rural electrification in Darjeeling district (DGHC area) covering 306 villages and 50746 households at a cost of Rs. 119 crore.
- e) Another scheme for mouza electrification in Gosaba Block of Sunderban areas has been drawn up by WBSEDCL covering 15 nos. of villages and 10600 nos. of households at a cost of Rs. 11 crore.
- f) WBSETCL has completed the Muriganga river crossing line and has extended grid power to Sagar Island from 19th October, 2011.
- g) Unit No. VI of Santaldih Thermal Power Station has commenced commercial operation with effect from 30.9.2011.
- h) Installation work of 2 x 500 MW extension units of Sagardighi is going on as per schedule.
- i) Unit No. VII of 300 MW of DPL was re-commissioned in August end this year after major repair of turbo-generator and it achieved 85% PLF.
- j) Construction work of 250 MW 8th Unit of DPL is going on in full swing.
- k) Under Rural Village Electrification (RVE) Programme, 623 nos. of solar PV home lighting systems have been installed.

Municipal Affairs

Introduction :

Department of Municipal Affairs has taken various initiatives for beautification and modernizing the towns like Kolkata including Bidhannagar, Howrah, Siliguri etc. A number of programmes have been taken up for development of civic infrastructure and services like supply of drinking water, drainage and sewerage, education, roads, solid waste removal etc under the new regime.

Infrastructure Development Initiative

Urban Beautification

- For beautification of Kolkata, Kolkata Municipal Corporation has taken initiative for riverfront beautification. Certain clearances from Army are being received for initiating preliminary works.
- Hoarding free zones in Kolkata City have been identified. A committee has been constituted for formulation of guidelines for hoarding at Kolkata involving KMC, PWD and KMDA.
- Pilot project has already started in Nabadiganta Industrial Township.
- All Urban Local Bodies have been instructed to take steps for preparation of schemes for beautification.

Water Supply-

- With the active initiative of the State Government, Government of India has finally released first installment of fund for water supply projects in 8 small and medium towns under UIDSSMT (JNNURM), with the project cost of Rs. 184 crore. This is in addition to 22 water supply schemes small and medium non-mission towns and 28 water supply schemes in Kolkata and Asansol. Altogether the cost of water supply projects running in urban areas of the State is to the tune of Rs. 3200 crore.
- Technical clearance from Ministry of Urban Development for water supply projects for further 8 small and medium towns covering the towns, Jungalmahal and hill regions has been obtained under UIDSSMT (JNNURM).
- During this period, Water Supply Schemes at Krishnanagar and Tamluk have been inaugurated. Tarakeswar water supply scheme will also be inaugurated soon.
- In order to prepare a roadmap for providing potable water to all the towns of the State, a detailed matrix, in consultation with PHED and KMDA has been prepared.

Initiatives for Urban Poor

- Construction of **new houses under IHSDP (Integrated Housing & Slum Development Program)**: 3589
- Construction of **new houses under State Scheme** for Housing for Urban Poor: 344
- Under IHSDP, an amount of **Rs. 52.35 crore** has been spent for **infrastructure improvement** of slum areas and **construction of new houses** in all 80 small and medium non mission towns.
- **Socio- Economic and Caste census** for identification of BPL populace in urban areas has been taken up under the aegis of Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation. 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.
- Proposal has been sent to Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation to include all 47 ULBs of Kolkata and Asansol metropolitan cities under **Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY)** and necessary concurrence from Union Ministry is going to be received shortly.

Legislation

- In line with the model legislation circulated by Government of India on the basis of National Policy for Urban Street Vendors on protection of livelihood of hawkers a **Draft West Bengal Urban Street Vendor Bill** has been drafted.
- Steps are being taken to make enabling provision in the WB Municipal Act for introduction of Unit Area Method of Valuation of properties, at least in select municipalities. 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.

Other Initiatives

- A detailed data bank on the existing infrastructure of all the 127 ULBs has been prepared.
- The Department has released a fund to the tune of Rs. 32.45 cr to KMDA in order to meet up the ULBs' share for various water supply, drainage, solid waste management and other infrastructure improvement projects sanctioned under JNNURM.

- e- governance : In order to introduce e-governance in all the 127 Urban Local bodies (ULBs), Change Management Unit under Municipal Affairs Department has been designated as special purpose vehicle. Necessary clearance for release of fund for rolling out of 15 module integrated software and related hardware has been obtained. Necessary process for selection of agency for both software and hardware component has been finalized. Arrangements have been made to place IT Co-ordinators in all ULBs on contractual basis. Rolling out of video conferencing facility, already exists in 63 ULBs.
- 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.
- 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 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 Units.
- With active intervention from State Government, Election to 4 hill municipalities could be held after a stalemate of 21/2 years .
- Regular non-plan fund to the Urban Local Bodies are being released to meet up the salary expenses, electricity dues of KMC, O&M cost of water supply and so far around Rs 787.59 crores.
- 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 Program so that they do not have to wait long for receiving their pensions from the ULBs.
- To encourage the tax-payers who had not paid the Municipal taxes for a long period and facing difficulties for the accrued among of interest, their interest has been waived under Waiver Scheme. Now they will be able to pay the taxes easily.
- For beautification of Kolkata few steps had already been taken. All wards were decorated by plantation of trees, plantation of ornamental lamp posts etc. All municipalities have been instructed to beautify their own areas in the same way.

Urban Development

1. For ensuring smooth & proper management and distribution of water for general public within Kolkata Municipal Corporation Area, the Water Works at Garden Reach so long been managed by the Kolkata Metropolitan Water & Sanitation Authority (KMW&SA) have already been handed over to Kolkata Municipal Corporation.
2. Steps have been initiated for inclusion of Mandarmoni Mouza in the Planning Area of the Digha Sankarpur Development Authority for promotion of tourism in Digha. M/s. Bengal Urban Infrastructure Development Ltd. (BUIDL), a joint sector company has already been engaged for preparation of Detailed Project Report for Development of popular Tourist Spots.
3. Initiatives for stepping up e-Governance activities in the Dept. as well as in all the organisations under the administrative control of the Dept. have been taken up. Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA) had already started e-Tendering process and is now marching ahead for e-procurement. Other Development Authorities and Statutory Bodies have also been directed to implement e-Tendering.
4. The long pending cases of appointment of dependants of the deceased employees in various organisations under this Department on compassionate ground have also been taken up. Already 130 cases on appointment on compassionate ground in Kolkata Improvement Trust (KIT) and Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA) have been cleared.
5. The process of preparation of land bank on GIS format has already been started. The 'Land Bank' for 13 (Thirteen) Development Areas have been prepared and submitted to Land & Land Reforms Department. Haldia Development Authority (HDA) under this Dept. has made remarkable achievements by digitizing and geo-referencing all its mouza maps at plot levels and by updating these maps on the basis of Land Use Survey and latest quick-bird satellite imageries obtained from National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad.
6. The Policy of transfer of Lease of Industrial Plots at Salt Lake has been streamlined and it has been stipulated that 50% market rate of the total value of the land be payable for such transfer by the transferee as a Non-Tax Revenue drive.

7. (a) The Work of River Front Development for 5 (five) Ghats of Kolkata namely, Cossipore Pramanik Ghat, Annapurna's Ghat, Gola Bari Ghats, Kashi Mitra Burning Ghat, Hara Chandra Mallick Ghat by KMDA under NGRBA Program have been completed. The expenditure incurred being Rs. 27.50 crore.
- (b) Under NGRBA (National Ganga River Basin Authority) Programme the work of River Front Development of 4 (four) ghats at Rishra, 7 (seven) ghats at Chandannagar and 15 (fifteen) ghats in Bansberia has been taken up.
8. The following UIG (Urban Infrastructure and Governance) projects under JNNURM have already been commissioned;
 - a. 10 MGD (Million Gallon per day) Water Treatment Plant for Uluberia West (project cost Rs.45.58 crore).
 - b. 24 - hr. Water Supply Scheme for an area in Kalyani and Municipal Towns of Naihati, Halisahar, Kanchrapara, Gayeshpur (project cost Rs.141.94 crore).
 - c. Trans-municipal scheme on Removal of Drainage congestion within Khardah, Panihati, Dum Dum, North Dum Dum & South Dum Dum.
 - d. Rain Water drainage scheme in Hooghly-Chinsurah Municipality.
 - e. Rain Water drainage for Bansberia Municipality.
9. The work on the following UIG Projects has been running in full swing and these projects are expected to be completed soon.
 - i) Water supply project for Raniganj under Asansol urban Area (project cost Rs. 36.27 crore).
 - ii) Construction of E. M. By-pass from Padmapukur to Kamalgazi ,Kolkata.
 - iii) Tala Palta Dedicated Transmission Main.
10. 6207 nos. of dwelling units under BSUP Mission of JNNURM has been completed during this year. Further 26,893 quantity dwelling units are under construction.
11. In view of the increasing importance of cluster banking and following the emergence of World's leading International Financial Hubs of London, Singapore and Dubai, Kolkata being the third largest GDP City in India with US \$52 Billion (Nominal) and US\$ 150 (PPP) as per 2009 reports may be focused as the Financial Hub of the

Eastern Part of India next to Bandra Kurla in Mumbai. Kolkata can cater to various financial activities like banking, Insurance, mutual funds, offshore banking, investment and debt among others.

In view of the above, the West Bengal Housing Development Corporation Limited (WBHIDC) has decided to develop a Financial Hub in New Town and as preparatory gesture to this endeavor it has already identified the following prerequisites for such Financial Hub and has started developing those requirements in New Town in a planned way.

World-class urban infrastructure in planned Township with urban facilities.

Critical Power availability.

Zero level of disruption in power availability

Adequate Security environment

Well connectivity of international airport and with the main city

Back up residential accommodation for the employees and support staff.

With this objective in view WBHIDCO has identified a chunk measuring 25 acres at the heart of the City at the proposed Central Business District (CBD) of the New Town with a proposed higher FAR. The development of the basic infrastructures of the area such as sewerage, drainage, road connectivity, supply of drinking water, power connectivity etc. is almost complete. The proposed hub is on the Major Arterial Road of the town connecting Air Port and Salt Lake City. The WBHIDCO has taken the initiative to open up discussion with National level Financial Institutions and Banking units for the expansion of their business in Eastern India.

12. The State Govt. in the Urban Development Department has brought 254 Mouzas of Raghunathpur Police Station and Neturia Police Station and Raghunathpur Municipality of Purulia District under the purview of the West Bengal Town & Country (Planning and Development) Act, 1979 and subsequently declared the said area as the Planning Area for the purpose of the said Act.

13. In its initiative for creation of greeneries in Urban Areas, the Urban Development Department, it has already opened up an Urban Forestry Section. A High Powered Committee on Urban Forestry to co-ordinate and monitor the activities of Urban Forestry has been formed. Also a Technical Sub-Committee on Urban Forestry has

been formed for implementing the schemes of Urban Forestry in Salt Lake and other Municipal Towns in the State.

KOLKATA METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Achievements :-

- 1) Gitanjali Stadium : Work completed and ready to use.
- 2) Bansberia Drainage Project : work completed.
- 3) Beautification of Patuli Lake with project of Rs. 2 crore is on
- 4) With a view to making Rabindra Sadan campus more beautiful work has started to keep the area clean and develop a garden around the lake. Public entry after sunset and use of plastic have been prohibited. A security agency has been hired to keep vigil. The entire project should cost Rs. 20 crore.
- 5) The Salt Lake Drainage Project has been extended to Bidhannagar Area.
- 6) A master plan for beautification of the Western bank of the Ganges in Howrah is being prepared. The project would cover the area from Botanical Gardens to Bali. The first phase for 2.1 km area should cost Rs. 2.1 crore.
- 7) Beautification Projects worth Rs. 2 crore will be taken up shortly for Rishra and Naihati

Development of Rajarhat -New Town

1. Biometric attendance system has been initiated to guarantee regular attendance of the employees of the department.
2. CCTV has been installed at HIDCO Bhaban in New Town to ensure security.
3. Work has started for establishing Rabindra Tirtha, a complex comprising an auditorium, library and Tagore-exhibition hall on 48 acres of land at the cost of Rs. 27 crore.
4. Work has started for establishing Sishu Tirtha, a complex for Children's amusement, at the cost of Rs. 1.2 crore three such Shishu Tirthas will also be set up.
5. Work is on for beautification of pavements islands etc. Rs. 1.2 crore will be expended for the work over an area of 85,961 sq. km.

6. Work of erecting lamp-posts on both sides of 5.1 km long road is over.
7. Laying of 9 km long road is already completed while work for another 40 km is going on.
8. Work for laying 200.64 km long water supply pipe line at the cost of Rs. 144 crore is already over.
9. Work for laying 190 km long sewerage line at the cost of Rs. 142 crore to keep the drainage system working.
10. The construction work of 218 km of sewerage canal has been completed at the cost of Rs.154 crore.
11. 176 flats have been constructed at an expense of Rs. 16 crore for the people of economically weaker section.
12. Aliah University (20 acres), Hauz house (5 acres), National Security Guard (35 acres), Infosys (50 acres) and Wipro (50 acres) have been provided with lands.
13. A project for building up an eco-tourism park on 450 acres of land has been adopted. The park will comprise Food Court, Theme Garden etc. in natural surrounding.
14. A plan has been taken up to supply water directly taken from the Ganges after purification.
15. HIDCO will work as the nodal agency for the financial hub to be set up on 25 acres of land some banks and financial institutions have already expressed interest to be part with the hub.
16. A plan is being drafted for expending the green cover of the township for the sake of beautification. Work for installing decorated light stand on both sides of 5 km long road will start soon.
17. Taking the help of several organization for assuring the fire extinguishing set up in all housing and office buildings is under consideration.
18. The state Finance Department is dealing with the New Town Kolkata Development Authority (Property Tax) bill with all seriousness. House building rules and regulation have been amended for all establishments set up on more than 1 acre of land in terms of installing CCTV and fire extinguishing gadgets.
19. To encourage the use of Solar energy, a Solar City Project has been taken up and sent for the approval of the Union Government.

Irrigation & Waterways

Introduction

There have been a few elementary and qualitative changes of vision and approach of the Irrigation & Waterways Department.

a. Planning for effective management of water resources

- ❖ Draft State Water Policy is going to be finalized shortly.
- ❖ West Bengal Flood Control Commission has been constituted.
- ❖ A committee constituted for improvement and better management of Kolkata drainage.

b. Active participation of peoples' representatives in the development activities

- ❖ District Level Monitoring Committees comprising high officials of the Irrigation & Waterways Department, District Magistrate and peoples' elected representatives have been set up and started functioning in various districts to ensure better coordination and peoples' participation in public works.

c. Switching over to e-governance

- ❖ To ensure more transparency and wider competition, e-Tendering system has been introduced for all tenders costing more than Rs. 1.25 crore in various districts, as a first step towards switching over to e-governance.
- ❖ Detailed Project Report (DPR) for adapting e-governance up to the grass root level has been prepared.

d. Preparing Data Base for Land Bank

- ❖ Plotwise details of unused land in possession of the Irrigation & Waterways Department have been prepared.

2. Major Achievement in Schemes / Projects / Decisions

a. Teesta Barrage Project in North Bengal districts as National Project under AIBP funding

- ❖ Around 10,000 hectare of irrigation potential could be created in this period by way of completion of 40 km length of new canal system (main canal & distributaries)

and 39 number structures on the canal systems in Jalpaiguri and Uttar Dinajpur districts. Detailed project report costing Rs. 90 crore has been prepared.

b. Reconstruction of 'Aila' affected Sundarban Embankments under centrally assisted Flood Management Programme (FMP)

- ❖ State Cabinet has approved proposal of acquisition of 1622 acre. Reconstruction of 1.68 km length of embankment in Hingalganj, North 24-Parganas has been started at an estimated cost of Rs. 7.41 crore. Another package work in Kakdwip, South 24-Parganas would commence soon.

c. Kaliaghai-Kapaleswari-Baghai Drainage Basin Scheme under centrally assisted Flood Management Programme (FMP)

- ❖ After series of interactive meetings with people and peoples' representatives at district, block and village level, dredging of various rivers having total length of 63 km will be started soon, in tandem with the process of acquisition of land. Execution of these works would provide tangible benefits to the thousands of people in Paschim & Purba Medinipur, who were perpetually suffering from floods during last one and half decade.

d. Other Schemes under centrally assisted Flood Management Programme (FMP) & Central Sector

- ❖ Substantial progress has been made in respect of three schemes relating to improvement of Sundarban embankment in South 24-Parganas and two schemes relating to bank protection on Ganga/Padma and Bhagirathi rivers in Murshidabad & Nadia districts. All these schemes are expected to be completed soon and sum of Rs. 19.72 crore has been utilized so far.
- ❖ Eight bank protection schemes on various North Bengal Rivers bordering Bangladesh have nearly been completed for preventing loss of Indian land due to erosion and protecting Border Outposts. De-silting of 20 km of length of river Ichhamati along common border stretch in North 24-Parganas has been completed, which provided substantial relief to the local people during last monsoon. Total financial involvement for all these works has so far been Rs. 14.72 crore.

e. Other schemes under NABARD Loan Assistance (RIDF)s

- ❖ 85 odd schemes spread over various districts of the State in irrigation and flood control sectors are under various stages of execution, mainly under RIDF XII to XVI are going to be implemented.

f. Schemes under JNNURM for re-excavation / improvement of drainage channels

- ❖ The scheme for resuscitation of Upper Bagjola Khal, a major drainage artery in northern fringe of Kolkata Metropolitan area will commence soon. Schemes for improvement of Lower Bagjola Khal to take care of drainage load of the New Town at Rajarhat and for Tolly's Nullah are also under preparation.

h. Schemes under recommendation of 13th Finance Commission in Sundarban areas

- ❖ Tender for works worth Rs. 141.44 crore for prevention of erosion of Sundarban embankments and drainage channels and for rainwater harvesting have since been invited.

i. Schemes under recommendation of 13th Finance Commission for Water Resources Management Sector

- ❖ Around 500 odd works relating to maintenance and repair of irrigation canal system in the districts of Burdwan, Bankura, Purulia, Birbhum, Murshidabad, Hooghly and Howrah have been initiated from December, 2011 with cost of Rs. 41.00 crore. This would facilitate stabilisation of irrigation potential in around 21,000 hectare.

j. MGNREGA

- ❖ Department is participating in MGNREGA through preparation of schemes and providing technical supervision on behalf of the 3-Tier Panchayati Raj System. Around 148 bank accounts have so far been opened by the Assistant Engineers in various districts for this purpose. Schemes worth Rs. 15.77 crore have been submitted.

k. Planning for control of floods and restoration of flood affected infrastructure

- ❖ Devastation of floods during last monsoon season was minimised by effectively regulating discharges from reservoirs lying outside the State, through continuous interaction with the DVC Authority and Government of Jharkhand.
- ❖ This apart, round the clock patrolling on embankments were made and vulnerable spots were immediately attended to.

1. Programmes & Achievement in irrigation in South Bengal districts

- ❖ Around 18.39 lakh hectare of area could be brought under Kharif irrigation through DVC, Mayurakshi & Kangsabati Reservoir Project in this year, which is more than 90% of the target. Target of Rabi irrigation under KRP is 1 acre and that of Boro irrigation under DVC system is 88.000 acre.

m. Other important decisions / events

- ❖ Union Government has been requested to further extend the jurisdiction of the Farakka Barrage Project Authority of the Central Government to undertake anti-erosion works in the entire length of Ganga-Padma and Fulahar rivers within geographic boundary of the State in Malda and Murshidabad, and also to look after the Bhagirathi River from offtake point up to Plassey.
- ❖ Union Government has been requested to provide special maintenance funds for the Teesta Barrage Project, to restore the dilapidated canals and structures, suffered due to inadequate maintenance for a considerable period.
- ❖ In fulfilment of the demand of the State Government, the Union Government has accorded in principle concurrence for bring Tenughat reservoir owned by Jharkhand under unified command of DVRCC, which, if ultimately implemented, would be a major fillip to flood moderation in Lower DVC areas of the State.

n. Distribution of Teesta Water

- ❖ A committee has been formed under the leadership of river expert Kalyan Rudra to solve various problems that arise from distribution of Teesta water. Essential steps will be taken after the submission of committee recommendation.

3. Conclusion

- ▶ Taking into consideration the growing demand in water sector, priorities have been fixed and action areas have been highlighted in the State Water Policy, which is expected to give the proper direction towards formulation of future road map in water sector. As a component of the action plan, proposals for setting up a State Water Regulatory Authority are being formulated.
- ▶ An interdepartmental monitoring committee for proper management of execution of works and locating funding sources in regard to drainage system in Kolkata Metropolitan Area has also been proposed to be constituted.

Micro and Small Scale Enterprises

INTRODUCTION

Department of Micro & Small Scale Enterprises and Textiles has through its various wings, adopted new approach to implement its programmes & schemes in a time bound manner and formulating schemes to maximize benefit to the hitherto neglected backward section of the people of the State with following approaches : -

- ❖ Focus on integrated development of Micro & Small Scale Sector through cluster approach.
- ❖ Facilitation of the sustainable development of handloom weavers of this State located in and outside cooperative.
- ❖ Propagation of sericulture in the untapped areas of the traditional and non-traditional Districts through implementation of various tailor made Schemes.
- ❖ Revamping the Khadi Sector of the State thoroughly.



A. Achievements of Directorate of Micro & Small Scale Industries:-

- 1. West Bengal Incentive Scheme, 2007-**Rs 43.42 crore in favour of 411 units has been approved by District Level Committee.
- 2. PMEGP-** 8451 cases have been sanctioned by Banks in the year 2010-2011. Out of them 7604 cases have been disbursed involving Margin Money Rs 72.52 crore which is excess to the target Rs 21.37 crore. Additional fund of Rs 60 crore has been sought from Union Government.

3. Micro & Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP)

- Govt of W.B. released State's share of Rs 12.15 lakh for Common Facility Centre(CFC) proposal for the cluster already approved by GOI of Silver Filigree at South 24 Parganas.
- CFC for Surgical Instrument Cluster at Baruipur started operation by Special Purpose Vehicle(SPV).

4. Handicrafts schemes:

- 30 nos. Handicrafts training proposals for a sum of Rs 30 lakhs have been sponsored to NABARD & got in- principle approval.
- Conducted 7 nos. of Promotional training on Handicrafts for Paschim Medinipur for a sum of Rs 16.92 lakh.
- Activity will start soon for training on Bee Keeping for a sum of Rs 8 lakh.
- Promotional Training provided to encourage new artisans to produce handicraft artisans.
- Handicrafts competition at District & State Level organized at a Cost of Rs 14.75 lakh.
- TA, DA & Conveyance allowance to 7400 nos Handicrafts artisans, involving Rs 140 lakh.

5. Entrepreneurship & Other Skilled Development Programme

- 468 nos. of awareness programmes in Panchyat Samity, Blocks, Municipalities & Corporations area involving a sum of Rs 31.91 lakh.
- 55 nos. of Entrepreneurship Development Programme(EDP) proposals for Budding entrepreneurs at a cost in all Rs 75.96 lakh.
- 9 nos. of skilled development programme at MMTRTC Howrah involving a sum of Rs 24 lakh.
- 156 job work undertaken by MMTRTC with valuation of Rs 17.16 lakhs.

6. Under CEO

- (1) 24 nos. of orders received during the period for a sum of Rs .20.41 lakhs
- (2) 33 nos. of orders executed worth Rs 43.83 lakhs.

7. West Bengal State Export Promotion Society

- Photo ID cards have been prepared for 1,01,971 handicraft artisans of West Bengal till date.
- Participated in the International Autumn Fair held at Birmingham, UK from 4th to 7th September 2011 with the financial assistance of Rs.15,08,750/- sanctioned by Govt. of India. Spot orders were received and business connections established with 85 buyers.
- Participated in the First Giftex Fair at Bangalore from 29.9.2011 to 2.10.2011 with 22 handicraft artisans for promotion of handicraft products of West Bengal.
- Participated in the CII Trade Fair at Chandigarh from 20.10.11 to 24.10.11 with 71 handicraft artisans for market promotion.
- Participated in the India International Trade Fair (IITF) in the West Bengal Pavilion at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 14.11.2011 to 27.11.2011 with 42 Units. Rs.35.00 lakhs has been sanctioned by the State Govt. for payment towards participation fees.

8. New Schemes

- Implementation of schemes under Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Development Commissioner (MSME), Khadi & Village Industries Commission, NABARD to explore maximum benefit to small enterprises is under progress.
- Special Plan for LWE Blocks for implementation of development schemes under M&SSE sector covering 12,981 Nos. of beneficiaries.
- District Potential Survey with village resource mapping and formulation of perspective plan with time-framed short-term as well as long term targets for gainful utilization of the resources for promotion of the M&SSE for larger employment is under progress.
- The lac sector will be revitalized involving farmers & lac producers to enhance production. Local area authority and experts will be induced to increase cultivable area for better stick lac.

- IT enabled setup for introducing e-governance is nearly completed.
- Implementation of salary payment through CBS of SBI w.e.f. July, 2011.
- Single Window approach at the Directorate level, District level and Subdivision Level for trouble free implementation of M&SSE programme has been revitalized.
- New & modified M&SSE friendly Incentive Scheme will be introduced.
- Entrepreneur friendly e-services to the M&SSE sector with transparency by introducing e-governance and IT enabled computerization.
- Project on Natural Fibre Mission for development of Mat, Bamboo, Babui Grass based Handicraft Units / Cluster in the District of Paschim Medinipur, Purulia, Bankura have been taken up the generation of community based rural livelihood.
- Raw Material Bank for Handicrafts Units based on Mat, Bamboo, Babui Grass with controlled atmosphere has been opened for the benefits of the Artisans at Paschim Medinipur.

B. Achievements of Directorate of Textiles (Handloom, Spinning Mills, Silk weaving and Handloom based handicrafts division):-

❖ Appointments:

- 7 (Seven) more Textile Designers have been appointed to the Handloom Cluster Development Projects for design development of the products of Handloom Clusters.
- 12 (Twelve) more Cluster Development Executives have been appointed on contractual basis apart from 21 Cluster Development Executives already working in the different Handloom Cluster Development Projects of this State, who were appointed to the Clusters from the available Technical Officers of the Directorate of Textiles (Handloom etc. Division).

Outcome

- It is expected that 13,843 weavers would be benefited in earning remunerative wages after implementation of the Projects, through production of value added and market oriented products.
- Reservation of Handloom (Articles for Production) Act, 1985.
- Objective: To prevent powerlooms from producing the 11 (eleven) textile items which are exclusively reserved for production on Handlooms.
- F.I.R has been lodged against 3 (three) Powerloom Units for production of cotton jacquard designed sarees in violation of the Act.

❖ **Health Insurance Scheme:**

The scheme aims at financially enabling the weaver community to access best health care facilities and covers all pre-existing as well new diseases with substantial provision for Outdoor Patients Department (OPD) facilitates. The scheme covers a weaver, his/her spouse and a maximum four of children. A total of 3,16,276 number of Health Insurance Cards have been prepared and being distributed to the concerned weavers.

❖ **Photo Identity cards to the weavers:**

Following 3rd Handloom Census, the Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, provided a total of 5,79,623 Weavers Identity cards. We have already distributed 38,853 cards and the rest are under process of distribution to weavers. The process will be completed soon.

C. Achievements of Directorate of Textiles (Powerloom, Hosiery & Readymade garments):-

1. Training on Powerloom Weaving: 96 persons have been trained during the period.
2. Grant and analysis of Projects for setting up of new Powerloom Units: 60 no. of projects intending to set up 348 no. of looms having Project cost of Rs.749.99 lakh and investment in Plant and Machinery to the tune of Rs.367.18 lakh have been technically vetted from this office.
3. Rendering technical guidance to entrepreneurs desiring to set up new Powerloom Units: 112 persons have been assisted.
4. Installation of automatic Powerlooms: In three Powerloom Coop. Societies of Barddhaman and Nadia districts, 36 automatic Powerlooms have been installed under National Co-operative Development Corporation Scheme for establishment of Powerloom worksheds and installation of auto-looms.
5. Inspection of Powerloom Coop. Societies & Powerloom units : Powerloom Coop. Societies and 57 Powerloom units in the district of Nadia, Barddhaman, North 24 Parganas, Bankura & Uttar Dinajpur have been inspected.
6. Supply of electrically operated High Speed Sewing Machines to the members of Readymade Garments Clusters of Jalpaiguri district: 180 persons belonging to Paharpur & Jaldhaka Clusters of Jalpaiguri district has been supplied such machines.

D. Achievements of West Bengal Khadi & Village Industries Board:-

❖ Khadi Programme

" Implementation of Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC) Scheme- Out of the target of Rs.2991.70 lakhs for the Year 2011-12, Rs.361.75 lakhs is achieved.

- Implementation of Artisans Welfare Fund Trust (AWFT) Scheme- Out of target of Rs. 2.87 crore Rs.250.87 lakhs (Deposit Mobilized) is achieved.
- Implementation of Janashree Bima Joyana (JBY) for KHADI artisans- Out of target of Rs. 1.71 lakhs, - Rs.1.23 lakhs premium is paid for 1230 nos. of artisan
- Implementation of Baluchari Complex at Sonamukhi, Bankura under State Plan- Objective:- 40 nos of weavers to be covered at a project cost of Rs.50 lakhs.

❖ Village Industries Programme

- District Level Awareness Camps- 12 nos. of Camps held out of a target of 18 Camps.
- Cluster Development Programme under Rural Industries Service Centre (RISC)- Target of conducting 2 Nos. of Projects covering 50 nos. beneficiaries with a Project Cost of Rs 10 Lakhs is completed.
- Promotion of Sales - Out of target of Rs. 55 lakhs, promotion of Retail Sales through Department Sales-Out 'Gramin' under Franchise System, Rs. 40 lakhs is achieved.

E. West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd.

- WBSIDC has selected 17 (seventeen) small entrepreneurs for allotment of stalls to different Commercial Estates.
Total collection (including revenue income) of WBSIDC Ltd. upto 23/11/2011 is Rs.817.52 lakhs.
- MoU with M/s. Vashundhara Floriculture Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata-16 for the development of a Plastic Cluster Park in the district of Hooghly in an area of 240 acres. Project will involve direct employment of 2500 people and around 5000 people as indirect employment.
- Proposal for a Joint Venture with Federation of Indian Export Organization, Eastern Regional Office, Kolkata -16 for the development of an Export Mart on 1.08 acres of land at New Town, Rajarhat acquired by WBSIDC has been finalised.
- Construction of infrastructures for a new Industrial Estate at Rejinagar in the district Murshidabad. Fund assistance under RIDF is in progress. Value of work executed - Rs. 7 crore approx.

- Upgradation of infrastructures of Udayan Industrial Estate at Pagladanga in the district Kolkata. Fund assistance under MSE-CDP, Government of India and state Government is in progress. Value of executed - Rs. 1 crore approx.
- From January, 2012 WBSIDC is adopting e-tendering process which will bring transparency. We can progress faster to serve entrepreneurs more effectively if problems like land ceiling, sub-lease right etc. is to be solved from L & LR Department quickly. In the coming days, we shall be trying to reduce time gap to reach our destination of industrialization.

CONCLUSION: -

- ❖ Revitalization of Lac sector involving farmers & lac producers to enhance production.
- ❖ Convergence in inter-departmental activities of dovetailing of Sericulture with major agro based programmes of the Union Government like RKVY for the first time.
- ❖ Maximization of rearing of Bivoltine/Cross Breed (CB) DFLs for enhancement of productivity.
- ❖ Establishment of Silk Park at Malda in the state with state-of-the-art infrastructure for overall promotion of the industry.
- ❖ Shifting of focus to Non Mulberry Sector with special emphasis on holistic development of Tasarculture in XII th Plan Period.
- ❖ Thrust on promotion and development of Khadi (Cotton Khadi, Muslin Khadi & Silk Khadi Industries).
- ❖ Thrust on promotion and development of Village Industries through implementation of Cluster Development Programme and Employment Generation Programme under State Government and Government of India to explore.

It is our mission to regain the past glory of the handloom sector of this State through product diversification and production of value added Handloom Fabrics, which would be achieved through implementation of different Central Sector, Centrally Sponsored and State Sector Schemes/Projects and the concerned weavers may get remunerative wages and social security.

Higher Education

Introduction:

During the last two hundred days, importance on education in the higher education and post-graduate levels, degree courses or technical courses in the engineering and management arena; impetus was given for over-all cognitive development alongside fervent initiative in infrastructural growth in the higher-education sector. A huge potential is being opened up in the sphere of intellectual property generation by way of extending the arena of definite vocational and computer based education in the human resources development. A silver lining is visible in the higher education sector.

College Education

- This year 38,500 seats in general Degree colleges, 4000 seats in Engineering Colleges, 720 seats in Law Colleges and 1,200 seats in B.Ed. Colleges have been added to their present capacity.
- Process of setting up of four new Colleges in Jungle Mahal areas at Salboni, Jhargram, Nayagram and Lalgarh has been started.
- Setting up 3 Govt. colleges at Rajarhat, New Town; Gaighata, North 24-Pgs and Bhabta, Murshidabad is under process.
- A Government-aided centre for coaching for IAS and WBCS examinations is proposed to be set up at Bidhannagar College. Process of project formulation has already begun.
- Arrangement for paying salaries to teachers and non-teaching staff of Govt. aided colleges on 1st day of every month has been taken up.
- Payment of pension on Ad-hoc basis within one month of retirement in Govt. aided colleges has also been taken up.
- An amount of Rs.5.24 crore has been sanctioned towards infrastructural development (laboratory, library, furniture etc.) for 37 colleges.
- Appointment of regular Principals in place of Teacher-in-Charge is under process. Recruitment of college teachers against vacancies is under process.
- More subjects will be included in State Level Eligibility Test (SLET) from next year.
- An allocation of Rs.16.42 lakh has been released for construction of Gr. 'D' staff quarters of Government College of Education, Malda.
- The Al-Amin Memorial Minority college at Baruipur has been brought under West Bengal College (Payment of Salaries) Act, 1978. As a result of this step, salaries of the teachers and non-teaching staff of the college will be at par with their counterparts in other colleges.

University Education

- An Expert Committee 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 was set up on 9th June, 2011. The committee was supposed to submit its report by three months. After expiry of its term, the Expert Committee was reconstituted with 13 members on 14.10.11 to submit its recommendation by next three months.
- The West Bengal University Act (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 and to introduce provision for removal of the Vice-Chancellors & Pro-Vice-Chancellors to increase the excellence in the arena of Higher Education.
- Accountant General, West Bengal has been authorized to undertake statutory audit of the Netaji Subhas Open University, Presidency University, Gour Banga University, West Bengal State University, Sidhu Kanhu Birsha University and West Bengal University of Technology.
- The plan for construction of a campus of Netaji Subhas Open University at Bidhan Nagar has been sanctioned and permission has been granted by the Bidhan Nagar Municipality.
- Results of various Bachelor Degree courses, Diploma courses, P.G. courses and M. Phil. course, which were long overdue, have been published by Netaji Subhas Open University.
- The State Government has given concurrence to the long-drawn demand for opening the G.P.F. Account in favour of teachers, officials and employees of West Bengal State University and Gour Banga University.
- Gour Banga University has started the process of recruitment of 69 teachers in various teaching posts of Post Graduate courses so that pass outs of its affiliating colleges can complete their PG courses in this University.
- Creation of 6 posts of officers and 40 posts of Non-teaching category for Sidhu Kanu Birsha University has been approved.
- Creation of 104 posts of Assistant Professors in various Departments of Presidency University has been approved.
- North Bengal University has taken over physical possession of 36.138 acres of land from Jalpaiguri Government Engineering College for construction of second campus of the University at Jalpaiguri.

- Murshidabad Centre of Aligarh Muslim University has started its academic activities. To start with, courses for Law and Management have been introduced in this Centre.
- The State Government is taking initiative to create a chair of Professor in Calcutta University in the name of Swami Vivekananda on the occasion of his 150th Birth anniversary.

Technical Education at Degree level and above

- The Government of India has been requested to approve the State's proposed project for setting up one Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) at Darjeeling.
- The process of recruitment of Government Engineering College teachers against vacancies, which posed a regular problem, is already underway.
- The Department is seriously endeavouring to implement World Bank assisted, Government of India sponsored Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) Phase - II in order to improve quality of technical education and enhance existing capacity of the Engineering Institutes of this State.
- The Department of Higher Education has of late come into agreement with the premier Consultancy firm M/s Price Water House Coopers (PWC) Inc. for undertaking a feasibility study of its entire operations in order to formulate better Public Delivery System through intervention of e-Governance and Information Technology Processes.
- 12 projects under One Time Additional Central Assistance (OTACA) have been taken up with estimated involvement of Rs.31.32 crore to cover expansion of Kalyani Government Engineering College, Tanning Training & Service Centre at Bantala, vertical extension work of Jadavpur University, roof treatment of library building, construction of college building of Sukanta College, 3-storied building of Baharampur Girls' College, 4-storied building of Srirampur Girls' College, Boys' Hostel for Scheduled Castes of Y. S. Palpara Mahavidyalaya and Documentation, Research and related publication and also publication of West Bengal District Gazetteers.
- Under West Bengal Govt. Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme, 16517 students have been provided scholarship for pursuing higher studies with an amount Rs.15.86 crore.

Social Education

- Ramkrishna Mission Ashrama, Sargachi, Murshidabad, was sanctioned Rs.4.50 lakh towards setting up of Computer Unit.
- An amount of Rs.25 lakh has been released for repair and renovation of Old-age Home of Gaudiya Mission.
- An amount of Rs.4 lakh has been released for renovation of Ramkrishna Math, Rajarhat, Bishnupur.

School Education

Vision

Since taking oath on 20.05.2011, the new Government, has decided to achieve specific target to improve the performance of the department. Primarily the Government stressed on the sectors like-(1) Jangalmahal area (2) Infrastructure development of the schools, (3) e-Governance (4) Payment of salaries to teaching and non-teaching staff through bank by way of e-payment within the 1st week of every month (5) Upgradation of schools (from Junior High to High and from High to Higher Secondary) (6) Setting up of new schools (7) Giving incentive to Girls students (8) Computer Aided Learning/installation of Computers at the schools, (9) Computerization of offices at different levels under School Education Department.

Achievement:

Infrastructure development of the schools :

- ❖ For development of 8 govt. schools Rs. 1.44 crore and for additional 17 schools Rs. 1.99 crore have been released.
- ❖ Library & Laboratory Grants : For this purpose in 1st phase Rs. 51 lakh has been released for infrastructure development of laboratories of 51 schools @ Rs. 1 lakh per school and in 2nd phase Rs. 80 lakh has been released for infrastructure development of Libraries of 160 schools @ Rs.50,000 per school.
- **e-Governance & Computerization of offices :-** Rs. 1.12 crore has been released for computerization of Directorate Offices under School Education Department and Rs. 20.06 crore has been released in connection with the installation of computers in 1400 Schools for learning purposes. The former Chief General Manager of BSNL has been engaged to advise on matters relating to computerization department.
- **Payment of salaries to teaching and non-teaching staff by way of e-payment through banks:** Now salary of school teachers are made through electronic transfer to their bank account on 1st day of each month. The system is continuing smoothly.
- **Construction and Upgradation of schools :** 55 new primary schools and 1026 secondary schools have been established while 76 junior high schools have been

upgraded to high schools and 310 high schools have been upgraded to higher secondary schools.

- **Setting up of new Government schools:** School Education Department has initiated proposals for setting up of 2 new Schools (one at Rajarhat and another at Ailakundi, Bankura), land transfer formalities are under process besides these, process for opening of 2 new government schools in every district has been started.
- **Incentive to Poor Girl students:** A sum of Rs. 9.10 crore has been released to encourage/help poor girls students.
- **Evaluation of Primary Students:** Monitoring the progress of the students is essential and so a sum of Rs. 3.34 crore has been released for this purpose.
- **Office building of DPSCS/Boards :** Rs. 2.23 crore have been released for construction of 4 nos. office buildings (one for WBBSE, three Siksha Bhavans) at Barasat, Paschim Medinipur & Malda.
- **Supply of Nationalized Text Books :** Rs. 31.51 crore been released for the above mentioned purpose.

Continuous attempts are on to bring the non-school going students under the education cover.

- **Government Decision as per NCTE norms:** The Government has decided to establish 3 new PTTI colleges and upgrade the existing government PTTIs.

To consider the security of students as well as schools the Government has decided to construct boundary walls of the schools through RIDF.

- **Electrification of School:** The Department initiated proposals for electrification of schools at electrified and non-electrified zones.
- The process of computerization of pension of teaching & non-teaching staff has started.

LAW

During the new regime, 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 V of 2011);
- ❖ The East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act IX of 2011);
- ❖ The West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2011 (West Ben. Ord. III of 2011);
- ❖ The West Bengal (Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Ordinance, 2011 (West Ben. Ord. IV of 2011);
- ❖ The Bengal Legislative Assembly (Members' Emoluments) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2011 (West Ben. Ord. V of 2011).

Formation of Enquiry Commissions under the Commission of Enquiry Act, 1952 :-

- ❖ Unnatural Death of Mustafa Bin Kasem, ex MLA, 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 Santhals during the festival of Hul in the district of Paschim Medinipur;

- ❖ Death of 13 persons by police firing on July 21,1993 during Writers March;
- ❖ Committee for consideration of release of political prisoners languishing in different Correctional Homes;
- ❖ Alleged Police firing in the incident at Mograhat in the district of 24-Parganas (South).

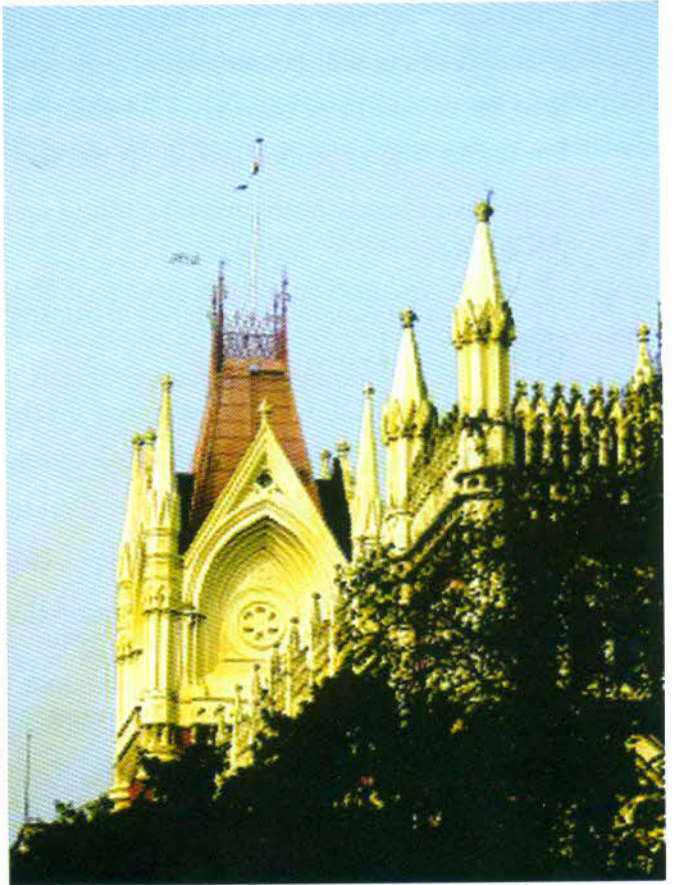
Steps taken for-

- Appointment of dependent on ex-staff of the Official Translator Branch (Nepali) on compassionate ground;
- To fill up the vacancies of Law Officers in various Departments, Directorates and Districts from the West Bengal Legal Service;
- For translation of 11 Central Acts, and Constitution of India (55th to 94th amendments) Act in Bengali by the Official Language Branch of this Department, 25 Central Acts and 6 Bengal Acts have been translated into Bengali.
- To equip this department with computerization with a view to incorporating Bengal Code in electronic form;
- To strengthen the District Offices by providing Law Officers from the West Bengal Judicial Service;
- To fill up the vacant posts in the Official Language Branch (Bengali) of this Department;
- Updating and reprint of the Constitution of India in Bengali;
- To publish The West Bengal Code Volume XII
- For creation of new 56 posts of Law Officers in the West Bengal Judicial Service to cater the needs of different Department, Directorates, offices of District Magistrate and District Land and Land Reforms Officer;
- To fill up 18 posts of Law Officers of the West Bengal Judicial Service in different offices of District Panchayats and Rural Development Officer (DPRDO) set up.

Judiciary

Introduction

Judicial Department has succeeded to its endeavour in implementing the programmes taken up for infrastructural development of Judiciary in this State. A sum of Rs.511.98 crores only has been granted during the current financial year. New projects viz. construction of West Bengal Judicial Academy at Rajarhat, Circuit Bench of High Court, Calcutta at Jalpaiguri and several new court buildings in different places in West Bengal etc. are under active consideration of this Department in the current financial year. This Department has also achieved success in Video-linkage Facilities and Computerization of court building of this State.



Achievements

- 1) Nineteen Human Rights Courts in nineteen districts have been established and they are functioning.
- 2) Rs.83 lakh has been released for boundary wall of the Judicial Academy to be constructed at Action Area - II of Rajarhat, New Town, Kolkata.
- 3) Three CBI Courts at Kolkata have been established and they are functioning. Other two CBI Courts one each at Alipore and Asansol will be established shortly and one will be established at Siliguri.
- 4) Steps have been taken for establishment of Gram Nayalays in each sub division of the State.

- 5) Steps have been taken for construction of Court Complex for Mal Sub Division at Mal.
- 6) Training of Prosecutors of High Court, Calcutta and the districts 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 worth more than Rs. 6000/- have been given to each Trainee Prosecutors. This distribution of law books among trainee lawyers is the first instance in India.
- 7) Steps have already been taken for filling up of all vacant posts of Assistant Public Prosecutors.
- 8) A post of Senior Standing Counsel in Supreme Court of India has been created and appointment has been given.
- 9) Appointment of Ld. Advocate General for the State of West Bengal has been made. Appointments of GP, PP, Standing Counsel and other Law Officers for the High Court, Calcutta have been made.
- 10) Steps have already been taken for appointment of PPs and GPs in all districts.
- 11) Steps have already been taken for constitution of District Legal Services Authorities and Sub Divisional Legal Aid Committees.
- 12) Advocates Welfare Fund Trust Committee has been reconstituted for the welfare of the Advocates of the State.
- 13) Notification has already been issued to all Additional District Judges posted at the outline sub divisional courts to receive applications/suits under Hindu Marriage Act for disposal.
- 14) District and Sessions Judge of Purba Medinipur and Uttar Dinajpur are empowered to act as Special Court to try offences under Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe Atrocities Act as no power was given to the said District Judges after bifurcation.
- 15) State Legal Services Authority has been reconstituted in consultation with Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court, Calcutta.
- 16) 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.

- 17) Decision has been taken to continue 151 Fast Track Courts upto 31.03.12 from the fund of State Exchequer though Central Govt. has winded up those courts w. e. f. 01.04.11.
- 18) Rs.1.50 crore has been released for construction of boundary wall and land development for establishment of Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court at Jalpaiguri.
- 19) Applications have already been invited to fill up the vacant posts of Marriage Registrars in all Blocks, Municipalities and corporations. Selection of candidates is under process.
- 20) Selection process for appointment of APPs and Law Officers is in the final stage.
- 21) Fund provided for (i) construction of Criminal Court Building in the Civil Court Compound at Diamond Harbour, South 24 Parganas, (ii) construction of three courts in the District Judge's Court Compound at Baharampur, Murshidabad, (iii) construction of Judicial Complex at Barackpore, (iv) construction of Sub divisional Court Complex at Kharagpur, (v) construction of the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Zilla Adalat Bhavan, Barasat, (vi) repair, renovation etc of the existing court buildings in different districts including High Court, Calcutta, (vii) for renovation of the projects viz. Amenities like sinking of tube well, shades for witnesses, cycle shed, garage etc of the existing court buildings of different districts including High Court, Calcutta, (viii) maintenance of the SealDAH Court Complex, (ix) Upgradation of Court Complex at Tamluk, (x) construction for conversion of Chanchol Rajbari into Sub Divisional Court at Chanchol, Malda, (xi) computerization projects in High Court, Calcutta and in the District and Sub divisional courts, (xii) major portion of renovation work in the Dock Labour Hospital of Calcutta Port Trust, (xiii) Upgradation of the Record Room of High Court, Calcutta, (xiv) Strengthening the State Judicial Academy, Training of Judicial Officers/Public Prosecutors and (xv) Construction of two Family Courts at Alipore.

Conclusion

For meeting of justice to all in time - establishment of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) Centres, Shift Courts, Court of Sessions, up gradation of the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrates and Courts of Metropolitan Magistrates, filling up the post of Mohammedan Marriage Registrars, Kazis, and post of Notaries of this State etc are the upcoming projects/initiatives of this Department

Food and Supplies

Visions

1. To eradicate starvation by implementing "Food for All" programme.
2. To ensure food security for vulnerable sections of the society by distributing food grains through Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS).
3. To contain inflation of essential commodities by distributing the same through TPDS.
4. To build up buffer stock of rice and ensure Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy to farmers through procurement operation.
5. To build Khadya Bhavan in each district where there is no such office accommodation.
6. To build up storage space for storing an additional five lakh tons of foodgrain.

Target and Achievements

- ❖ Food insecurity of a large section of the poor seemed to be one of the most important causes of unrest in the Left Wing Extremist (LWE) affected, 23 blocks of Paschim Medinipur, Bankura and Purulia -known as Jangal Mahal. Functioning of the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in that area seemed to be severely plagued by exclusion errors of identification of BPL personnels and in many places ration card holders were to travel a long distance to purchase TPDS items. To streamline TPDS in Jangal Mahal the following steps have been taken to ensure food security.
 1. BPL benefits under TPDS have been extended to all general, OBC and SC families living in the said Block areas having annual income not more than Rs. 36,000/- only and also to all ST families having annual income not more than Rs. 42,000/- only. Those identified families are getting subsidized rice @ Rs. 2 /- per kg at enhanced scale. Each five-member family is getting now 55 kg of subsidized food grains (rice and fortified wheat taken together) per month.
 2. As many as 16 lakh beneficiaries have been identified following the newly set income criteria.
 3. Distribution of ration cards to identified beneficiaries is being done by organizing special camps. So far around 13 lakh ration cards have been distributed.

4. As many as 43 additional outlets have been opened in addition to existing MR shops to facilitate villagers to draw their ration articles.
5. In Hill areas of Darjeeling district scales of distribution of food grains through TPDS have been doubled. As a result of which each family comprising of five members is now getting 65 kg of food grains (rice, wheat and fortified wheat taken together) per month at subsidized rate.
6. Eradication of starvation through "Food for All" vision has been given top most priority. In addition to strengthening the existing TPDS, arrangement has been kept ready for quick response by way of delivering food grains free of cost to the starving families in case any report of starvation is received from anywhere. During the new regime, we have received such reports of starvation from Paschim Midnapur, Bankura, Purulia and Malda districts and responded quickly.
7. "World Food Day - 2011" was observed in Aila affected four blocks of South 24 Parganas and North 24 Parganas districts by distributing rice free of cost to around 1000 ST families.
8. For streamlining TPDS, doorstep delivery to Fair Price Shops has been introduced.
9. For restructuring and reforming the existing TPDS an Apex Committee has been formed under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, West Bengal.
10. Website of the department is ready for launching.
11. Action plan for digitization of ration cards has already been prepared by NIC and the Government of India has been asked for funding.
12. To receive complaints, the grievance cell of the department has been strengthened by setting up Toll- free number : 1800-345-5505.
13. Bogus ration cards are the main source of leakages of PDS commodities. Special drive for elimination of bogus ration cards has been launched and it is continuing. Meanwhile as many as 15 lakh bogus ration cards have been eliminated.
14. MSP of Paddy is determined by the central government. For ensuring MSP of paddy to farmers the state government goes for discussion with the central government. As the small and marginal farmers get the benefits, arrangements have been initiated in this regard.

- ❖ To generate awareness, Radio, TV and print media channels are being used.
 - ❖ To facilitate farmers for opening of zero balance account, banking authorities are constantly been pursued.
 - ❖ Special camps have been arranged for purchasing paddy directly from farmers at MSP in many districts.
 - ❖ Procurement of rice is in progress. Till 15 December, 2011, around 33,737 MT of rice has been procured in the current Kharif Marsum. While during 2010-11 Kharif Marsum only 23,737 MT rice was procured.
15. Last but not the least building of additional storage space as well as construction of Khadya Bhavans, has received top most priority. Planning and Development dept. has since been moved and all District Magistrates have been requested for providing land from their land bank as early as possible.



Labour

To make labour-friendly transparent system against the pace of fast growing super profiting technology, this department is striving for better labour-economy by playing reconciliatory role, particularly, when industrial scenario appears to be convenient for competitive and further growth.

- Kanoria Jute Mill, Gondol Para Jute Mill and Delta Jute Mill have been opened.
- Work in all the tea gardens barring 2 or 3 has 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'.
- With the back drop of declining, job opportunities employment exchanges and with Honourable Apex Court direction for compulsory advertisement, Labour Department has formulated an approach paper on "Scheme for Employment through Employment Bank"- a major Labour Department initiative. Under the principle of National e-Governance a web based delivery mechanism has been envisaged. All registered job seekers, or any one, would have chance to register, login on any information on training providers without any delay. This Employment Bank will also analyze skill deficit, design training module through market search and develop compatible forces for skill demand in market search. Within the next year the Employment Directorate will attempt to touch new dimension for job seekers irrespective of category.
- The Govt. has already created 81,553 posts in various departments and the process for recruitment has already begun. The same has been started for 3,954 posts in the Health and Family Welfare Department. Re-employment has been made in 9,226 posts. 52,142 persons under various self help and self employment projects have been provided with loans and governments subsidies so that they can be self reliant.
- For domestic workers under Skill Development Programme a special module is developed to ensure better skill acquisition and participatory management.

- By working out scheme for skill up-gradation for the workers in closed and locked out industries and for their gainful engagement, all workers under FAWLOI are attempted to be included.
- Entire Skill Development Programmes for all workers of society are being revised and made to be market reliable force- an uphill task Labour Department has concentrated upon.
- Factory Directorate under Labour Department had organized a conference on last September, 2011 with the initiation of NDMA (National Disaster Management Authority), Govt. of India and MOEFs (Ministry of Environment and Forest) on Emergency Planning, Hazardous Waste Management, etc. to mitigate chemical accident hazards by alerting all participating industries to be extremely cautious on accident and environment issues.
- Inter-factory mock-drill programmes through Mutual Aid Response disseminates the message that Government attaching priority on the issue of hazardous process and chemicals. As many as 11 awareness programmes have now been organized in most MAH units in a focused way keeping District Authority informed.
- Closed factories as evident from records are being verified to keep independent data-bank for Labour Department- a new approach.
- The innovative single window system in the name of "Silpa- Sathi" for registration and licensing of new industries this Labour Department starts to work in tandem with Commerce and Industries Department apart from this, With the pledge to secure better governance and delivery mechanism Labour Department is committed to review Labour Laws and various schemes executed so far.

An initiative has been taken to amend Labour Laws.

- For the first time in West Bengal, Maniktala ESI hospital has been upgraded as post graduate institute for the medical students and shortly it will start functioning. Tie up service dispensary at Jamuria (Burdwan) has been started functioning. Intensive therapy units (I.T.U.) has been- a unique breakthrough in Maniktala ESI hospital for effective decentralization of chemotherapy & other medication, services of the oncology department have been extended progressively in all the ESI hospitals. Knee transplantation/ surgical unit have taken an appreciable shape at Sealdah ESI unit. RSVY scheme in coordination with the health & family welfare department is going to be launched in Howrah district hospital for widening its horizon to ensure better services for BPLs/ insured persons.

Agriculture

1. Credit Mission - KCC

The Department has launched a mission for universalization of KCC (Kisan Credit Card) by 31st March, 2012. The Department, with the support of the DMs and BDOs, is organizing camps at GP level. The significant features of the mission are as follows

- a. The KCCs shall be given individually to land owners while the Share Croppers/ Tenant Farmers/ Oral Lessees will be organised into Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) for providing them with KCCs.
- b. Use of simplified uniform loan application forms for all loans upto 50,000 per farmer
- c. Department of Agriculture is responsible for preparation and sponsoring the loan applications for KCCs to the banks. They shall take help from FPOs, PACS and Farmer Clubs etc.
- d. Bank branches, on their part, will ensure that all loan applications sponsored by the Department of Agriculture are processed within 10 working days and KCCs are issued to eligible cases.

2. Crop Insurance

- a. For Paddy, Pulses, Wheat, Oilseeds and other non commercial crops the entire premium on account of the insurance shall be paid by the Government
- b. For Potato the Government is subsidizing the premium such that the Farmer pays only 4.85 % of the insured amount as premium.
- c. For this support to the Farmer, the Government would spend a sum of 67 crores.

3. Fertilizers

The Department has been able to move 15 Lakh MT of fertilizers into the State over the last 200 days. To ensure that no fertilizer is sold over the MRP, the Department has also carried out 7142 inspections resulting in 347 numbers of suspension, 61 cancellations of Fertilizer licenses and filing of 22 nos. of FIRs. In 458 cases, the sale has been carried out under supervision of various authorities.

4. Farmers' Advisory System:

As part of development of the 1st module of the advisory system, the Department has been able to develop a GPS based soil analysis system for providing support to a sms based soil and fertilizer advisory system. The Soil advisories shall be available to the farmers within 15th December, 2011.

5. Seed Mission :

Work has started in this mission, wherein the department contemplates a 100 % seed replacement of Paddy, wheat, Jute, oilseeds and Pulses' seeds over a period of next 3 years with very High Yielding Varieties. This involves

- a. setting up seed villages covering 60,000 Ha over three years @ 200 - 500 Ha (for Paddy) and 20 Ha for other crops to enable seed production under the supervision of the Department by the Farmers directly thereby developing them into seed producers. Work has already started over 20,000 Ha this rabi season.
- b. The Department providing all the inputs
- c. The entire production would be bought by the Government for further propagation.
- d. The total cost shall be 500 crores over three years.

6. Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP)

The Department has set up a State Level Nodal Agency under IWMP. A perspective plan has already been submitted to the Government of India for coverage of 63.82 Lakh Hectares over 16 Years at a total cost of 7737 Crores. Preliminary Project Report covering an area of 4.83 lakh hectores with an effective area of 3.37 lakh hectores at a cost of Rs. 439.32 crores has been submitted to GOI for taking up in 2011-12.

7. Soil Conservation

Furthermore projects amounting to 46 crores have been taken up in Soil conservation related activities, besides promoting Cashew Plantation in the state.

8. Mechanization

As a drive for increased mechanization in agriculture the department is

- a. setting up Mega implement hubs having Tractors, Power Tillers, Rotovators, Power reapers and other equipments @ 1 per Block, identification of the implementing agencies has been done and a sum of 43 Crores has been earmarked ;

- b. Setting up other implement hubs having Tractors, Power Tillers, Rotovators, Power reapers and other equipments as well as providing subsidy support identification of beneficiaries has been started with a sum of 51 Crores being earmarked for this activity.

9. Integrated Pest Management

Steps have been initiated for setting up a Crop disease and pest warning & control system with support from the National Centre for Integrated Pest Management (NCIPM), at cost of 2.50 Crores

10. Soil Amelioration

Soil amelioration activities have been taken up amounting to 17 crores covering 33,000 Ha of land in various parts of the state;

11. Schemes focused on improved crop cultivation

- a. Under Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India programme (BGREI), a total of 46,000 Hectares has already been brought under improved paddy cultivation during Kharif and an increase of 13 % in the productivity has been experienced. Furthermore, 14,000 Hectares are being brought under improved cultivation during Rabi. The total cost involved in this and ancillary activities is about Rs. 70 Crores
- b. Schemes for improvement of Rice production amounting to 32 crores have been taken up under the National Food Security Mission for Rice and ICDP Rice
- c. Schemes for improvement of Pulses production amounting to 6.7 crores have been taken up under the various national and State initiatives
- d. Schemes amounting to 9 crores have been taken up under various other initiatives for promoting improved practices in connection with oilseeds, coarse cereals etc.

12. Krishak Bandhu

Steps have been initiated for appointment of 20,000 Krishak Bandhu to facilitate extension of agricultural services to the Gram Panchayat level.

Agriculture Marketing

1. Kisan Mandis and FPOs - Improved Price realization

For enabling better price realization at the Farmer's level the following steps are being taken:

- a. To ensure that suitable aggregation is done at the producer level, 500 PACS have been identified to work as Farmer Producers' Organizations (FPOs), with provisions for umbrella corporations. In this context, Rs. 15 crores has been earmarked.
- b. The government has earmarked a fund of 310 crores for supporting the setting up of 500 rural marketing complexes, Kisan Mandis, @ at least 1 per block, having marketing platforms, warehouses, cold storage / multi-purpose cold storage, price ticker boards and other ancillary facilities such as Extension counters of the banks, agricultural input sale points etc., under public private partnership (PPP) mode.



2. Setting up Multi Purpose Cold Storages

The West Bengal State Marketing Board has undertaken the construction of 36 numbers of Multi Purpose Cold Storages with capacity @ 50 MT at a cost of 64.8 crores. One Cold Storage is already operational at Champadanga and others are at various stages of completion.

3. Improved infrastructure for Agriculture Marketing

For improvements in RMC based infrastructure, an investment of around Rs. 20 crores is being made to support various Agricultural marketing activities.

4. Special Bonus for procurement of raw Jute

The Department has announced a special bonus of Rs. 100 per quintal of Raw Jute for all grades over and above the MSP for procurement of Jute through the Jute Corporation of India (JCI).

5. Exemption from levy of Vegetables and Fruits

The schedule of leviable items under the APMC Act has been reviewed and all Vegetables and Fruits have been exempted from payment of any levy.

6. Price Control

To control and monitor the prices of agricultural produce twin strategy has been adopted by the Department :—

a. The entire area comprised under the Kolkata Police Commissioneriate, has been declared as the new notified marketing area under the newly formed Kolkata Regulated Market Committee. The new RMC has started its function from the 1st of November 2011.

b. A Task Force has been constituted by this Department for monitoring prices of vegetables.

7. Promotion of traditional varieties of rice

The Department has also taken steps to promote the traditional varieties of various short grained fragrant, non-basmati rice varieties of West Bengal, viz., Tolaipanji, Gobindabhog, Kataribhog and Kalonunia.

In this connection, while the Agriculture Department has worked out a strategy for increased production of these varieties as well as full conversion into organic, the Agricultural Marketing Department is adopting an aggressive strategy to market them through the Paschimbanga Agri Marketing Corporation Limited both within the country as well as abroad.

On 23rd Nov 2011 at the India International Trade Fair (IITF), Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, a symposium was organized in this context.

8. High profile Showcasing and Sale counters

The Department has approached The Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport Authorities & Haryana Marketing Board at NCT have been moved for providing marketing space where the Deptt. will show-case and sell the agricultural produce of West Bengal through the Paschimbanga Agricultural Marketing Corporation.

9. The Paschimbanga Agri Marketing Corporation Limited

Government has decided to set up 'The Paschimbanga Agri Marketing Corporation Limited' to carry out procurement operations of agricultural produce directly from the farmers of West Bengal for the State Government thereby effecting economies and efficiency in operations. The Company has been registered on the 11th November 2011.

10. Better utilization of State Institute of Agricultural Marketing

Tie ups are being organized with National Institute of Agriculture Management as well as MANAGE, Hyderabad through the Netaji Subhash Institute of Agriculture Management at Sheoraphuli, Hooghly, for training of Agriculture based entrepreneurs. The actual training is expected to start within this calendar year.

11. Promotion of potato export-

For promotion of export of potatoes, the govt. has announced a transport subsidy through the sea route @ Rs.2 per kg for non-registered containers and @ Rs. 3 per kg for registered containers. Rs. 10.75 crore has been set aside for this purpose.

Fisheries

Introduction

The Fisheries Department has been consistently pursuing its goal in regard to enhancement of fish production and welfare of fishermen community of the State. Demand for fish and fishery products are increasing considerably, both at domestic and export fronts. It is felt that both horizontal and vertical expansions are required simultaneously to cope up the situation.

Achievements

- ❖ **Development of inland Fisheries and Aquaculture-** 231 hectare water bodies brought under the scientific pisciculture for increasing fish production.
- ❖ **Development of infrastructure facilities in the fishing villages-** 33 nos of infrastructure facilities like roads and community halls have been developed in fishing villages.
- ❖ **Development of model fishermen villages-** 91 no. of houses constructed for fishermen. Rest houses are going on/under process.
- ❖ **Rastriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY) -** To achieve the 4% annual growth in agriculture and allied sectors 20 fishery related schemes are being implemented. Out of which 3 schemes completed, 15 will be completed very shortly & rest 2 schemes are under process.
- ❖ **Research & Education -** 11 nos of research schemes and 5 no of fish production oriented schemes are being implemented in the Departmental Research Centers and Fish Farms. Out of which 5 schemes have been completed. Rest schemes are going on.
- ❖ **Economic uplift of tribal people through operation of pisciculture development scheme-** Re-excavation of water harvesting tank at Barikul of Bankura district for uplift of tribal has started.
- ❖ **Development of Social Fisheries-** To supplement stock as well as to restore the breeding ground of indigenous carps, and endangered fish species a unique river ranching programme is being implemented. Carp fingerlings have been released in 5 sites of the river.

❖ **Development of Integrated fisheries Reservoir Fisheries, Sewage- fed Fisheries and Air breathing Fish culture-** An integrated scheme -duck cum fishery is going on.

❖ **Setting up of Laboratories in District Level and State Level Laboratories-** For testing of water and soils of fish farmers pond; purchase of laboratory materials in the district of Uttar Dinajpur have been made.



❖ **Diversified production of fish byproducts-** Public assistance for maintenance of 54 nos of Marine pillars has been given.

❖ **Old Age Pension to old and infirm fishermen for the year 2010-11** – The pension @ Rs.1000.00 per month was paid to 2990 no of old and infirm fishermen as social and economic support.

❖ **EWS Housing Scheme 'Amar Bari'-** 998 no of houses for the economically weaker section beneficiaries have been completed. The remaining work is going on.

❖ **NFDB sponsored 4 types of Training Programme-** 3500 fish farmers have been trained on intensive aquaculture, hatchery management, post harvest management and ornamental fishery.

❖ **NFDB sponsored Reservoir ranching programme-** Liberation of fingerlings have been made in 20 big water bodies of Primary Fishermen Co operative Societies to enhance fish production.

❖ **NFDB sponsored subsidy for freshwater fish seed hatchery-** Assistance has been given to two units of fish seed hatchery.

❖ **Observation of Wet Land Day for the year 2011-12**– Observed on 16th June in state level with the involvement of farmers, fishermen, scientists, social workers with a view to protecting the wet land.

❖ **Fish Export-** A meagre amount of Rs. 48.17 crore was earned by the state government through the export of fishes in 1987-88. The earning reached to Rs. 1313.67 crore last year. During the present year the amount of Rs. 1174.62 crore has been netted through the sale of 36669 M.T. of fish and related items already.

❖ **Works Executed by BENFISH**

- 100 M.T. Ice Plant at Digha Mohana (Rs. 72.50 lakhs)
- Fish Market Complex at Lalgola (Murshidabad), Ushidpur (Nadia) and Mirzapur (Paschim Medinipur) (Rs. 1.34 crore)
- 180 nos. boat delivered to Fishermen Co-Operative Societies at different districts under RKVY Scheme (Rs. 67.12 lakhs)
- Renovation of Palda Beel under NABARD (Rs. 12.94 crore)
- Functioning of the Modern Multipurpose Market Complex at Bagula, Nadia (Rs.98.98 lakhs)

❖ **Schemes Executed under RIDF**

- Fish seed Market at Onda, Bankura (Rs. 2.12 crore)
- Improvement of Road from Ramsagar to Mouchura at Bankura (Rs. 1.76 crore)
- Improvement of Road from Petuaghat to Junput (Rs. 25.69 lakhs)
- Extension of Jetty at Kakdwip (Rs. 96.71 lakhs)
- Improvement of Road from Dadanpatrabar to Soulla (Rs. 68.60 lakhs)
- Improvement of navigability of Dadanpatrabar khal (Rs. 1.89 crore)
- Up-gradation of navigability of backwaters at Junput (Rs. 2.45 crore)
- Major Fishing Harbour at Petuaghat (Rs. 9.12 crore)

Conclusion

- 1) The department is committed to increase the fish production and livelihood of the rural poor through maximum utilization of water bodies.
- 2) In order to bring about a socio-economic change in the life of people, specially those belonging to Scheduled Castes and Tribes, the department is all set to eradicate poverty, generate employments and upgrade the quality of rural life.

Consumer Affairs

Achievements

- ❖ A task force has been constituted and regular enforcement drives are being conducted by the Legal Metrology directorate and legal actions are being taken. The Directorate has realized more than Rs. 6 crores as verification fees etc. from 178333 traders. Besides more than Rs. 24 lakhs have been realized as compounding fees. 1258 seizers were also made during this period.
- ❖ In the entire forum including the State Commission for the period from May to September 2011, 1794 number of cases have been disposed of out of 1841 cases.
- ❖ Department participated in special awareness programmes during important festivals in the festive season throughout the State of West Bengal including Stalls at Puja Mondaps, display of banners and Tableau campaign, Leaflets distribution, sit and draw, quizzes, posters and slogan competitions etc.
- ❖ Hoardings containing message relating to consumer awareness have been installed in different markets in W.B.
- ❖ During the period in question, 1233 number of complaints were received for mediation out of which 674 complaints have been redressed in favour of Consumers.
- ❖ Consumer helpline is likely to be operative very soon. Mock test has been started. The toll free No. is 18003452808.
- ❖ Steps have been taken with help from GTZ (a German Development Cooperation) for arrangement of court annexed mediation centre at the Directorate Hqs. at Kolkata.
- ❖ Kreta Suraksha Mela was held in the Netaji Indoor Stadium.

Vision Ahead

- ❖ Consumer Education would be imparted to our future citizens regarding their rights and duties through consumer clubs in different schools in West Bengal. Consumer Clubs would be set up in 1500 schools in W.B.
- ❖ Disposal of consumer grievances would be made by mediation quickly.
- ❖ This department also intends to undertake the verification job of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), Clinical Thermometer, Sphygmomanometer, Mobile kit utilization, Vehicle Tank Calibration Centre of the Government.
- ❖ Setting up of a Secondary Standard Laboratory at Chinsurah under Burdwan Division is also under consideration.
- ❖ Consumer Affairs Department is organizing a training programme of Consumer Welfare Officers in collaboration with R.B.I.
- ❖ Raid programmes are being conducted by Legal Metrology Directorate in collaboration with Bureau of Indian Standards, Government of India to check and verify the standards of weights and measures as well as quality of the product in different shops/establishments & markets.

Environment

Introduction

- ❖ Expert groups have been constituted involving nationally renowned scientists to advise the government on problems related to bio-safety, cellphone radiation, wetland, rainwater harvesting, sponge iron etc.
- ❖ Professionalism in technical matters has been brought in by integrating academia in various technical committees and authorities.

Achievements

1. Some voluntary workers under Paribesh Sevak scheme will be deployed in the districts to monitor implementation of Environment Department's programmes.
2. A new project on biodiversity conservation under financial support of UNEP-GEF is going to be launched.
3. Massive campaign on controlling usage of polythene carry bag below the specified dimension has been launched. The campaigns have already received initial success.
4. In order to control the noise pollution during festive season two pronged approach, namely awareness generation and penal action was taken.



5. A campaign for the greening of the industries has been taken by WBPCB. This initiative resulted in plantation of thousands of trees in Asansol sub division.
6. Sustainable coastal zone management through implementation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project has been started.

7. Management of contaminated (mainly chromium bearing) area through implementation of Capacity Building on Industrial Management Project has been started.
8. Environmental Compliance Assistance Centre has been made operational. Presently, this centre is helping the industries of the following sectors viz. tannery and chrome chemicals, lead acid battery, dyeing and bleaching units etc.
9. Penal action against polluting industries has been stepped up resulting in recovery of pollution cost from 86 polluting industries and forfeiture of bank guarantee from three industries. Twenty-eight industries have been made to pay bank guarantee.
10. Municipal solid waste authorization process has been put on a fast track resulting in grant of 69 authorizations out of 108 applications made so far.

Upcoming projects

1. State Action Plan on Climate Change is in draft stage and expected to be finalized.
2. Concrete actions will be taken on the sponge iron units based on forthcoming report of the committee constituted for the purpose.
3. A guided eco-tour of school students will be organized to aware them of various environmental issues and solutions thereof.
4. An initiative has been made to bring coal bed methane (CBM) through pipeline from Ranigunj area and supply it in Kolkata.
5. An effective and meaningful action on Bantala Leather Complex will be taken to solve the problems of hazardous waste and supply of water.

Conclusion

The Environment Department hopes to address the long pending unsolved and seldom touched-upon environmental issues like ecological flow of river, carrying capacity of industrial areas, eco restoration of fragile environment etc. The Department plans to take the government's initiatives to the doorstep of the people living in districts, towns and rural areas. The Paribesh Sevak programme and awareness generation programme through eco tourism are steps in that direction.

Public Works

Achievements:-

- After the opening of the state-of-art Press Corner and a Cafeteria, a 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 place ;
- A 70 seater Conference Hall is going to be completed within few days which will minimize the problem of availability of quality meeting place within Writers' Buildings ;
- On-line booking facility of Banga Bhawan has been revamped. A constant effort is being made to provide better food and other services at Banga Bhawan over the past few months ;
- A state-of-the-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 12 number of Sick Neonatal Care Unit (SNCU) has been constructed in different districts and another 17 projects are in the pipeline which will be completed by soon.
- e-Tendering and e-procurement has been introduced for any tender above Rs. 5.00 lakh from 1.1.12.
- 22 idols of eminent personalities at Writers Buildings and in other parts of Kolkata have been decorated with light. The cost of this project was Rs. 4 lakh. The process of decorating Shahid Minar by lights with the help of Tourism Department is going on. This project will cost Rs. 55 lakh.

Major policy decisions

1. For upgradation and maintenance of different State Highways and their approach roads, West Bengal Highway Development Corporation will be formed soon. This corporation will also be interested in Public Private Partnership;

- 2 The new website has become completely operational which is getting updated every week. Information about various activities of the department can easily be available from this website- www.pwd.wb.in ;
- 3 Training for all the stakeholders in e-procurement module is going to be completed soon and thereafter all tenders of PWD would be done through e-tendering mode which will bring in transparency and efficiency in the system;
- 4 Hot mix plant is going to be introduced on a pilot basis and consultation with KMC in this regard has been completed ;
- 5 A different and dedicated system of accounting for all the works under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) under Health & Family Welfare Department is going to be introduced in this month which will speed of the work of the Health Department;
- 6 Planning is afoot to have a new Civil Circle of PWD created under a Superintending Engineer in Jangal Mahal area at Jhargram. Once this circle gets operational works of the Jangal Mahal area would definitely be expedited.
- 7 A bridge at Bhasraghat, Nayagram, West Midnapur at a cost of Rs. 176 crore is going to be constructed very soon which will be completed in 2 years.
- 8 To speed up the different construction works of West Bengal Medical Service Corporation under Health Department, the accounting and administrative procedure of this department has been revamped.

Mass Education Extension & Library Services

INTRODUCTION

The Department has taken proactive measures to cover the special needs of children under its schooling system, make qualitative improvement in the system of running of the schools and expand the library system in the State, in order to make it function both as a storehouse of knowledge as well as a repository of information regarding life and livelihood of the people. Through the Flagship Literacy programme 'Saakshar Bharat', 9 districts in the State having less than 50% female literacy have received focused attention in raising literacy level.



Achievements:

- Committees like Local Library Authority (LLA) in every district, the Implementation Committee for Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Book Selection Committee have been reconstituted with representatives from academic world and grass root level.
- Book Fairs in every district are scheduled to be held by Local Library Authorities during December 2011 to February 2012. A Book Fair is scheduled to be held in the Darjeeling Hill area for the first time in the last 9 years.
- Necessary Govt. order has been issued for disbursement of salaries of around 5500 employees of Government Sponsored Public Libraries in different districts, on the 1st day of every month where during the regime of the previous government salaries were being disbursed by 7th or 8th of the month.
- The modernization of public libraries through a computerization project was consolidated. Initiative had taken to connect the State Central Library (the apex library of the State) and 26 District Libraries of the State. This project includes

'Bibliographical Data Exchange', 'Community Information Service' and Archival of Rare Books by digitization in the possession of Government and Government Sponsored Libraries.

- The scheme for Community Library cum Information Centres (CLICs) is being revised.
- 34 different types of libraries including Government, Government Sponsored Libraries have been benefited under the scheme. The benefits are expected to cover about ten lakh people of the State.
- Initiative has been taken for establishment of new libraries and special emphasis will be given towards Jangalmahal, Minority, SC/ST and Economically backward areas.
- An amount of Rs. 4.53 crore covering 20 Government Sponsored Libraries has been sanctioned under the scheme 'Development and Expansion of Library Services for Government Sponsored Libraries'.
- As a step towards restoration of proper ambience in the special schools, the State Government has amended the Guidelines on composition of Managing Committees of all Special Schools so as to free them from all kinds of political interference and to give full ownership to the actual stakeholders of these Schools.
- International Literacy Day (ILD) was observed on 8th September, 2011 throughout the State with participation from all sections of the society.
- Necessary steps have been taken for full-scale operationalisation of 1366 Adult Education Centres in all the 9(nine) districts under Saakshar Bharat Programme. In addition, 20,000 Basic Literacy Centres have been opened and 10,000 more Centres will be opened shortly. An external evaluation by National Literacy Mission Authority has been held in West Bengal on 20th August, 2011.
- Districts outside the coverage of Saakshar Bharat have also been extended literacy coverage under the State Government supported intervention.
- A Syllabus and curriculum has been finalised for the Schools for children with special needs at the pre primary level on the basis of the recommendations of a high level Committee so as to make the teaching and learning process more friendly and helpful for this segment of children.

- A restructured scheme has been drafted on according academic affiliation and awarding sponsorship to Special Schools.
- A revised policy has been drafted on imparting basic education to adult learners through Adult Education Centre across the State. Emphasis had given to make the teaching and learning process of a particular subject more friendly for the adult learners.



- Revised Recruitment Rules and Staff Structure have been drafted for the schools/ institutions for special children to meet contemporary needs.
- Inspection has been strengthened of all the Special Schools and Social Welfare Homes as a step towards ensuring their qualitative improvement.
- Special enquiries have been conducted against a few sponsored and recognized schools that have not been running properly and strict steps have been initiated for administrative action.
- Necessary steps have been initiated for re-energizing the Audio Visual units of the Directorate for reaching the Government programmes to the grassroot levels with particular focus on Jangalmahal areas and interior parts of Sundarbans.
- Four proposals involving an amount of Rs.87 lakh have been sanctioned for development of institutions for students with special needs in different districts as against Rs. 83 lakhs during previous year.

Way forward

The Department has devised for itself a specific & time bound Work Plan and set targets within the Plan budgetary allocation. The basic components of the vision of the Department in the days ahead is to expand the network of its schooling system for coverage of larger number of special children, to take effective steps for their mainstreaming in tandem with other stakeholders, to realize the targets of Saakhar Bharat in letter and spirit and to accelerate the process of implementation of literacy programme in the districts not covered under Saakshar Bharat Programme on a sustainable basis.

Cooperation

The network of Cooperative Movement in West Bengal is spread out all over the state covering every important activities - the agriculture, agriculture-allied and non-agriculture to improve quality of life particularly in the rural areas. Major thrust has been given in Credit Sector for dispensing Short term agricultural crop loan through Kisan Credit Cards and Long term Farm and Non-Farm loans in rural areas besides Urban Credit, Marketing & Processing Sector for storage, processing of agricultural produces and their remunerative marketing, Consumer Sector for distribution of consumers articles in rural and urban areas and also in unorganized Labour Sector including empowerment of women through Self Help Groups. Such change of vision set the scene for qualitative progress and within this short period, flow of fund stands Rs. 22.58 crore out of total budget provision of Rs.72 Crore.

Agricultural Credit

- ❖ To improve the access of rural agricultural credit new PACS (Primary Agricultural Co-operative Society) are also being registered in those areas where there are no working PACS. 7 new Societies have been registered after liquidating non working PACs and 9 PACs have been revitalised.
- ❖ To improve the credit linkage of farmers Revival of PACS, an amount of Rs.134.96 Crores have been sanctioned from GoI and 23.95 Crores from State Fund.
- ❖ Short Term Credit for agricultural purpose is disbursed especially to small and marginal farmers through the network of State Cooperative Bank, District Central Cooperative Banks and Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Societies. About 80% (21,41,154 members) of the total Farm Loan disbursed through cooperative sector is to the small and marginal farmers.
- ❖ The Agril loan in Cooperative sector is issued through Kishan Credit Cards so that they can avail of multiple crop loans within a single year. Total 1915070 cards have been issued till date.
- ❖ Total agricultural loan issued during the financial year is Rs.661.39 crores against Rs.Rs.559.43 Crores during the corresponding period in the year 2010-2011.
- ❖ 3627 Bargadars, patta holders and artisans have been brought under the credit sector through Universal Membership Scheme during last 6 months.
- ❖ Moreover, to allow the marginal farmers to avail of loan without any collateral security Joint Liability Group (JLG) of farmers is being formed so that the farmers can avail of loan with joint responsibility for repayment. 8136 JLGs have been formed so far.

Other Farm Loans

- ❖ Other than extending crop loan, the Cooperative Banks also extend other farm loans for various other activities like fishery, goatery, nursery, agri- processing industry, farm mechanisation etc. The quantum of Farm loan extended is Rs.129.53 Crores against Rs.62.87 Crores for the corresponding period last year.

Rural Infrastructure

To increase the storing capacity of farm produce the cooperative sector is issuing financial assistance to the Cooperative Societies for building of godowns and cold Storages.

Godown

- ❖ Forty four (44) godowns with capacity of 100Mt each, and Forty Six (46) godowns with capacity of 50 Mt godowns each have been sanctioned.
- ❖ On the other hand, forty Four (44) Godowns with varying capacities of 500 Mt, 1000Mt or 2000Mt and 13 Godwons with capacity of 250 MT each have been sanctioned under various schemes.
- ❖ Existing godowns that were not utilised are being repaired so that these can also be utilised. So far financial sanction has been given to 61 PACS for repairing of Godowns.
- ❖ 189 societies have been extended an assistance for hiring of Godown and diversification of business ensuring backward and forward linkage to farmers.
- ❖ All this will increase the total capacity increase in godown by approximately 55000Mt in this financial year

Cold Chain

- ❖ 5 PACS and 17 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies have been sanctioned Multipurpose Cold Storage for preserving fruit and vegetable of 75 MT each in the year 2010-2011. Total increase in storage capacity will be about 1600MT.
- ❖ 1 cold storage unit at Jalpaiguri has also been financed through West Bengal Cooperative Agricultural and Rural Development bank ltd.

Rural Resource Mobilization

- ❖ Deposit Mobilization: Cooperative sector is trying to raise the local resources which can be used in the local area so that the rural people are benefited from the same. 2298 PACS are allowed to mobilise deposits from the local area against 2254 PACS of last year. The total deposit raised is Rs.2799.65 Crores against Rs.2254 crores of last year.
- ❖ Inclusive banking: To bring more and more people of the rural area within the banking fold the cooperatives are opening zero balance bank account under two schemes.

Under "No Frills Account" 13,07,397 accounts have been opened and under MGNREGS 17,77,556 accounts have been opened. The total deposit in these accounts is to the tune of approximately 20 Crores as on 30.11.11.

- ❖ As part of raising the rural resources the cooperatives are also extending non-farm loans through both Short Term sector. The total non farm credit during the period stands at Rs.338.70 crores against Rs. 379.77 Crores during the corresponding period last year.

Self Help Group

- ❖ The women especially those belonging to the poor landless category are provided credit and employment opportunity through the formation of Self Help Group (SHG). 3361 cooperative societies in rural areas are engaged in formation and nurturing of the SHGs. Total 12,45,122 females, 543996 SC/ST and 905572 minority are engaged in these SHGs as on November 2011 as against 1202098 female, 500680 and 209209 minorities during the corresponding period last year.
- ❖ Since many of these groups were breaking up for want of leadership and motivation, Awareness Generation programme has been started. Around 10000 SHGs have already been trained under this programme and 500 SHGs have received training under Awareness Generation programme.
- ❖ Skill development training is also being imparted to the group members of Self Help Groups to help them increase their productivity especially in agri and agri-allied activities. 70% of the amount of Rs.200.17 lakhs allotted has already been utilised.

E-governance

As part of e-governance programme a website of the department has been set up under the address: www.coopwb.org. All Range offices and majority of the block Cooperative Inspectors have been provided computers. The Range and Zone offices are connected through internet through WAN.

To enable the PACS to reform their accounting procedure, PACS are being computerised with the financial assistance from NABARD. Supply of Hardware has been started in 11 districts, required software will be supplied afterwards .

Samabay Bhavan:-

Construction of Sambay Bhavan in the range office at Asansole is going on and work will be started in our range at Medinipore and the Malda, very soon.

Urban Cooperative Credit Sector:-

Out of 45 UCB, 8 weak banks have been selected for revival and required financial assistance have been sanctioned by the Govt.

Fire and Emergency Services

Introduction- In an attempt to minimize the breaking out of fire incidents and to save life and property where Fire incidents take place the Departments of Fire & Emergency Services have brought in massive awareness programmes and action plan in an unprecedented measure. The momentum of these programmes and plans & achievement in 200 days which are follows:

Achievement

- **Meeting of Standing Fire Advisory Council** : After a gap of 5 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.
- **Fire Safety Measures** : Personnel of this Department took glorious part in fighting the fire at AMRI, the private hospital in South Kolkata in December, 2011, ignoring all impediments that came in their stride and saved valuable lives with remarkable skills apart from dousing the fire. A Fire Safety Audit Committee was formed thereafter. The committee has so far inspected 23 hospitals and nursing homes and legal notices have been served in 22 cases. Besides these, FIRs have been lodged in 14 and notices served in 15 cases after the committee visited 29 market places.
- **Re-organization of Fire & Emergency Services Directorate.** - The Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services has been re-organized into district wise.
- **Condemnation of unserviceable vehicles** - 65 numbers of unserviceable vehicles has been identified for condemnation after 5 years. MSTC, a Govt. of India Undertaking has been entrusted for auction.
- **Surveillance programme in Writers Buildings & Police Headquarter at Lalbazar** - This Department has engaged an organization to assess the fire safety & evacuation system in Writers Buildings & Police Headquarters at Lalbazar and to submit a report thereafter.
- **Awareness Programm** - This Department has initiated a proposal of awareness programme among the public through Print Media/Electronic Media /Hoardings.

- **Revenue Earning:** This Department has earned revenue for this financial year upto November.2011 amounting to Rs. 7648000.00 by issuing fire license, N.O.C and Stand by duties etc.
- **Opening of New Fire Stations** -Construction of 3 new Fire Stations namely at Bhadreswar in the district of Hooghly, Haldibari in Coochbehar and Gobardanga in the district of North 24-Parganas has been completed.
- **Kakdwip fire station** - Land for fire station has been identified at Kakdwip in South 24 Parganas.
- **New Project** - New fire stations have been approved for Khatra in the district of Bankura and Jhalda in the district of Purulia.
- **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.
- **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 Metre height, 40 Nos of Trussed Type 10.5 Meter Fire Ladder, 10 (ten) nos of High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor Unit for refilling of B.A Set Cylinders

Upcoming Projects:

- Construction of New Fire Station at Ramnagar, Jhalda, Khatra, Harishchandrapur, Phalakata and Maynaguri
- Repair & renovation of Diamond Harbour, Arambagh, Balurghat, Darjeeling, Malbazar, Raiganj and Falta Fire Stations.
- The department has started the process for procurement of Rescue Truck with crane, Hydraulic Rescue Tools, B.A Set (Light weight), High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor, Jumping Cushion, Net, TTL/AL, Wireless System in Whole State, Towing vehicle, H.D Dewatering pump, Personal Protective equipment and other equipments.

Disaster Management

Vision: To give fillip to Disaster Management, the new Government has clubbed the Departments of Fire and Emergencies, Civil Defence and Disaster Management under one Minister, thus giving more impetus. The urgency of the new Government to properly implement various aspects of Disaster Management is the sole aim of this Department.

1. Achievements:

i. Crisis Management –

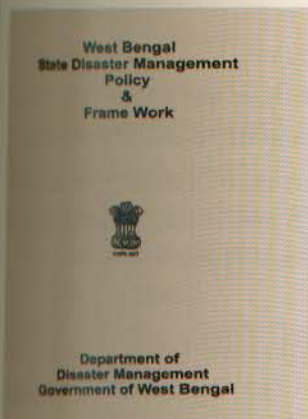
- ❖ Notified the State Disaster Response Fund for receiving Centre's share
- ❖ Supplied 6,78,000 pieces of tarpaulin sheets, 1,34,000 pieces of dhuti, 15,000 pieces of saree, 85,000 pieces of lungi, 36,000 sets of children garment, 70,000 woolen blanket, 64,000 sets of salwar kameez and 35,000 sets of pajama and punjabi to the districts during this period
- ❖ Supplied 10000 food packets to Sikkim after occurrence of earthquake by airdropping from military helicopters
- ❖ 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 providing house building grant
- ❖ Provided House Building Grants to the tune of Rs. 88 crore and Rs. 33 crore to the South 24 Parganas and North 24 Parganas in connection with AILA, 2009, Rs. 20 crore and Rs. 5 crore in connection with current earthquake to Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri and Rs. 4.625 lakh in connection with subsidence in the coal mine areas to Burdwan
- ❖ Provided Rs.90.30 lakh as House Building Grant in respect of Fire to eight districts of Darjeeling, Birbhum, Purba Medinipur, Cooch Behar, Burdwan, Dakshin Dinajpur, Nadia and Purulia
- ❖ Provided Rs. 3.66 crore from the State Disaster Response Fund as Ex-gratia Grant to all districts for distribution among the next of the kins of all victims of natural calamities in 174 death cases and Rs.2.59 crore from the State budget in 278 death cases from Snake Bite.
- ❖ Supplied 1,75,200 dhuti, 87,600 lungi, 262800 saree, 65,700 sets for both girls and boys as children garment, 73,000 sets of salwar kameez, 1,75,200 male wrapper, 65,700 sets of half sleeve punjabi and pyjama and 1,47,500 tarpaulin

sheets for supply to the Hon'ble Members of West Bengal Legislative Assembly before the Eid and Durga Puja festivals

- ❖ So far, Rs.136.03 crore sanctioned by the State Executive Committee from the State Disaster Response Fund in favour various Departments of the State Government for emergency repair of roads, embankments, primary 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.

ii. Disaster Management sector -

- ❖ Submitted Investment Proposal, Model DPR and Model Bid document under National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project to National Disaster Management Authority for accessing fund from the World Bank for construction of 150 multipurpose cyclone shelters in the coastal Blocks of South 24 Parganas, Purba Medinipur and five Blocks of North 24 Parganas
- ❖ West Bengal State Police constituted three Search and Rescue Teams and Kolkata Police constituted Disaster Management Group with fund from the State Disaster Response Fund



- ❖ Sanctioned Rs. 26 lakh to North 24 Parganas for purchase of Search & Rescue equipments

- ❖ Sanctioned Rs. 25.20 lakh to all Districts for undertaking capacity building trainings on disaster risk reduction



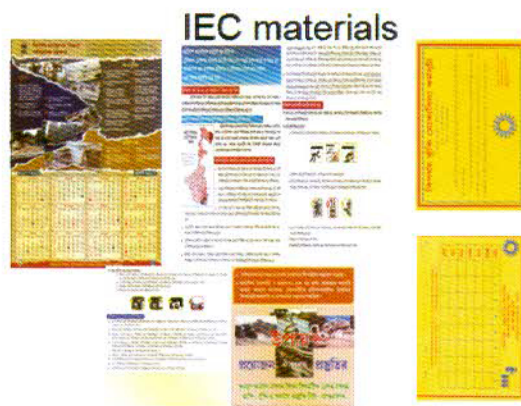


- ❖ Developed audio spots and jingles for telecasting and broadcasting purpose
- ❖ Sanctioned Rs. 25 lakh to Purba Medinipur, Birbhum, Howrah, Hooghly and Darjeeling for undertaking activities under State-funded Disaster Risk Management Programme
- ❖ Published State Disaster Management Policy
- ❖ Published Disaster Management Manual
- ❖ Developed one documentary on disaster management titled "Chitto Jetha Bhoy Shunya" for screening in all villages of the district of South 24 Parganas as a pilot project on community awareness

- ❖ Developed some IEC material

iii. Other sector -

- ❖ Sanctioned Rs.16.80 lakh to the Director of Disaster Management for vertical extension of the Relief Complex building
- ❖ Purchased two trucks in place of two condemned trucks for carrying relief articles to the districts
- ❖ WEBEL to supply 50 computers to 50 Block Disaster Management Officers as preparatory step for introduction of on-line communication system in the Department



iv. Upcoming projects -

- ❖ Revision of the construction cost of Rescue Shelters and Relief Stores from Rs.8.00 lakh and Rs.5.00 lakh to Rs.35.00 lakh and Rs.12 lakh respectively
- ❖ Submission of Investment Proposal for construction of multipurpose cyclone shelters in five cyclone-affected coastal Blocks of South 24 Parganas under World Bank-assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project

v. Vision for the coming days:

Mainstreaming of disaster management for sustainable development is the need of the hour. This Department wants to coordinate with other Departments of the State Government to strive towards holistic disaster management.

Civil Defence

Functioning of the Civil Defence Organisation is very much vital to face any calamity within minimum possible time. The Department has geared up its activities to enable the Civil Defence Organisations to be effective in mitigating the impact of disasters. Various new steps/programmes have been initiated towards this end. Details are given below:-

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 are 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.
5. Construction of Multi Disciplinary Unit at Siliguri for North Bengal Districts and at Asansol and Haldia for South Bengal Districts are under active consideration
6. 45 Civil Defence Resource Centres in 105 disaster prone Blocks of this state have been decided to be established in phased manner.
7. Two Training Institutes of this Department namely Central Civil Defence Training Institute, Kolkata and Central Training Institute in Uttar Dinajpur are being modernized.
8. Joint exercise of Civil Defence Volunteers with Fire Services Department have been undertaken for 8 batches of 7 days duration comprising 30 members.

Achievements:-

- Construction of Civil Defence Resource Centre at Pursura, Hooghly (Rs.91 lakh), Mohanpur, Paschim Medinipur (Rs.83.7 lakh), Pataspur-I Block in Purba Medinipur (Rs.99.2 Lakh).
- Construction of New Administrative building for WB NVF Directorate at Kalyani, Nadia (Rs.1.89 crore) for smooth functioning of the administration of this unit.

Some upcoming Projects/initiatives are as follows :-

- a. Construction of Civil Defence Resource Centre at Basirhat-I Block, North 24 Parganas (Rs.1.34 crores).
- b. Construction of Multi Disciplinary Civil Defence Unit at Asansol (Rs.2.99 Crores).
- c. Construction of Multi Disciplinary civil Defence Unit at Siliguri (Rs.2.96 crores).

Animal Resource Development

Introduction

1. 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 drought. The medium/long term vision of ARD Department is :
 - a. Self sufficiency in production of milk, meat, egg, etc.
 - b. Preservation of milk, meat and egg as per WHO guidelines.
 - c. More private investment in dairy, poultry, etc.

Achievements

- ❖ Animals treated at veterinary dispensaries/hospitals/ in health camps- 68.00 lakh units, 10% higher achievement over target
- ❖ Vaccination of cattle and small animals- 76.00 lakh unit, 43% higher achievement over target
- ❖ Artificial Insemination (AI)- 19.01 lakh units, 6% higher achievement over target.
- ❖ AI semen straw produced- 13.02 lakh unit, 6% higher achievement over target
- ❖ 11 new Primary Milk Cooperative Societies having 500 farmer members were organized, causing the average milk procurement to increase by 1400 liters per day
- ❖ Go-sampad Abhijan (a special campaign for augmenting production and productivity of cattle) was extended to 27 blocks over 5 blocks in last year.
- ❖ Milk supplied by Government Dairies- 3.9 lakh LPD- target achieved
- ❖ Intensive Dairy Development Project (IDDP-IV) covering Purulia, Bankura, Birbhum, Daskhin Dinajpur & North 24 Parganas has been newly started.
- ❖ Project for strengthening infrastructure for quality and Clean Milk Production has been newly started in North 24 Parganas, Howrah and Nadia districts.
- ❖ Installations of Bulk Milk Coolers (BMC) at Gopiballavpur, Sabang and Tallibhata in Paschim Medinipore; Duckbungalow and Gopalnagar in North 24 Parganas and Amta in Howrah, each of 2000/4000/5000 LPD capacity were completed.
- ❖ Installations of 4000 LPD milk processing unit at Kusumgram, Burdwan and expansion of product plant at Berachampa, North 24 Parganas were completed.
- ❖ Construction of 86 bedded farmers Hostel at Belgachia was completed.
- ❖ Construction of Feed Milling Plant with capacity of 15 tons per shift at Salbani in West Medinipur was completed.

Important decisions

Some of the important decisions taken during this period were:

- a. Cattle-feed subsidy @ of Rs.2 per kg. was introduced initially for a period of six months with effect from 01.11.11. District Milk Unions would be eligible for 1 kg. of subsidized cattle feed for each additional liter of milk, over the base line, supplied by them.
- b. Rs. 496 Lakh was released to HIMUL through West Bengal Milk Federation for payment of arrear bills of raw milk procured from primary milk producers' societies under HIMUL as well as for some statutory dues.
- c. For stimulating the interest of the students for the practical exposure on official works, Internship allowance for the 5th year B.V.Sc. & A.H. students of West Bengal University of Animal and Fisheries Sciences (WBUA&FS) was increased from Rs. 4880 to Rs. 7000 per month with effect from 1.09.2011.
- d. To attract more merits to the ARD educations, Merit Scholarships to UG & PG students of WBUA&FS were increased substantially with effect from 01.10.11. For instance, UG scholarship applicable to 30% of roll strength was increased from Rs.125 to Rs.300.

Upcoming - Infrastructural Development Projects.

- a. Augmentation of egg and meat production through establishment of a new poultry farm in Paschim Medinipur.
- b. Bullock rearing scheme with two bull calves in 23 LWE Blocks.
- c. Promoting intensive goat production in 23 LWE Blocks.
- d. Improving productivity of goats under conventional small holder/pastoral system in LWE Blocks.
- e. Modernization of Black Bengal Goat Breeding Station at Kotulpur, Bankura.
- f. Procurement and distribution of 595 cryocans to 11 District Milk Unions.
- g. Setting up of 5 Bulk Milk Cooling Units in three Districts and expansion of Belguma Dairy in Purulia District.
- h. Modernisation of state poultry farm at Tollygunge.
- i. Extension of Milk Processing facilities at Haringhata farm, Nadia.
- j. Optimisation of Productive efficiency of animals through parasitic control programme.
- k. Strengthening of 79 veterinary dispensaries/hospitals at a cost of Rs.933 lakh would be continued.

Conclusion

Towards achieving its vision, ARD Department would continue to implement ongoing projects and take up new projects as mentioned above. It also aims to submit one or more projects to Govt. of India for financial support for setting up of additional Bull Mother Farms, Bull Farms, farms for Goat, Sheep, Pig, etc.

Tourism

Under the new regime, the department has achieved the following

- Feasibility report for Transboundry collaboration between India and Bhutan - Ready.
- Proposal for IL & FS to be appointed as consultants, as also for an SPV with Tourism Corporation for Kolkata Giant Wheel : Submitted.
- Web Site: Created.. Functional since 1 October, 2011.
- New Tourism Counter at Netaji Subhash Airport, Kolkata .
- Banga Bhawan Tourism Information Counter : Made functional since 24.11.2011.

Darjeeling

- C R Das Museum : At 'Step Aside' - his Darjeeling residence, to be opened shortly. The photographs and microfilm research done by Department of Tourism. Resource base: Nehru Memorial Library, New Delhi.
- Refurbishment of : St. Andrews Church, Planters Club and Gymkhana : Conservation architect selected on the basis of EOI invited recently. Work to commence shortly.
- Manebhanjan - Sandakphu Circuit: The tourism circuit DPR is prepared after the joint visit of District Magistrate Darjeeling and the appointed consultant.
- Destination Darjeeling: DPR ready.
- Darjeeling Tea and Tourism Festival: Held from December 20, 2011 to January 5, 2012. Department of Tourism - Main sponsor.
- Draft Master Plan Darjeeling : RITES made presentation on 15 December, 2011.
- Expression of Interest Invited for (i)Log Huts, (ii) Tour Packages, (iii) Ropeways, (iv) Tents etc.

Jalpaiguri

- Buxa : Upgradation of trekking route, signages and fabrication of watchtowers. Funds released to West Bengal Forest Development Corporation.
- Preparation of Master Plan : Expression of Interest was given to shortlist the consultants for Gajaldoba, Kunjanagar and Sailee, three places that belong to the Tourism Department.
- Package Tours -: Expression of Interest given for the package tours to Duars and Darjeeling for private - public participation. Response awaited.

- Duars Mega Tourism Project : Revised proposal under preparation. Places identified. Documents (NOCs and land schedule awaited).
- Murti : Twenty nine cottages : Construction in progress.

Coochbehar

- Rajbanshi Academy - Victor Palace, belonging to Tourism Department stands handed over for creation of Rajbanshi Academy.

Hooghly

- Chandan Nagar Strand - Money released to DM for aesthetic lighting.
- Phurfura Sharif - Sanction of funds received from Ministry of Tourism
- Ghazi Dargah - Pond /Shed : Work started.
- Hansheswari - Wayside Amenity/ Water Sports/ Lighting of the temple.
- Close Circuit TV, Parikrama around Dudh Pukur : Work in progress

Burdwan

- Institute of Hotel Management, Durgapur : Permissive possession of land received by Tourism department. ADDA to float tender for the work to begin.
- Samudragarh Rural Tourism Project : Sent to Govt. of India for sanction .
- Kalna Temple Illumination : To be taken up shortly after release of funds.

Birbhum

- Bakreswar (Hot water spring) will be ready for inauguration after development and renovation.
- Shantiniketan Package started from 17.12.2011
- DPR Shantiniketan and Tarapeeth : Under preparation.

Paschim Medinipur

- Jhargram Museum : Project components decided upon. The building should be ready shortly, followed by the Jhargram Craft Museum.

Kolkata

- Park Street Festival : Organized by Department of Tourism from 12 December, 2011 to 2 January, 2012
- Riverfront beautification : Collaborating with RITES/KMC and Army authority for stretch of 10 km along kolkata side

- Sutanuti Trail : Upcoming for the tourists willing to visit to Kolkata.
- Kolkata - Maithon Package Tour : up and running.
- Shahid Minar : Funds allocated to PWD for restoration.
- Illumination of Heritage Sites : EOI floated for illuminating Tipu Sultan Mosque, St. John's Church, Police Museum.
- Sound and Light Show : Expressions of Interest asked for curating the Sound and Light Shows at Victoria Memorial and South Park Cemetery.
- Signages : Expressions of Interest asked for Signages all over Bengal will be completed.
- River Cruise at Sunderbans and Ganges organized. Cruises were also organized during the Pujas.
- Sarad Utsav has been celebrated in Kolkata and tourism department also facilitated Puja by organising bus rides to select Pujas.

Ganga Sagar

- Pilgrim Sheds : At Kapil Muni Ashram - Work completed.
- Toilets : Temporary toilets along with 4 mobile toilets, 3 permanent toilets and sulobh toilets.
- High Mast Light: 14 already installed.
- Pre-paid taxi booth for the fair.

Purba Medinipur

- RITES has prepared the Master Plan.
- Tent Accommodation: 40 Swiss Cottages near Udaipur Beach, at the cost of Rs. 1.94 crore.
- Tourism Signages from Nandakumar to Digha : 50 such signages have been installed.
- Beach Festival organized: 13-16 January, 2012. Chief Minister was present. Special tour package announced during the festival by WBTD. Water Sports introduced at Digha and Mandarmoni.
- High mast lights at sea beach.
- Landscaping work in front of Saikat Abas: Work in Progress.



- Construction of Sheds and Kiosks on the beach, on similar lines as at Digha Railway Station : Work in Progress.
- Renovation of Digha Tourist lodge : Work in Progress.
- Roof of the shops on beach will be reconstructed likewise.

IITF

- Online Booking at Delhi
- Conference on Investment Opportunities

Festivals :

- Kite Festival - 27 September, 2011.
- Kolkata Christmas Festival - 12,18,25 December, 2011.
- Murshidabad Heritage Festival - 17-18 December, 2011.
- Bishnupur Utsav - 28-30, December 2011.
- Jhargram Youth & Tourism Festival - 11-12 January, 2012.
- Digha Beach Festival - 13-16 January, 2012.
- Darjeeling Tea and Tourism Festival - 20 December, 2011 - 5 January, 2012.

Fairs :

- Tourism fairs at Kolkata, New Delhi, Ahmedabad, Mumbai.
- Conference at IITF, New Delhi on Investment Opportunity in Tourism.

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. The Estate Directorate is responsible mainly for the management and maintenance of different Housing Estates. The Brick Production Directorate looks after the production and supply of quality bricks at reasonable price respectively. Housing Department has taken up construction of nearly 52,000 of dwelling units for Economically Weaker Sections of People. The Scheme has been named as "Gitanjali".

Achievements

- Special emphasis on housing has been given to the people living in the forest area, Jangal Mahal in Paschim Medinipur, Bankura and Purulia. A total allocation of Rs. 23.5 crore was contemplated for the purpose. Now the allocation has been enhanced to Rs. 127.69 crore for this project.
- Special emphasis was already given for the minority people of the state viz. Malda, Murshidabad, Uttar Dinajpur and Dakshin Dinajpur previously by taking up the construction of "Gitanjali," the EWS Housing Scheme for poor people of Minority Community. The programme has recently been extended to five more districts viz. Nadia, Hooghly, Bankura, North 24-Parganas and South 24-Parganas with an enhancement in allocation from Rs. 65.60 crores to Rs. 133.27 crores.
- Housing Department will construct Night Shelters in all the District Hospitals for the poor people coming to the district for treatment of his/her relatives but have no place to stay. Already 5 such projects have been taken up.
- Construction of 1928 flats and 4942 dwelling houses started under EWS housing Scheme. Total project cost is Rs. 116.17 crores.
- Construction of 41551 houses started under EWS housing scheme (RURAL). Total project cost is Rs. 355.56 crores.

- Construction of Rental Housing Scheme for State Government Employees. 800 flats to be constructed under this scheme. Total project cost is Rs. 49.56 crores.



- Construction of Auditorium at Kustia L.I.G. Govt. Housing Estate. Project cost is Rs. 1.92 crore.
- Construction of Rental L.I.G. Housing Scheme comprising 48 flats at New Town, Rajarhat, Kolkata. Project cost Rs. 2.96 crore., 48 No. of flats under MIG Housing Scheme are also to be constructed. Total project cost Rs. 49.21 lakh.
- Construction of 40 seated Working Women Hostel at Durgapur. Total project cost Rs. 1.52 crore.
- Construction of a Night Shelter within the campus of N.R.S. Medical College, Kolkata. Total project cost Rs. 2.04 crore.
- At present West Bengal Housing Board has taken projects at different places; i) Shilpa Kanan at Durgapur, ii) Sunray at New Town, Rajarhat, iii) Sarsuna at Behala, iv) Prantik, Phase-v(a), Thakurpukur,

Conclusion

Out of the target of Construction of 10 lakh Houses for the poor people set by the Government; Housing department has taken up programme for Housing for poor people with a vision of constructing 5 lakh dwelling units/flats for EWS/LIG/Tribal Forest dwellers during the next five years.

Women & Child Development and Social Welfare

Introduction:

This department has been endeavoring to make changes to certain schemes as per the present day necessity to extend more benefits to the target groups. Some measures which are pending for last few years have been taken up by the present government.

Achievements

a. Disability Welfare

The Physically Challenged Students' Scholarship Scheme, with per capita allotment of Rs. 100 per month in 2009-10 financial year, has been scaled up to Rs. 300 per month.

The scheme of Economic Rehabilitation of Physically Handicapped persons has been revised under the Govt. by increasing the one time grant from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 10,000.

Project for setting up of the Special Home for Mentally Retarded persons in all districts under PPP model has got the approval.

The government has decided to increase of disability pension quota in view of huge no. of applications pending over the years.

b. Child Welfare

Steps have been taken to operationalise newly approved 160 ICDS projects which remained non-functional for long.

In response to the Govt.'s decision of all round development for 23 LWE blocks of Jangal Mahal this department is going to fill up all the vacant posts under ICDS belonging to the said area.

Addl. Honorarium of Anganwari Workers and Helpers has been enhanced from Rs. 850 to Rs.1350. As a result, now Anganwari workers are getting Rs. 4350 in place of Rs.3850 and helpers are getting Rs. 2850 from Rs. 2350.

It has been decided to amend the menu list to do away with the monotony of the same food item of Khichuri under supplementary nutrition programme for the children up to 6 years and pregnant & lactating mothers. The no of beneficiaries has gradually been increased from 68 lakh to 82 lakh.

New centrally sponsored scheme of ICPS has brought all separate schemes for the welfare of the neglected children like "Integrated Street Children Programme", "Juvenile

Justice Act Scheme", "Adoption Scheme" etc. under the same umbrella for delivery of better services to the uncared children.

For implementation of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2000, this department has reconstituted Child Welfare Committees and Juvenile Justice Boards in all districts.

Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for empowerment of adolescent girls (SABLA), a centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at the empowerment of adolescent girls has been started.

Under Kishori Shakti Yojana, a hundred centrally sponsored scheme, Rs. 227.70 lakh has been released.

To provide the child inmates of all Govt. Homes with better medical treatment the new Govt. is going to implement Mediclaim policy of the National Insurance Corporation Ltd.

23 cases of Swabalamban scheme, aimed at financial empowerment of women pending from last year has been approved.

1087 pucca Anganwadi centres are being set up with the funds from 13th Finance Commission, RIDF and recently NGNREGA

c. Women Welfare :

Under this sector of welfare the remarkable schemes are aimed at the protection of women from violence and their rights, economic empowerment, improvement of health & nutrition status.

20 posts of Protection Officer engaged earlier on contract basis for implementation of women from Domestic Violence Act have been retained for the next 3 years.

Indira Gandhi Matritya Sahayog Yojana aimed at addressing the problems in anti-natal care of women has been started implementation for 1,08,211 women in two districts namely Jalpaiguri and Bankura as per recent field study reports.

A drive has been undertaken to ensure that Anganwadi Karyakari Bima Yojana of LIC is extended to all eligible AWWs Helpers so that they get the full benefits of this scheme as this issue was not attached enough importance during a long time past to reach the target segments.

National Mission for Empowerment of Women (2010-2015): To empower women economically, socially and educationally the Govt. of W.B. has approved the formation of State Mission Authority (SMA) and State Resource Centre for Women (SRCW). The procedure of recruitment of contractual functionaries for SRCW has already been started.

Rehabilitation of sex workers and sexually abused women: The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India directed Central and all State Governments to formulate schemes for rehabilitation of sex workers and sexually abused women throughout the country. To provide marketable technical skill to the sex workers discussion is on with the Technical Education Department. Rs. 5 lakh has been released in favour of Registrar of Supreme Court to provide funds to the panel constituted for the welfare of the target groups.

Better coordination has been established with a police/law enforcement agencies and SALSA/Judiciary to check the serious malady of human trafficking, especially women and children

d. Social Defence Sector

In this sector important schemes are maintenance of vagrants, financial assistance to old persons, awareness generation programme, welfare of ex-servicemen, shelter for urban homeless persons.

It has been decided to renovate as per the present day necessity all the Vagrant Homes within this financial year.

For providing Night shelter to the Urban Homeless persons living in the towns above 5 lakh population this Deptt. has a target to set up such shelters in Asansol, Howrah and Kolkata. As a part of this endeavour, a portion of the Leprosy Vagrant Home at Belegkata, Kolkata is being renovated at an estimated cost of Rs. 80 lakh.

Programmes likely to be implemented in the next months

- The State Commission for Protection for Child Rights is being set up.
- Rules for getting disability certificates are being simplified.
- Awareness campaigns to be mounted across the States about important programmes in the social sectors.
- New initiatives planned for training and capacity building of staff including in ICT and e-governance planned
- A Pilot project to check mal-nutrition which is a major problem is being planned with a reputed NGO (CINI) and UNICEF called '1000-DAY PLAN' in two districts implementing IGMSY. i.e., Jalpaiguri and Bankura.

Backward Classes Welfare

BCW Department has adopted a few fundamental changes in the delivery system during the last two hundred days. 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.

- ❖ Filling of vacancies reserved for SC, ST & OBC: Initiatives have been taken to collect the vacancy report of posts reserved for SC/ST/OBC from all Departments of the Government of West Bengal and action has been taken to fill up shortfalls.
- ❖ Addition to OBC List: Survey of 44 communities, applied for inclusion in the lists of OBC has already commenced. Out of these, 41 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.
- ❖ Special initiatives for quick issuance certificates: 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 and 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, 5,50,014 Caste Certificates have been issued during the period from January to November, against 4,18,534 caste certificates issued during same period in 2010.
- ❖ Recognition to Backward Classes students for Higher Education: There are number of schemes in the BCW Department for assistance to SC/ST students for pursuing higher studies. One such popular scheme is Post-Matric Scholarship. Till date in this financial year Rs.203.63 Crore for 5.59 Lakh SC students and Rs.27.29 Crore for 0.697 Lakh ST students have been disbursed as against Rs.70.75 Crore for 2.70 Lakh SC students and Rs.8.88 Crore for 0.278 Lakh ST students in the corresponding

period last year. 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 minimum rate of interest. This year in last 200 days 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 already started and more than 7,500 cycles have already reached the various blocks of Jangal Mahal. Distribution of total 39,839 bi-cycles will be completed by very shortly.
- ❖ 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 last 200 days 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.
- ❖ Book Grants to help poor & needy students: Book Grants & Examination Fees are being provided to all poor SC and ST students studying in class - V to X. In the last 200 days BCW Department has disbursed Rs.43.00 Crore to 20 Lakh SC students and Rs.7.24 Crore to 3.60 Lakh ST students.
- ❖ Comprehensive development plan for Darjeeing & Junglemahal: Rs.5.00 Crore has been sanctioned to WBTDCC to assist the LAMPS for purchase of 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.

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.87,75,37,500 has been disbursed in last 200 days during this financial year to 1,30,463 number of tribal people who have attained above 60 years of age.
- ❖ Individual Beneficiary Scheme: In last 200 days total loan of Rs.31.00 Crore have been sanctioned to 14,500 SC beneficiaries and Rs.3.32 Crore to 2,552 ST people under various loan schemes by West Bengal Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe Development & Finance Corporation.
- ❖ Infrastructure Development Programme in SC/ST dominated areas: Rs.19.34 Crore has been utilised for implementation of 353 nos. of Infrastructure development schemes like Minor Irrigation, Drinking Water, Roads, Construction of Bridges, Culverts, Hostel Buildings etc. under Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan, Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan and Article 275(I) of the Constitution of India.
- ❖ Improvement of the Hostels for the SC & ST: Steps have been taken to inspect all the hostels and to take measures for improvement of living condition of the inmates. Schemes for repair of hostels have been taken up on priority.
- ❖ Grievance Cell: This cell has received total 407 petitions up to the 7th December, 2011. Actions have been taken on 315 petitions till date. In the Departmental Website arrangements have been made to receive grievances on-line.
- ❖ Activities on Culture: Department promotes development of culture of the SCs and STs. Now this Department will promote 'Jhumur, Gambhira, Baul, BHatiyali, Kabi-Gan, Puppetry, Chhau, Sarigan and Bachhari Baich (traditional boat race), Woodcraft, Kantha-Shilpa, etc. Arrangements have been made for disbursement of

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Medha Puraskar- 2011 consisting of cash awards of Rs.5000.00 and a certificate of merit to 500 meritorious SC and 500 meritorious ST students of the whole State who passed Madhyamik Pariksha- 2011 through special functions in the respective district headquarters. The Department has successfully organised Adibasi Sanskritik Utsab at Rabindra Sadan and EZCC Salt Lake on 5th and 6th December, 2011. 300 Tribal Artist performed colourful Dances and Martial Art.

- ❖ Mobile Health Clinic: One Mobile Health Clinic has been set up in Bongaon Block for the benefit of poor and backward people. This is a totally new & innovative scheme.
- ❖ Krishi Shramik Kalyan Kendra: Steps have been taken to open a Krishi Shramik Kalyan Kendra for the benefit of SC cultivators at the Sub-Divisional headquarters at Bongaon. This is also a totally new & innovative scheme.
- ❖ Pre-IAS/WBCS training Centre: Steps have been 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: Steps have been taken to improve English education and Computer education for backward class students through Distance Learning Process. This scheme is also new.
- ❖ Aptitude Test: Steps have been taken to conduct aptitude tests for SC/ST students by professional institutes for career guidance of SC/ST students at post schooling stage. This scheme is also a totally new & innovative one.
- ❖ Professional training of SC/ST students: Such training in different vocations is being imparted for SC/ST students in various training centres like CIPET at Haldia.
- ❖ 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.

Initiatives have already been taken by the Department in streamlining the procedure especially with regard to issuance of caste certificates and timely disbursement of scholarships and loans. This may help to address the issue of delay in delivery system.

The Department is also addressing the issue of educational and hostel requirement of backward classes students after analysing the need base.

Self Help Group and Self Employment

1. More than 22,000 entrepreneurs including 491 of Jangal Mahal have been assisted with Self-employment loan schemes under the Bangla Swanirbhar Karmasansthan Prakaalpa (BSKP) with govt.subsidy amounting more than Rs.100.19 crore.
2. In Purulia, Bankura and Paschim Medinipur districts with special emphasis in 23 Blocks of Jangal Mahal, skill development programmes have been started in mobile phone repair, tailoring, computer repair, electrical appliances repair. 27 such camps have been organized so far.
3. To market SHG products,. 8 RIDF projects viz. Training-cum-marketing complex, Grain go-down, Poultry farm with project cost 15.30 crore are on.
4. Under the West Bangla Swanirbhar Sahayak Prokalpa (WBSSP), nearly Rs. 1.39 crore subsidy amount has been released so far in favour of District Magistrates to sanction interest subsidy to loanee-entrepreneurs.
5. 20 Self Help Group products of Purulia, Bankura, Paschim Medinipur, South 24-Parganas and Hooghly have been identified by NABARD and W.B.Swarojgar Corporation Limited for skill-development, product-quality enhancement, improved packaging, search for marketing outlet, etc.
6. In the current financial year Rs.150 crore has been allotted for this scheme. 34000 beneficiaries have been targeted to provide Govt. subsidy out of this fund.

After assumption of office by the present Government, Rs. 100.19 crore 90 lakh has been released till January 21, 2012 to 22,174 entrepreneurs as Government subsidy and Rs. 2.44 crore incentive to the Motivators. Altogether Rs. 112.5 crore has been released under BSKP against the budget allocation of Rs. 150 crore. Out of Rs. 112.5 crore, Rs. 102.63 crore has been released from budgetary allocation of financial year 2011-12.

Summary of Tentative Expected Expenditure Within March 2012

	Budget (2011-2012) (Rs. in Crore)	Till March 2012 (Rs. in Crore)
Budgetary Allocation (Excluding RIDF)	210	159.29
RIDF Allocation	10	2.76
TOTAL ALLOCATION (including RIDF)	220	162.05

In the presence of Chief Minister, 3000 entrepreneurs from all over the state received Rs. 25 crore as loan and grant against the allocation of project value amounting to Rs. 60 crore. The Chief Minister has announced a couple of attractive plans. Few commodity marketing centres at district and state levels will be opened during next year. Initiative will be taken for international marketing. All scheme members will be covered under National Health Insurance Plan, and their family will receive the benefit of Medical treatment upto Rs. 30,000 per annum.

North Bengal Development

A new Department has been formed to develop six districts of North Bengal, as the North Bengal Development Department on 8th July, 2011.

For the development of North Bengal, Rs. 200 crore has 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 Parshad.

We have already shortlisted schemes to be implemented during this financial year. We have vision for all-round development of North Bengal.

Achievements

- 19 posts of engineers including Chief Engineer and Superintending Engineer have been created and 24 posts of SAEs are to be taken on contractual basis.
- Expression of Interests (EOI) was invited from the PSUs/Companies/Firms/Agencies for preparation of DPRs of schemes undertaken.
- As many as 361 ongoing projects/schemes funded by UUP under previous govt. where little progress has been made, are being closely monitored by this department.
- For roads & bridges etc. PWD has been entrusted with the task of preparing DPR for as many as 35 schemes in the first phase amounting to Rs. 204.46 crore.
- Existing bottlenecks for construction of Adabari Ghat Bridge has been cleared. This bridge will considerably shorten the distance between Sitai and Dinhata.
- Rs. 4.77 crore has been sanctioned for the completion of setting up of Circuit Bench of Kolkata High Court at Jalpaiguri.
- A building has already been selected for setting up of Rajbangshi Academy at Victor Palace in Cooch Behar.
- Operationalisation of a Neo-Natal Care Unit is ready and a New Labour Ward has already been started at Siliguri District Hospital.
- Rs. 10 crore has been sanctioned for purchase of medical equipments, machines etc through West Bengal Medical Supply Corporation Rs. 50 crore has also been kept aside for this purpose.

- Kaziman Golay, a tribal from Kalchini Block in Jalpaiguri, has set up a museum for display/exhibition of different indigenous items made by tribals with funding of Rs. 25,000 by this department.
- This is the first time that a 5-day-long Paschimbanga Natya Academy was held at Dinabandhu Mancha, Siliguri with 7 famous dramas.
- 'Help Desk' was set up for the tourists during the last Durga Puja at five different spots - NJP Stn., Tenzing Norgay Bus Terminus, Mal, Bagdogra Airport and Alipurduar Rly. Stn.
- As a part of Kolkata Film Festival, a nine-day-long Uttarbanga Film Festival from 19th to 27th November 2011 with screening of 19 pictures from 16 countries has caused a great excitement among the film-lovers of North Bengal.
- Renovation work of Dinabandhu Mancha, Siliguri has been taken up by replacing existing sound system alongside change of upholstery.
- Government help in the form of dry food, garments and medicines were distributed to the labourers of closed Dheklapara Tea Garden.
- The problem regarding revision of wages for the tea garden workers was solved in the tripartite meeting with the active initiative of this Department.
- In pursuit of talent hunt from among Adivasis of Terai and Dooars, the historic "Birsha Munda Adivasi Football Tournament" held on 14th November 2011 at Metelli in Jalpaiguri and Gazole in Malda. Shri Baichung Bhutia was present on the occasion.
- A full bust of Birsha Munda, a legendary freedom fighter, was unveiled in commemoration of his birth anniversary at Chalsa in Doors by Shanti Tigga, a President's Award-winner.
- An amount of Rs. 5.20 crore has been allocated to Tourism Department for promotion and renovation of some tourist spots like Murti in Jalpaiguri, Morgan House Tourist Lodge, Hilltop Tourist Lodge, Tashiding Tourist Lodge in Kalimpong and for cottage accommodation at Jaldapara.

- 38 seriously injured persons and 17 partially injured persons were provided financial assistance @ Rs. 50,000 and Rs. 25,000 each respectively to the victims of recent earthquake.
- A meeting with district and police administration was held on 19 Nov 2011 at Siliguri Circuit House for beautification of Siliguri.

Upcoming Projects

- To set up a Field Unit of National Institute for Cholera & Enteric Diseases (NICED), a site has been selected.
- The construction of a fly-over at Alipurduar with 50:50 fund sharing in between railway and department will be started shortly.
- International Children Film Festival under the chairmanship of Smt Arpita Ghosh was held from 26th to 29th December 2011 at three auditoriums at Siliguri, Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling.
- As announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, a Nepali Academy will be set up in the hills of Darjeeling.
- St. Xavier's College at Rajganj in Jalpaiguri will be a Centre of Excellence in coming days.
- 30 computers for 4949 students of Mahabir Hindi High School at Birpara to be given shortly
- A National Table Tennis Tournament at Siliguri Indoor Stadium (Jr. and under 21 levels) was held from 3rd to 8th January 2012. About 600 participants from all over the country with 32 State and Central organisations are going to participate in this gala sports event.
- A DPR has been prepared for Gazoledoba-Siliguri New Water Supply Scheme worth Rs. 270 crore and that will be executed by PHE department.
- Uttarbanga Utsav 2012 was held from 10 to 16th of February, 2012 in traditional manner.
- Departmental website will be launched soon.

Forest

Introduction

The primary concerns of the Department are implementation of 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 and enhancement of human being and also reduces the conflicts between man and wild life.

Achievements

- **Plantation-** Plantation has been made in an area of 9410 hectares.
- **Maintenance-** 135 ha. of quick-growing pulpwood plantation has been raised in Paschim Medinipur district along with giving protection to saplings.
- **The Citronella grass and turmeric plants-** The Citronella grass has been cultivated in 130 hectares of land and Turmeric in 10 hectares of land respectively in North Bengal. The Citronella grass has also been cultivated on experimental basis in South Bengal.
- **Timber auction-** Timber auction with gross sale value of Rs. 77.6 Cr. have been conducted in 23 forest divisions in North and South Bengal.
- **Sale counter for sawn timber-** Four sale counters for sawn timber have been re-opened at Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Bhuttabari and Kurseong.
- **Banaja-** The trademark 'Banaja' for the Non Timber Forest Produce (N.T.F.P.) has been registered. Four new herbal products have been launched, viz. Trikatu Dust, Neem Oil, Arjun Tea and Ayurvedic Shampoo. Two new derivatives of Citronella Oil, Phenyl and Hand-wash have been introduced.
- **New sale-counters-** 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.
- **Zoological Gardens-** Initiatives have been taken to improve facilities at Alipore Zoo and historical Darjeeling Zoo. Plan for development of National Parks & Sanctuaries has also been taken up; Satellite zoo at Dowhill has been completed.

- This Department had to intervene in man-wild animal conflict on several occasions. To mitigate this and to ensure the security of both, a Wildlife Squad has been formed.
- 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 ponds within the jungle area have been taken up.
- 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.
- **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.
- The Forest Department has implemented several schemes with funds from NREGS (Rs.11.90 crore spent with creation of 7.50 lakh man-days).

With the assistance of funds from the Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs Department, 3271 beneficiaries have been assisted to rear lac by providing Brood lac and training in Jangal Mahal area of Purulia District.

Upcoming Projects

- West Bengal Integrated Forestry Development and Bio-diversity Conservation Project - This is a project for Rs. 406 crore to be funded by JICA. Minutes of Discussion has already been signed. It is expected that MOU will be signed soon.
- Capacity Development for Forest Management and Training of Personnel - This Project relates to upgradation of Forest Training Institute at Hijli, Paschim Medinipur and upgradation of Bengal Forest School, Dowhill, Darjeeling. The project (Rs. 9 crore) is funded by the central Government.
- Large Grant Project on Sundarban -This Project is meant for mangrove and wildlife conservation, livelihood security of local people and monitoring for mangroves. About 1.5 crore will be received as a grant from International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Crocodile census in Sundarban Biosphere Reserve has started from December last.

Correctional Administration

INTRODUCTION :

The jails in the State of West Bengal, with the enforcement of the West Bengal Correctional Services Act, 1992 are now termed as correctional homes with the focus shifting from being a mere place of detention of the prisoners to a place of correction & rehabilitation. The focus has now been shifted from being centers of punishment to being the loci of 'correction' i.e. places where prison inmates would be helped to rectify or 'correct' the aberration which caused them to commit crimes in the first place.

Achievements:-

- ❖ **Construction-** Construction works of sub correctional homes at Tehatta in Nadia District and Raghunathpur in Purulia District are going on and expected to be completed by this year.



- ❖ **Security-** For better security of correctional homes, it has also been decided that cell phone jammers are to be installed in all central correctional homes located at Kolkata to eradicate the menace of unauthorized uses of cell phones inside correctional homes.
- ❖ **Training-** Regional Institute of Correctional Administration (RICA) and Warder Training Institute (WTI) so far imparted training on (i) in-Service Course for Correctional Officers, (ii) in-Service Training for Controllers & Assistant Controllers, (iii) in-Service Course for Welfare Officers/Psychologist/PACO, (iv) on Human Rights in Correctional Management, (v) in-Service Course for Correctional Officers "Seeing is learning", (vi) on "Gender Sensitization" and (vii) training on "Security Management".
- ❖ **Valmiki Pratibha** - The Dance Drama: Inmates (45, 35-men & 10-women) of correctional homes participated in a 45 inmates dance drama named 'Valmiki Pratibha' written by Rabindranath Tagore. So far as many as 37 public performances of this dance drama have been staged including one at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi in November, 2011 during Indian International Trade Fair, 2011.
- ❖ **Music:** A folk music band has been formed at Dum Dum Central Correctional Home. The maiden album of this band has already been recorded and will be released shortly.
- ❖ **Art:** An exhibition of paintings by inmates was held at Jharkhand Central University Campus at Ranchi from 12.11.2011-14.11.
- ❖ **Vocational training:** A training program of the 50 inmates for 3 months on offset printing, press and other related matters was organized in the Alipore Central Correctional Home for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- ❖ **Prisoner's Welfare:** Seven mentally ill inmates lodged in different correctional homes even after their release have been rehabilitated to different Homes of Missionaries of Charity.

A joint venture has been taken in association with Indira Gandhi National Open University to open Learners' Support Centre at Alipore Central Correctional Home, DumDum Central Correctional Home and Hooghly District Correctional Home.

Major Upcoming Projects

The following important construction works have been sanctioned:

- ❖ Mini stadium inside the new complex of Jalpaiguri Central Correctional Home.
- ❖ Security lighting arrangement outside the perimeter wall of Balurghat District Correctional Home.
- ❖ Barracks at Uluberia Sub Correctional Home.
- ❖ Renovation & up gradation of social welfare room as children's playing arena and children activity zone within the compound of Alipore Women's Correctional Home.
- ❖ New ward with the capacity of 60 prisoners and extension of perimeter wall at Lalbagh Sub Correctional Home.
- ❖ Installation of "Simless Telephone Facility" for the benefit of inmates lodged at Alipore Central Correctional Home and Presidency Correctional Home.
- ❖ Realignment of facilities and augmentation of inmate capacity in respect of Katwa Subsidiary Correctional Home.
- ❖ Remodelling of congregation place at inside of Coochbehar District Correctional Home.
- ❖ Perimeter wall covering the vacant land and fixing of wall tiles etc between the gates (inside) at Raiganj District Correctional Home.
- ❖ Hospital Building inside Hooghly District Correctional Home.
- ❖ 20-bedded Male Hospital at Balurghat District Correctional Home.
- ❖ Trainees' Hostel at Regional Institute of Correctional Administration.



Food Processing Industries and Horticulture

West Bengal has strong potential regarding setting up of Food Processing Industries and expansion of its horticulture base due to adequate availability of raw materials. The Government in the State has taken a fresh look into these sector of food processing industries and horticulture for its systematic and inclusive growth and following decisions have already been taken in that direction :

Achievements of Food Processing Industries

1. Two training centres on FPI in North 24 Parganas have been set up. 70 trainees have been trained.
2. One day sensitization cum awareness programme has been conducted in the district of Darjeeling, Malda, Jalpaiguri, Hooghly, Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas, Howrah and Purba Medinipur. Total 1000 trainees participated.
3. One Cluster Development program taken up on 'Muri' (baked rice) making project at Nalhati, Birbhum.

Upcoming projects:

- Cluster Development Projects :
 1. Ghee, noodles project by RKM Kamarpukur.
 2. Chanachur (spicy mix of assorted pulses), snacks making project by ASDO, North 24 parganas.
 3. Snacks/cookie project by APS, Howrah.
- Setting up of Food processing Training Centre by Dariachak Society, Purba Medinipur.
- Entrepreneurship Development Programme on FPI for SHGs run by women in 6 districts.
- Infrastructure Project for setting up Zonal office of FPI Directorate in Malda.

Achievements in Horticulture Sector:

- 150 hectare infertile lands in districts of the western part of the state have been brought under cultivation of fruits like mango etc. (Rs.35 lakh)

- 2 new horticulture nurseries have been established. (Rs.3 lakh)
- 16 new ponds have been excavated for the purpose of horticultural area expansion. (Rs.9.69 lakh)
- Nearly 250 hectare of old mango orchards have been rejuvenated scientifically. (Rs.36 lakh)
- About 35 bio-compost units have been established. (Rs.11 lakh)
- About 200 farmers have been trained in and exposed to modern horticultural practices. (Rs.3.8 lakh)
- One 200 MT Controlled Atmosphere(CA) Store at Garhbeta, Paschim Medinipur (Rs.25.6 lakh)
- Two Multipurpose Cold Storages, one at Simurali, Nadia and the other at Industrial Growth Centre, Malda of capacities 3000 MT and 7500 MT respectively (Rs.192 lakh).

Upcoming projects under Horticulture sector:

- a) One Plant Tissue Culture Laboratory at Hooghly (Rs.16.38 lakh)
- b) One Modern Cold Storage at Jhargram, Paschim Medinipur (23 lakh)

Achievements under RKVY (Rastiya Krishi Vikas Yojana):

- Post Harvest Dissemination Centre at Ramkrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur, South 24 Parganas (Rs.99.32 lakh)
- Establishment of Rural Market and Pan Mandi (betel-leaf market) at Bankura & Nadia (Rs.302 lakh)
- Vegetable Seed Production unit at Nadia (Rs.18.54 lakh)

Upcoming projects under RKVY:

- a) Cultivation in the security zone at Correctional Homes of Kolkata, Paschim Midnapore and Berhampore (Rs.51.20 lakh)
- b) Technology and Engineering Dissemination Centre at Murshidabad (Rs.151.5 lakh).

- c) Formation of farmer-producer organizations in Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 parganas. South 24 Parganas, Howrah, Hooghly and Purba Medinipur districts involving 8500 farmers as members.

Achievements in Cinchona & other Medicinal Plants sector:

- Cultivation of pineapple in 10 hectare area has been completed in Bunkulung, Mirik.
- New plantation of mandarin orange has been completed in 20 hectare area.
- Cultivation of medicinal plant, chirata has been completed in 100 hectare area.
- One lakh plantlets of tissue culture have already been prepared out of target of two lakh plantlets.
- Under National Mission for Medicinal Plants, plantation of medicinal plants like Jatamunsi, Kuth, Aswagandha, Sarpagandha, Kalmegh, Ghritakumari etc. has been completed in 63 hectare area.

Upcoming project under plant sector:

- Cultivation of dioscorea.
- Construction of model labour houses for plantation workers.
- Supply of piped drinking water and providing sanitary condition to the labourers of cinchona plantation.
- Making Agricultural sector free from waste.

Conclusion:

Activities of the department are directed in well thought out and modern procedures to ensure the dissemination of the tidings of growth across the state in the field of FPI and horticulture. The Department is striving for a more systematic development in food processing and horticulture sectors through inclusive growth at the farmer-producer level ensuring substantive increase in employment generation and consequent rise in the quality of a farmer's life and small entrepreneurs on food processing.

Technical Education & Training

The Department of Technical Education and Training has been gearing itself for the holistic development of the sector to make it more vibrant and demand given with a mix of innovative thinking and meticulous planning. The Department has been planning giant strides in the courses from 1 to 3 months for drop out youths, to empower them with employable skills.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. POLYTECHNIC SECTOR

- 2,000 seats have been increased in Polytechnic College.
- 10 new Polytechnic College will be established in the state.
- Construction of second campus of Haldia Polytechnic College and Egra Polytechnic is going to be completed.
- For construction of 3 new polytechnics at Bankura, Kolaghat and Ratua fund sanctioned Rs. 2 crore each and construction of 1 ploytechnic at Gangarampur sanctioned amount is Rs. 50 lakh.
- For construction of 2 new polytechnics under State Plan for Tufanganj Rs. 2 crore and for Ramgarh Rs. 1 crore sanctioned.
- For construction of 2 new polytechnics under Central Assistance from Minority Affairs Department for Baruipur (Foundation stone was laid by the Chief Minister) and Diamond Harbour Rs. 6.15 crore each sanctioned.
- Administrative approval and financial sanction of Rs.6.1 crore has been received from the Ministry of Minority Affairs, GOI for the upgradation of the A.R. Rehman Government Polytechnic at Sheikh Para, Domkal Sub-division, Murshidabad district.
- For setting up 5 new polytechnics under Central Assistance from MHRD in the districts of Uttar Dinajpur, South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas, Jalpaiguri, Birbhum, suitable land is being searched and cost for each Polytechnic will be Rs. 12.3 crore for 2 new Polytechnics at Baghmundi in Purulia and Kaligang in Nadia District.
- For construction of Womens' Hostel in 25 polytechnics Rs.50 lakhs per Polytechnic has already been released.
- It has been decided to set up 3 new polytechnics in Darjeeling, Kalimpong & Mirik in Darjeeling district. One Polytechnic will be funded from the State Government budget.

- Communication Laboratories with the state of the Art equipments are being planned in each Polytechnic on the model of IIT, Kharagpur.
- Data bank with details of past postings are being complies for each staff (Gr. 'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D') and G.O. for new transfer policy has already been issued and work is going on as per the notice.
- Counseling for admissions in the present year was 100% transparent and allocation of branch/institute was strictly by choice based on merit.
- Recruitment rules for different posts under Technical Education Directorate has been framed.
- Recruitment rules for different posts in different Government Polytechnic College has been framed.

2. ITI SECTOR

- 2000 seats have been increased in different ITIs.
- Decision had taken to establish 15 new ITIs
- Initiatives taken for completion of construction of Building / Workshop by this financial year for the following 6 New ITIs. (1) Chengail in Howrah, (2) Rampurhat in Birbhum, (3) Islampur in Uttar Dinajpur, (4) Banshihari in Dakshin Dinajpur, (5) Egra in Deshpran Block, Purba Medinipur, (6) Sarengabad in South 24-Parganas.
- ITI's under Central Assistance from Minorities Ministry, GOI: 6 Nos have been sanctioned by the GOI till date. (1) Mandirbazar in South 24-Parganas, (2) Magrahat in South 24-Parganas, (3) Baduria in North 24-parganas, (4) Bauria in Howrah, (5) Kaliachak in Malda, (6) Panjipara in Uttar Dinajpur.
- All out efforts will be made by employing contractual instructors/staff & procuring Laboratory material/Equipments to make the ITI buildings at Simlipal/Ghatal/Habibpur operational for the session commencing in August, 2012.
- Administrative Approval from the State Budget for ITIs at (1) Khatra in Bankura, (2) Itahar in Uttar Dinajpur, (3) Chanchol-II in Malda have been received and the proposal for Government ITI at Shyampur-II in Howrah is under the Active Consideration.
- Short term training of 3 months duration for 90 youths, long term training of 1 year to 2 years for 30 youths and 10 number of training has been started in the existing ITIs in Midinipur.
- Under Additional Central Assistance: Approval received for setting up of 2 Nos. New ITIs at Balarampur in Purulia and Salboni in Paschim Medinipur and 3 Nos of Skill Development Centers at Mograhat-II, Suri and Coochbehar.

- Proposal for Setting up of 1 No New ITI & 2 Nos SDCs in Lalgarh Area in Paschim Medinipur District have been submitted to the Government of India and the approval is awaited.
- About 20,000 youths have already been trained in the Modular Employable Scheme and the relevant certificates have been issued by NCVT, GOI. About 40% of the youths have been employed. The Department is taking initiatives to move the Ministry of Labour, GOI, to enhance the State Quota from 26,000 to 40,000 for the current financial year.

3. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SECTOR

- The World Bank is conducting a thorough study of the Technical Education and Skill Development Sector in West Bengal after interacting with various stake holders, to prepare a road map for the short term, medium term and long term to ensure the futuristic development of this crucial sector within an integrated framework
- The proposal of this Department for launching of the Pilot Project of the National Vocational Educational Qualification Framework in Class-IX from the academic session 2012, has been approved by the Ministry of HRD, GOI along with Haryana.
- In collaboration with IL&FS and NSDC, Skill Training Programme has already been started at Chitrabhanu Institute at Kalimpong in the Hotel Industry Sector.
- Ministry of Textile has funded Rs.4 crore to the Ahmedabad Textile Industry Research Association (ATIRA) for supplying 10 sets of machines for computer aided design for embroidery and 10 sets of machines for computer added design for advanced level garment manufacturing.
- The Department has designed 2 courses and recommended the engagement of the partner of NSDC to the West Bengal Minority Development and Finance Corporation, for skill training for 100% employment for mobile repair, IT and retail at their facility at Salt Lake and for CCTV surveillance for their facility at Murshidabad. About 2000 trainees from the minority community can be trained for 100% employment every year in these 2 centres.
- The Department has tied up with CAPSI (Central Association of Private Security Industry) the partner of NSDC for security matters, for designing 100% employment oriented training programme for Class-VIII pass drop outs as per the provisions of the Private Security Regulation Act, 2005.
- The Department is in discussion with some reputed vocational training providers in the country to design 100% employment oriented courses in various sectors.

Science & Technology

Introduction

The primary objective of the department is to support scientific or technological needs of other Departments of the Govt. of West Bengal and to expedite socio-economic development of the state, to disseminate science among the common people, to patronize research and development activities etc.

Three major cells of this department are Geo-Informatics & Remote Sensing, Bio-Technology & Tissue Culture and Intellectual Property Rights, where various activities, inter alia, R & D projects are run under direct control of the department. Department's own Science Popularization program includes organization of State Science & Technology Congress, State Awards etc Geoinformatics and Remote Sensing Cell

The Geoinformatics and Remote Sensing Cell is engaged in extraction of thematic information from multi-season satellite images and integrate the same along with the socio-economic data in GIS platform to meet the growing needs of the various departments of the State.

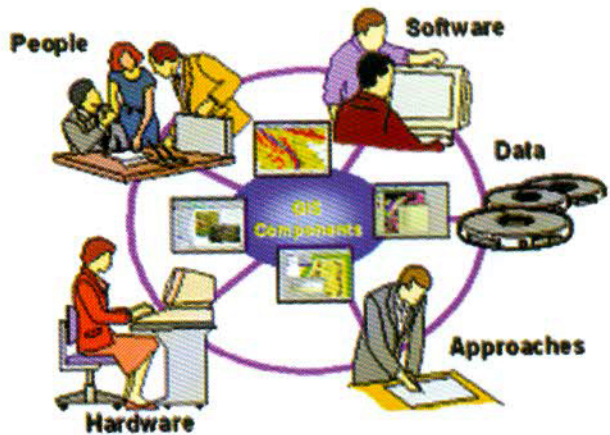
Presently, greater emphasis is being placed on generation of data on cadastral level using high resolution satellite data to facilitate implementation level planning. Preparation of Land Use map for Land Bank is being urgently pursued to enable the Government to identify land for industry and other uses. Spatial data for groundwater recharge, identification of groundwater prospect zones for drinking water purpose and Arsenic and Fluoride affected areas are being generated with greater emphasis.

Projects under Implementation

1. Generation of Land Bank - Phase II - A Land Bank, depicting the major landuse/landcover categories are under progress for the Land and Land Reforms Department, Govt. of West Bengal. It covers the seven (7) districts of the State viz Murshidabad, Nadia, Howrah, Hooghly, North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas and Purba Medinipur.

2. Identification of Locations for Construction/Renovation of Water Harvesting Structures in Purulia, Birbhum, Bankura and Paschim Medinipore Districts - Identification of locations for construction of Check Dams and Percolation Tanks have been carried out in Puruliya, Bankura, Paschim Medinipur and Birbhum districts. Total of 60 such schemes have already been funded for construction/renovation with a budgetary outlay of about Rs.7 crore.

3. National Urban Information System (NUIS) - A GIS based data base for existing urban areas and its adjoining region will help the planners to prepare a master plan for the future growth of the urban area and its life supporting network. Large scale (1:10,000) detailed mapping of the four industrial and urban areas (Durgapur, Kulti, Burdwan and Kharagpur) is being prepared with budgetary outlay of Rs. 46.05 lakh.



4. Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission - Database has been generated for the drought prone districts of Birbhum, Bardhaman, Purulia, Bankura and Paschim Medinipore with a total budgetary outlay of Rs. 41.64 lakh.

5. Cadastral level spatial database generation for parts of Bankura District - This pilot study has been initiated at the request of the Bankura District Administration for two blocks of Bankura district namely Barjora and Gangajalghati to see the prospect of micro level planning using satellite based information with a budgetary allocation about Rs. 32.87 lakh.

6. Municipal Information System - A query based user friendly municipal information extraction software package to support the activities of the Bidhannagar Municipality is being developed in this project with budgetary outlay of Rs. 12.93 lakh.

7. Geo-Environmental Appraisal of Digha - Junput Coastal Plain with Special Reference to Coastal Hazards / Disaster - Programme aims to generate "baseline" information in terms of High Water Line (HWL) / dune belt shifting, embankment failure, coastal erosion, natural hazards / disaster zonation etc. as S&T support for coastal zone management and developments with a budgetary outlay of Rs. 39.74 lakh.

8. Study on Changing Pattern of River Courses in Flood Prone Areas of Southern & Western part of West Bengal for Disaster Mitigation and Study of Mountain Ecosystem of West Bengal - These 2 programmes aim to study the nature and pattern of changes in the river courses to identify zones of flooding and bank failure and predict future trends in changes in the river courses. Also changes in land use pattern and the effect of climate change and impact of disasters will also be studied. The total budgetary outlay of the 2 projects is Rs.77 lakh.

9. Seismic Hazard Assessment, Microzonation and Evaluation of Vulnerability, Risk & Socio - Economic Impacts for the City of Kolkata - Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India has sponsored a multi-disciplinary and multi- institutional project entitled "Seismic Hazard Assessment, Microzonation and Evaluation of Vulnerability, Risk & Socio - Economic Impacts for the City of Kolkata" to study the seismic impacts on Kolkata Megacity. The total budgetary outlay of the project is Rs.27.85 lakh

10. Application of Remote Sensing and GIS in Sericulture Development -The objective of the project is to identify potential areas for sericulture development/expansion in the districts of Murshidabad, Bankura, Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri, Maldah, Birbhum, Purulia and Midnapore and to develop Sericulture Information Linkages and Knowledge System with a budgetary outlay of Rs.16 lakh

11. State Spatial Data Interface (SSDI) - the DST-WB is setting up the SSDI which is basically a Central Spatial Data Warehouse connected through web enabled service to the nodes at District (DSDI) and Block level (BSDI). The spatial data with the associated maps will be updated or value added at block / GP / district level and stored in the central node at DST-WB through web connectivity. The project of SSDI is jointly funded by Dept. of Science & Technology, Govt. of India, DST-WB and Dev. & Planning Dept. of Govt. of West Bengal. The total budgetary outlay of the project is Rs.10.56 crore.

Following programmes are under active consideration

a) Space Based Information Support for Decentralized Planning project Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Ministry of Rural Development, have emphasized the need of developing spatial database for decentralized planning at grassroots level. ISRO-DOS has taken up this mission to create natural resource layers on 1:10,000 scale and disseminate them for all the states of the country The total budgetary outlay of the project is Rs. 8.04 crore

b) Application of High Resolution Data (WorldView-2) on Plot Wise Vegetables and Crop Discrimination - this pilot project will help in estimating the area coming under various horticultural crops like fruits, vegetables and flowers. Three areas namely parts of Chakdah block of Nadia district, parts of Farakka block of Murshidabad district and parts of Paskura-II block of East Medinipur district have been taken up for the study as desired by the Department of Food Processing Industries and Horticulture, Government of West Bengal. The total budgetary outlay of the project is Rs. 25.85 lakh.

c) Establishment of Bengal Institute of Geoinformatics - A Directorate under the Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of West Bengal - The emerging needs of the line departments have to be fulfilled by establishing state of the art infrastructure supported

by trained manpower in the area of Geo-informatics. An institute with multi-disciplinary team will be established to constantly interact with various line departments to understand the requirement and create deliverables meeting their needs. There is also requirement for show casing existing and new sensor capabilities using geo-spatial data. The institute will also cater to R&D activities, awareness programme and workshops to present newer areas of use of Remote Sensing, GIS and GPS technology.

Future Vision

The Department would be involved in supporting line departments with up to date spatial information for facilitating the planning process for them. Special emphasis will be given to generate demand specific data of the user departments especially for Landuse/Landcover, Disaster Management, Drought Prone Areas Programme and Urban Planning.

Biotechnology and Plant Tissue Culture Unit

Introduction : The Biotechnology and Tissue Culture Unit of the Department / WBSCST is trying hard to reach new & proven technologies to the grassroots level villages. Some of the projects that have gained in momentum under the new regime are listed as under.

Achievements:

- Running and maintenance of Plant Tissue Culture (PTC) Lab & Greenhouse of WBSCST
- Propagation of bamboo and its demonstration (DBT, GoI/DST/WBSCST & Forest Dept.)
- In -vitro selection of resistant variety of *Withania somnifera* and *Rauvolfia serpentina* (DST/WBSCST & WBUT, CU)
- Establishment of stable transgenic *Typha*, a heavy metal tolerant & accumulator plant (DST/WBSCST & WBUT, CU)
- Establishment of *Jatropha curcas* gene bank (DST/WBSCST & BCKV)
- Development of a 400 acres vested land at Narayangarh (DST/WBSCST & BCKV)
- Jute seed production trial at Purulia (WBSCST & CRIJAF)



- Potato seed production through seed plot technique (DST/WBSCST & BCKV)
- Restoration of soil fertility in Raina Block-II, Burdwan District (DST/WBSCST & VIB, RKM, Nimpith)

Conclusion

All the above ongoing R & D projects are being executed successfully through stringent monitoring at the GP/Block/District level, both by the DST, GoWB/WBSCST and the collaborative organizations.

Patent Information Centre

Activities of Patent Information Centre at a glance :

" Two (2) G.I. Projects on Agricultural products viz. Tualipanji Rice and Kanakchur Rice are in process. Documentation of Tulaipanji Rice is completed and sent to Directorate of Agriculture, Karnajora, Raiganj, Govt. of West Bengal for filing.

- Four (4) Projects on Study and documentation for G.I. of Textile products of W.B. viz. Tangail, Tangail Zamdani, Korial, Garad documentation completed and sent to Directorate of Textile, Govt. of West Bengal, N.S. Building, Kolkata for filing.

- Patent Analysis in hottest area of Biofuel, GM Crop, Biodegradable Plastics, Medical microbiology, Industrial Microbiology.

- Follow up Certificate course on IPR with Kalyani University.

- Sensitized around 150 Students, Research Scholars, Scientists, Technologists about IPR (including Patent) and its filing.

- Processed 10 Search requests from Academic Institutes, Universities & individuals and guided for Patent filing.

- Filed one Patent Application to TIFAC and two are in process/pending to sent to TIFAC.

- Women Scientist Training programme (Scientists selected by TIFAC & IIT-KGP).

- Follow up the activities of IPR cell at four Universities viz. West Bengal University of Technology, Kalyani University, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya (BCKV) and North Bengal University set up by PIC (WBSCST).

Conclusion

The Department of Science and Technology, Government of West Bengal will keep working closely with line departments to meet their technological needs by creating an interface between the line departments and the academic and research institutions for the benefit of the people of the State.

Biotechnology

The Department of Biotechnology supports and extends financial helps to various novel research and development projects as well as community development projects for promotion of biotechnology in the state. The Department is intensely trying to reach grassroots level through introduction of rural biotechnology by following ongoing projects.

- ❖ Full fledged commissioning of Kolkata Biotech Park at Sector-V, Salt Lake has a common instrumentation facility, which is ultra modern and can help several start-up companies in propagation of their research activities. This project may be called a flagship one executed by the Department through West Bengal Biotech Development Corporation Ltd.
- ❖ Upgradation of Infrastructure for bioinformatics by DOEACC for its O/A/B level to the Post Graduate level courses, at an approximate cost of Rs.1.50 crore.
- ❖ Establishment of Resource Centre for hardening of tissue cultured plantlets at Women's Technology Park at Sagar, South 24-Parganas.

With same goal following new projects have been taken up during this period.

- ❖ A project for identification and molecular characterization of Chikungunya virus.
- ❖ A matter of understanding the Adaptive Responses in Jute to Water Stress is of immense importance in view of developing stronger jute fibers with more economic value and demand for industrial value.
- ❖ A project for promoting a novel method for estimation of Uric Acid in human body.
- ❖ A project on molecular mechanism of cigarette-smoke induced myocardial infarction and its prevention has been taken up. The result of the project would be a quantum leap in the prevention of heart attack among cigarette-smokers.
- ❖ A biotechnological intervention in barren land of Gopiballavpur-I Dev. Block of Paschim Medinipur for sustainable livelihood of tribal people-this project will change the barren laterite soil into lush greenery and introduce modern, organized shellac cultivation and extraction among tribals.

Twelve current projects are in active consideration of the Technical Committee of the Department of them i) Preparation of DNA fingerprint based databank, ii) Utilization of algae for bio-fertilizer and high-value added products, iii) Exploration of Therapeutic Efficacy of diet-derived antioxidants are of great importance in the field of promotion of Biotechnology.

Vision for coming days:

- ❖ To set up the proteomics facility in the present biotech park with central assistance,
- ❖ To set up a bigger biotech park of ultra-modern facility in Salt Lake or New Town as the biotech companies prefer these locations,
- ❖ To set up a medium size sprawling biotech park in Kalyani or vicinity,
- ❖ To make several audio-visual presentation of rural biotechnology to make it popular among the people at the grass-root level
- ❖ To create a database of all researches done in biotechnology in the state.
- ❖ To start an overall skill - development programme (finishing school) in biotechnology in order to augment the job potential of biotechnology students.

Water Resources Investigation and Development

Water Resources Investigation and Development Department is responsible for providing Minor Irrigation services to the small and marginal farmers of West Bengal, through the establishments under the Water Resources Development Directorate (WRDD). The State Water Investigation Directorate (SWID) makes regular assessment of the ground water resources and also periodically monitors the quality of water. The Department recognizes the importance of scientific use of water resource as vital to economic growth. The department has identified three challenges in the present.

1. Impact of Climate Change on the Water Resources.
2. Increasing Dependence on the Ground Water Resources, and
3. Deterioration in the Quality of water.

In response to the emerging challenges of the time the department has embarked upon two strategies:-

1. Large Scale Harvesting of Rain Water. Reserve Water Preserve Water (Jal Dharo-Jal Bharo) Programme has been initiated on multiple platforms.
2. Increasing the efficiency of Water Use in every operation.

Reserve Water Preserve Water

The objective of the Reserve Water Preserve Water Programme is to harvest rain water in all kinds of water bodies viz, ponds, reservoirs, canals and underground aquifers. The Programme aims towards building citizen's awareness towards rain water conservation and efficient water- use in irrigation. In the first stage those water bodies have been identified which have traditionally provided irrigation services but due to silting the water holding capacity has dwindled over the years. The department has identified 9915 numbers of tanks and water-bodies which need excavation and desilting. These water bodies are mostly in Purulia (5955), Bankura (3383), Birbhum (4313), and Paschim Medinipore (69). The excavation of these tanks will be taken up under the MNREGS. For every six Ham of additional holding capacity to be augmented under Jal Dharo -Jal Bharo Programme, water inlet channels of 1200 rft will be constructed. Ground Water Recharge of the aquifers will be popularized and demonstration schemes will be implemented by the State Water Investigation Directorate (SWID).

Source to Field Scheme (STF) under MNREGS

Undertaking construction of field channels is also a supportive activity that has twin purpose, (a) Harvesting rain and retaining water in the channels and thereby increasing moisture content in the soil; and (b) Efficient application of irrigation water for agriculture. Construction of field channels has been allowed under the Source To Field Scheme (STF) as a Convergence Programme under MNREGS.

Sinking of wells made easy

Government Order has been issued which permits sinking of wells using 5 HP pumps without obtaining 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.

A New feature in the MI Policy of the department is promoting conjunctive use of Surface and Ground Water for Minor Irrigation. Minor Irrigation Schemes which are solely dependent on Surface Water (Surface Lift and Surface Flow Schemes) are not able to meet the irrigation needs during Rabi and Summer Paddy Crops due to drying of the sources. A Government Order has been issued that permits conjunctive use of Ground Water in the commands of such Surface Flow of Minor Irrigation Schemes including CADWM and Surface Lift Minor Irrigation Schemes.

West Bengal Accelerated Development of Minor Irrigation Project (WBADMIP), has been cleared. Under the WBADMIP envisages construction of 4660 MI structures covering 138901 ha of CCA . The Project will be implemented in the next six years. World Bank has approved credit from IDA (US \$ 125 million) and loan from IBRD (US \$ 125 million).

Activities in the Current Financial Year

- ❖ Installation of Deep Tube Wells, RLI of different capacities. (Financial sanction received from Finance Department is Rs. 67.4 crore. Works are in progress. Irrigation Potential of 9024 ha. and 26.17 lakh Mandays has been created.
- ❖ Implementation of 84 nos of SFMIS schemes, by way of construction of Construction of Check Dams and field Channel.
- ❖ Promoting Micro Irrigation schemes,
- ❖ Re-drilling of deep tubewell, Conversion of diesel run RLIs will be undertaken with funds received under 13th Finance Commission.
- ❖ Completion of incomplete MI schemes on fast track
- ❖ Construction of 15 nos. check dams, 51 nos. SFMIS & 28 nos. dams in Bankura & Purulia. It will create 5303 ha. additional irrigation potential.
- ❖ Rainwater Harvesting linked to artificial aquifer recharge by constructing Percolation tank will be undertaken during the current year on Government Building.

By end of this Financial Year additional Irrigation Potential creation will be 7700 ha. and 22.33 lakhs Mandays will be created.

The department aims to bridge the conflict between conservation of water resources and large scale exploitation by increasing the water use efficiency in irrigation and thereby hopes to create more jobs per drop.

Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs

- The Government has laid down great emphasis for the upliftment and development of socio-economic condition of the people of the "Jangalmahal" especially in 23 LWE Blocks. Several schemes and projects have already been announced for this purpose. For development of the poor people of the "Jungla Mahal", the Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs Department has already taken some steps for implementation of different schemes and as such this department has already requested all line departments to submit projects / schemes.

Achievement and decisions

- Programmes for various development work for 2011-2012 of Jhargram Sub-Division in the district of Paschim Medinipur. Sanctioned amount Rs. 11.62 crore. Total population of this area will get medical facilities.
- Widening and strengthening of two roads (i) Gopiballavpur-Nayagram Road (SH9) and (ii) Jhargram-Jamboni Road in the district of Paschim Medinipur. Sanctioned amount Rs. 9.93 crore. Total population of this area will be benefited and transportation will be improved.
- Different development works in Jangal Mahal area under the Divisional Forest Officer, Rupnarayan Division, Paschim Medinipur. Sanctioned amount Rs. 5.75 crore.
- Conducting of regular medical camps in the district of Paschim Medinipur, Bankura and Purulia. Sanctioned amount Rs. 4.11 crore. Under the jurisdiction of Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad a couple of development projects had been taken under the supervision of Divisional Forest Officer (Kharagpur Division) and Rs. 4.03 crore has been sanctioned for this purpose. General people specially the forest dweller will be benefited by this.
- Upgradation of Raipur Rural Hospital; Sanctioned amount Rs. 3.85 crore. Total population of this area will be benefited. Work order has been issued.
- Safe drinking water supply of 18 nos. of habitation and 66 nos of schools in Purulia district by installation of Fluoride Removal Plant. Sanctioned amount Rs. 3.58 crore.
- Construction of R.C.C. Bridge at 24 km of Barakar - Purulia Road (Jharukhamar) in the district of Purulia. Sanctioned amount Rs. 2.53 crore.
- Various development works in the Jangal Mahal areas under PUP of the Purulia District through DFO, Purulia Division. Sanctioned amount Rs. 2.19 crore.

- Cultivation of seedlings of different vegetables. at Government Agricultural Farms by local SHGs in the district of Purulia. Sanctioned amount Rs. 2.14 crore.
- Construction of boundary wall at different BPHCs and PHCs in the district of Purulia. Sanctioned amount Rs. 1.77 Crore.
- Renovation of six (6) nos. of Major RLI and one(1) no. of Deep Tube-well at different blocks in the district of Bankura. Sanctioned amount Rs. 1.68 crore. Local people will be benefited.
- Extension of Sick Neonatal Care Unit (S.N.C.U) and Gynecology & Maternity Ward at 2nd floor of Deben Mahato (Sadar) Hospital in the district of Purulia. Sanctioned amount Rs. 1.58 crore.
- Construction of barrage over river Kana Ajoy in Birbhum district is going on. Rs. 1.51 crore has been allotted for construction under Rural Infrastructural Development Fund. Nearly 1,500 families attached to agricultural activities will be benefited.
- Preservation of Soil erosion and Water Conservation in the district of Purulia. Sanctioned amount Rs. 1.48 crore. Farmers of this area will be benefited.
- Construction of 5 nos. of Nutrition Rehabilitation centres at Keyakul BPHC, Mohanpur BPHC, Chandra BPHC, Tapsia BPHC and Chilkigarh BPHC in Paschim Medinipur district. Sanctioned amount Rs. 1.35 crore.
- Various development works in the Jangal Mahal areas under PUP of the Purulia District through DFO, Purulia Division. Sanctioned amount Rs. 2.13 crore.
- Rs. 1.02 crore has been allotted for the infrastructural development of Shilda Chandrasekhar College in Paschim Medinipur under Rural Infrastructural Development Fund Scheme. As a result 3 thousand students will be benefited, most of whom are from SC/ST community.
- Rs. 1 crore for the cultivation of lac in Purulia district has been allotted to the Forest Department. Nearly 3000 people will be benefited for this.
- Construction of Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRC) at Pathardih BPHC, Bansgarh BPHC and Barabazar BPHC in the district of Purulia. Sanctioned amount Rs. 99.20 lakh.
- Construction of (1) additional class room; (2) Hostel for Belpahari Girls High School, Belpahari. Sanctioned amount Rs. 85.61 lakh. Construction has been started.
- Additional work of Administrative Building of PUP, Bankura. Sanctioned amount Rs. 76.28 lakh.
- Construction of Hostel Building at Belpahari Girls' High School within Binpur-II Block in the district of Paschim Medinipur. Sanctioned amount Rs. 70.19 lakh.

- Upgradation of Jhargram Sub-Divisional Hospital; sanctioned amount Rs. 49.83 lakh.
- Restoration of Kangsabati Reservoir Project within Block Khatra under Kangsabati Canals in the district of Bankura. Sanctioned amount Rs. 1.46 crore in three phases.
- Construction of 3 nos. of Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre at Bari, Bandwan, Sirkabandh in the District of Purulia by CMOH, Purulia has been sanctioned; sanctioned amount Rs. 47.80 lakh.
- Infrastructural development of Bari High School under Manbazar -II blocks in the district of Purulia. sanctioned amount Rs. 46.29 lakh.
- Construction of plan cement concrete link road of Kustaur BPHCs, Hutmura PHC and Chainpur PHC in Purulia District. Sanctioned amount Rs. 37.01 lakh.
- Construction of hostel building and class rooms at Bari Nishadamayee Girls High School, Bari in the district of Purulia. Sanctioned amount Rs. 34.63 lakh.
- Construction of boundary wall at Khudmurari Gajendra Sikshasadan (High), Jamirapalgarh within Nayagram Block in the district of Paschim Medinipur. Sanctioned amount Rs. 24.96 lakh. Students of that area will be benefited.
- Construction of hostel for SC & ST students has been started in Amdanga Simlipal. The construction of first floor is completed. Construction work of second floor is going on. Rs. 24.92 lakh has been sanctioned for the job. As a result 300 students (belonging to Sabar Community) will be benefited.
- Construction of additional classrooms and boundary wall of Susunia Board Primary School under Raipur Block in the district of Bankura. Sanctioned amount Rs. 24.28 lakh.
- Construction of class rooms at Mohisda R.N.High school (H.S.), Mohisda, Keshpur, Paschim Medinipur. Sanctioned amount Rs. 23.81 lakh. Students of that area will be benefited.
- Construction of a Vocational Training Centre & Boys Hostel at Sarenga in the district of Bankura by "Amader Haspatal". Sanctioned amount Rs. 20.87 lakh. Poor people of this area will be benefited.
- 3 Nos. of Brood Lac Farms in Joypur, Raghunathpur-I and Kashipur Block in the district of Purulia. sanctioned amount Rs. 19 lakh. Employment will be generated.
- Deep Tube Well at SDJM Court and Alapani Ground at Jhargram; sanctioned amount Rs. 12.07 lakh.
- Renovation and Construction of Spectator Galary and Boundary Wall of the Alapani Ground; sanctioned amount Rs. 11.12 lakh.

- Construction and Renovation for Jhargram Adivasi Market by D.F.O. Jhargram; sanctioned amount Rs. 10.23 lakh. 100 families will be benefited.
- Construction of class rooms at Metyadahar S.P. Primary School, Guiadaha within Garhbeta-III Block in the district of Paschim Medinipur. Sanctioned amount Rs.10.17 lakh.
- Construction of a R.C.C. (PSC Box Girder) Bridge on well foundation over river Kansabati at Amkolaghat near Lalgahar in the district of Paschim Medinipur. Sanctioned amount Rs. 10 lakh.
- Construction of Guard Wall (Boundary Wall Foundation) and Land Development Works at Alapani Ground, Jhargram; sanctioned amount Rs. 6.89 lakh.
- Arrangement of drinking water by sinking of 5 nos. of tube-wells at Susunia Gram Panchayat under Raipur Block in the district of Bankura. Sanctioned amount Rs. 6.10 lakh.
- Erection of permanent fencing around the Garden of Jhargram SD Hospital; sanctioned amount Rs. 5 lakh. Security of the Jhargram SD Hospital will be ensured for the patient, patient parties and staff of the hospital.
- Construction of Overhead Tank at Jhargram Court And Sri Krishna Sarada Vidyapith; sanctioned amount Rs. 4.89 lakh. People who come to Court will be benefited and the students of this school will be benefited.
- The construction work of second floor of Anandapur Santoshpur Higher Secondary School in Paschim Medinipur is started. Rs. 4 lakh has been allotted for the job. Nearly 500 students will be benefited for this.
- Construction of Community Centre at Kakrajhore. Sanctioned amount Rs. 3.31 lakh. Tender process has been finalized. Work is going to be started.
- Beautification at Jhargram SD Hospital; sanctioned amount Rs. 2.23 lakh.
- Construction of school Building at Organja Shri Ramkrishna Sarada Vidyaniketan in the district of Paschim Medinipur. Sanctioned amount Rs. 1.58 lakh.

Conclusion : The Department convenes meeting with the District Magistrates of Bankura, Purulia, Paschim Medinipur along with the representative of the line departments like, PHE, Agriculture, Minor Irrigation, Forest, PW (Roads) Deptt. Etc. on regular intervals and convinced them to submit schemes / projects which will give immediate benefit to the local needy people of the Jangal Mahal areas. This department has already received many such proposals. Many have already been sanctioned and some of those are under active consideration of this department.

Sports

Introduction

There have been some basic changes in the delivery system and in organizing sports activities in the district and state levels during the last few months. Special emphasis has been given for promotion of sports in hill areas and three districts of Jangal Mahal and other rural areas to produce national & international level sporting heroes from the state.

(A) SPORTS EVENTS

With a view to encouraging sports & games among the youth, particularly in rural areas both for men and women separately. Special emphasis is being given on SC/ST/OBC/Minority and women sports events.

- ❖ Fund provided for organizing Olympic Athletic Competition, Adibasi Football Tournament in the six districts of North Bengal, Kolkata Police for organizing Football Tournament, Gorkha Football Gold Cup at Darjeeling and Jangal Mahal Cup Football Tournament.
- ❖ Friendly football match between Jangal Mahal Team comprising of local adibasi youths and team from Kolkata was held at Lalgarh, Paschim Medinipur District on 26.06.2011 in presence of IFA officials. More than 25000 local people from the surrounding areas of Lalgarh witnessed the football match.
- ❖ The Chief Minister personally felicitated the teams which won at various stages of the inter club football tournaments held in 3 districts, i.e. Purulia, Bankura and Paschim Medinipur on January 12, 2012 in the closing ceremony of the Jangal Mahal Festival at Jhargram. A jersey was given to each of the players as a gift. The Chief Minister handed over an amount of Rs. 25,000/- to each of the 710 clubs for the overall promotion of games and sports at Jangal Mahal.
- ❖ The Chief Minister gave a grant of Rs. 2 lakh to each of the 790 clubs of the state in a function organized by the Department of Sport at the Netaji Indoor Stadium on January 30, 2012. Each of the clubs was assured of an amount of Rs. 1 lakh more as grant on being able to submit the audit report on time next year. It has been decided that 1500 clubs would get the grant in the coming year on this head.
- ❖ For promotion of sports activities a maximum amount of Rs. 2.00 lakh per club is proposed to be provided to the sports clubs throughout the state.

- ❖ About 170 sports personalities were felicitated on 19th June 2011 at Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kolkata for their excellent contribution to different fields of sports.
- ❖ Health and Personal Accident Insurance Policy of Rs.1,00,000 each has already been taken up for 5,000 sports persons.
- ❖ More than 50 sports personalities have been sponsored to continue their activities.
- ❖ In the remote villages Inter Madrasha School Competitions have been promoted @ Rs.50,000 per competition.

(B) SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE AT DISTRICTS

Decisions have been taken to improve infrastructures at districts. Financial grants have been provided for construction/maintenance of stadiums, swimming pools, play grounds etc. at districts.

- ❖ Rs.1 crore provided for up-gradation of Jhargram Stadium.
- ❖ Rs.12 lakh provided for up-gradation of Uluberia Stadium, Howrah.
- ❖ Rs.75 lakh provided for installation of Flood lighting System at Kanchanjunga Stadium, Siliguri. Rs. 3 lakh each will be provided shortly for stadium at Nayagram and Salboni.
- ❖ A proposal is under consideration of the Sports Department to construct stadia at different locations throughout the state in order to provide better sports infrastructure facilities to the rural youths.
- ❖ Up-gradation of stadium at Lebong , Darjeeling has been taken up by this department.
- ❖ New managing committee has been formed for Kishor Bharati Stadium.

(C) YUBA BHARATI KRIRANGAN

A plan has been envisaged to promote overall infrastructural facilities in the YBK so that it is acknowledged as the best stadium in the country and also a football stadium of international standard.

Some portions at Yuba Bharati Krirangan premises were leased out and hired. The Department has re-acquisitioned the same from the Lease holders and Tenants.

Rs. 7.50 crore has been released for overall renovation of Yuba Bharati Krirangan.

There were unauthorized occupants inside Yuba Bharati Krirangan. Nearly 80% of the encroachment has been removed.

There have been scarcities of water at different tiers in Yuba Bharati Krirangan. It has been looked after adequately.

Yuba Bharati Krirangan has a swimming pool in which the swimmers and sportspersons have now free access for 5 days in a week.

(D) WEST BENGAL STATE COUNCIL OF SPORTS

Valuable advice and opinions of eminent sports persons are invited to bring about excellence in sports sector of the state. WBSCS committee has been reconstituted.

The department is organizing Panchayat Yuba Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) programme at Gram Panchayat & Block level on regular basis and Smt. Soma Biswas, the Arjuna Awardee, has been engaged as in charge of PYKKA.

Training of 'Krirashree' under PYKKA is being held regularly at Yuba Bharati Krirangan under this programme.

(E) NETAJI INDOOR STADIUM

Rent of Netaji Indoor Stadium has been rationalized with a view to revenue collection.

A 24 hours special control room is being opened at Netaji Indoor Stadium to offer emergency medical services to upon 1000 players and sports persons.

A.C. Ambulance has been arranged for operation for 24X7 hours to address players' needs.

There were no changing room in the clubs of Maidan other than East Bengal, Mohun Bagan & Mohammedan Sporting Clubs, 2 rooms at Netaji Indoor Stadium have been exclusively kept for changing by the players.

(F) SUBHAS SARABOR / BELIAGHATA SWIMMING POOL

Rs. 7.05 lakh has been released for maintenance of Subhas Sarobar and Belegghata Swimming Pools.

Conclusion

The present vision of Sports Department is to promote sports and games on short term and long term basis. On long term basis the Sports Department has decided to create Sports Infrastructure in the remote areas. Sports competitions will be held in different areas under the joint initiative of the state and union governments as a part of the short term planning.

Transport

In line of the policy of the Government, Transport department is steadily performing its duty for providing better, safer transport and allied facilities to the people of the state. It has, during the last few months, prepared a road map for achieving the desired long term goals through addressing the issues of long pending reforms and bridging critical gaps in the citizen centric services. During this period many important decisions have been taken and some of those are already achieved:

- ❖ To ensure that general public is not put in greater discomfort, the State Govt. ensured that there is no increase in bus/taxi fares due to the increase in diesel prices.
- ❖ The government was able to achieve marked improvement in the delivery of citizen centric services at PVD, Beltala, Kolkata. The quality of services at RTO offices at Alipore and Howrah has also shown improvement.
- ❖ Inaugural international flights from Kolkata to Singapore by Silk Air of Singapore Airlines was flagged off by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal on 1st August, 2011.
- ❖ Construction of Pontoon type jetty at Sagar Island under South 24-Parganas is in progress and expected to be completed soon.
- ❖ Raised Pavement Marker (RPM) in different places under Contai, Pnaskura, Balurghat have also been approved and work is in progress.
- ❖ With the assistance of Transport Department and also due initiative of Mahespur Welfare Society, Malda and Basudha Centre for New World, Kolkata awareness programme have been organized successfully with a view to increasing traffic awareness among people.
- ❖ Noticeable changes have been in work culture in all spheres. Speed has become the essence of Hooghly River Bridge Commissioners (HRBC) work with fixed target of completion, duly monitored at highest level.
- ❖ There are many Important Decisions that has been taken by the government in last few months. Some of those are as follows:
- ❖ All driving licences, smart cards and permits has been decided to be delivered to the applicants only by registered post/speed post. This system will be implemented

from 1st January, 2012. This will reduce harassment and corruption, increase transparency to a large extent and also will ensure verification of address of the applicant. Notifications in this regard have already been issued.

- ❖ New PVD offices are being set up at Kasba, Salt Lake and Maniktala to provide the transport related services to the people of Kolkata, in addition to the existing PVD office at Beltala. The PVD office at Kasba is likely to start soon.
- ❖ 18 new ARTO offices are being set-up in various sub-divisions in the State to provide transport related services to the public in these sub-divisions. The locations are- Bangaon, Bishnupur, Baruipur, Basirhat, Bolpur, Chanchal, Diamond Harbour, Islampore, Jangipur, Jhargram, Kalna, Kalyani, Kharagpur, Mathabhanga Raghunathpur, Rampurhat, Shrirampore & Uluberia. The ARTO office in Diamond Harbour, Baruipur, Basirhat, Bangaon and Jhargram are likely to start soon.
- ❖ Government has decided to set up a new Transport Directorate at the State level to monitor and supervise all the transport related activities of RTO offices in the districts, PVD, Kolkata etc. This will also provide a platform to the public to get their grievances redressed.
- ❖ The modalities for introduction of life time tax on a new private vehicles is being worked out by the Transport Department. The existing practice of 5 years will also continue.
- ❖ A proposal to start Helicopter services from Kolkata to Haldia, Digha, Asansol, Durgapur and from Siliguri to Darjeeling in the first phase are under active consideration of the State Government. Expression of Interest is being invited.
- ❖ New bus terminals at Baidyabati in Hooghly, Egra in Purba Medinipur, Bolpur, Ghatal, Chaulkhola, Nabadwip, Purulia, Tamluk, Bankura and Lot No.8 at Ganga Sagar have been approved.
- ❖ New Auto-Manual Traffic Signals at Chandannagore, Baidyabati, Ashok Nagar, Bansberia, Panskura, Chandipur crossing of Nandigram, Bajkul crossing of Egra-Bajkul Road, Heria crossing of Khejuri, Madhakhali Road, Nachinda crossing of Kolkata-Digha road, Ramnagar Bazar crossing of Contai-Digha Road, Chinsurah, Bakura, Bishnupur and Bidhannagar Minicipal area have been approved.



- ❖ To ensure pedestrian safety installation of guard-rail on NH-2 at Panagarh Bazar, Burdwan and on footpath in different locations at Purulia Municipality, have been approved.
- ❖ For traffic equipment at Gangasagar Mela Rs. 3 lakh and at Howrah Rs. 50 lakh have been provided.
- ❖ In the interest of better transport facilities that are due to the citizen of this state the government sees the following Ways Forward :
- ❖ Though the inaugural flight from Coochbehar to Kolkata was flagged off by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 19.07.2011. The commercial flights to Coochbehar from Kolkata were started but the services have not been to the level of optimum satisfaction. Government is seriously making effort to ensure resumption of the service and to keep the service uninterrupted. Expression of interest has been invited.
- ❖ In order to simplify the process of registration, various taxes such as road tax, additional road tax, registration charges, audio tax, video tax etc are being planned to be merged in to a single composite tax.
- ❖ The State Transport Corporation i.e., CSTC, CTC, SBSTC, WBSTC and NBSTC have been requested to draw up the Action Plan to increase revenue in order to reduce the subsidy burden on the State.
- ❖ Proposal has been sent to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India to renovate and start the existing defunct Airports at Behala, Asansol, Malda and Balurghat and also to set up new Greenfield Airport at Santiniketan, Digha, Sagar Islands and Sundarbans.

Youth Services

The department has taken multifarious initiatives aimed at promoting sports & cultural activities, propagating ideologies of great personalities, developing skills and creating a sense of fraternity and cooperation among the youth.

Achievements

- The Birth anniversary of Bidrohi Kobi Kazi Nuzrul Islam was celebrated in a befitting manner at the State and District level on 25th May, 2011.
- The Birth Anniversary of Shri Bidhan Chandra Roy, Architect of Bengal was duly observed at the State and District levels on 1st July, 2011. The first 10 students of Alim, Fazil and High Madrasa Examinations, 2011 were felicitated. Besides that 30 outstanding students were also felicitated with Certificate, Memento, Books and Rs. 5000 each. Students of each Medical college of the state who passed MBBS/ BDS in the year 2011 were also felicitated.
- Death anniversary of Rabindra Nath Tagore was observed on 8th August, 2011 as a part of Youth Festival Programme throughout West Bengal at the block/municipality/corporation/borough/district and state levels. The state level fundtion was organized at Moulali Yuba Kendra. The main attraction at State Level function was participation of 62 tribal students of Nayagram under Paschim Medinipur District. They performed Rabindra Nritya Natya in both Santhali and Bengali languages.
- The Birth Anniversary of Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar was observed in a befitting manner on September, 2011 and street children participated in a cultural programme at Kolkata.
- Tribal Youth Festival was organised at Nayagram, Jhargram and Gopiballavpur under Paschim Medinipur District from 8th July to 9th July, 2011. Tribal artists performed traditional tribal songs and dance. Food materials and sports goods were also distributed among tribal clubs of those areas.
- International Art Summit was organized in association with Department of Culture, Government of India in Kolkata during September, 2011. Artists from eleven countries participated at the Summit.
- Youth Festival 2012 was hold at Block, Municipal, Borough, District levels in January, 2012. State Level Festival was held from 3rd January, 2012 to 7th January,

2012 at Yubabharti Krirangan. Much enthusiasm could be noticed during Spl, Jangal Mahal Youth Festival during 10-12 January, 2012. "Saikat Utsab" was also held at Digha. Department of Youth Services has permanently launched sea adventure sports like Water Scooter, Parasailing at Digha beach for the tourists in that occasion. Artists from the hills and the Dooars performed cultural functions on the occasion of Hills-dooars Festival at Malbazar.

- Department has decentralized procurement of sports good and accordingly funds have been allotted to Block/Municipal level @ Rs. 1 lakh to purchase sports goods and distribute them among clubs at block/ municipal level.
- Three organizations have been selected for imparting training on Motor Driving and Training in LWE Districts. Rs. 59 lakh was allotted for three districts for this training so far.
- "Rakhi Bandhan" festival was observed in all districts and state level. State Level Programme was organized at Moulali Yuba Kendra and College square.
- Science awareness camp was organized at district level. Students from Class VIII to XII participated in competitions. State Level Science Seminar was organized at BITM, Kolkata on from 17 to 21 January, 2012 along with National council of Science Museum, Govt. of India.
- Department of Youth Services sent a rescue team with mountaineers, doctors including two lady doctors under the leadership of Everester Shri Basanta Singha Roy at Mangan, North Sikkim. The team spent more than one week at earthquake affected areas. The rescue team of Department of Youth Services was the first to reach earthquake affected Mangan.
- West Bengal Mountaineering and Adventure Sports Foundation (WBMAF) is an autonomous body of the department. New committee of West Bengal Mountaineering and Adventure Sports Foundation has been formed. Sri Basanta Singh Roy, Everester, has been appointed as Adviser of WBMAF by the State Government. Department of Youth Services also felicitated Basanta Singha Roy, Debasish Biswas for their success of climbing Everest and Kanchanjunga.
- For the first time in the state Coastal Trekking was held on and from 9th January, 2012 from Gopalpur, Orissa to Sagar Island. More than 300 Students and Youths will participate at the coastal trekking.

- The Chief Minister felicitated 7 persons for bravery, 5 persons for their special contributions to the social sector and 22 persons for their contribution to the Education sector including 16 sports persons of the Jangal Mahal with Vivek awards in a function organized at the Jhargram Stadium on the final day of the Jangal Mahal Festival. In all, 50 persons were felicitated with this award with the value of Rs. 25,000 each.
- The toppers of various events of the State Youth Festival participated in the 17th National Youth Festival held in Mangalore on and from 12 to 16 January, 2012. This year the medal tally in favour of the state was 2 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze while last year the medal tally was only 2 silver and 1 bronze.

Upcoming Projects

- At present there are nearly 1200 numbers Advanced Computer Training Centre and 30 numbers Technical Training Centre are running under the control of the Department. Steps will be taken to modernize the centres and new courses will be introduced very soon. Keeping in mind the wide scope of employment in the cadre of security guard, a new course "Security Guard General & Industrial" of six months duration started from January, 2012 at all districts. A new course "Multilingual Study & Tourist Guide" started from January, 2012 at Kolkata and Nadia.
- At present there are 21 youth hostels under the control of the Department. Renovation work will be started at Sagar, Digha, Mukutmonipur very soon. New youth Hostel at Medinipur will be opened very soon. New Youth Hostel at Bali island, Sundarban will be opened soon. New Youth Hostels will be constructed at Asansol and Mayapur.
- Sports Complex will be constructed at Nayagram, Paschim Medinipur, Bankura and Malda.
- State Level mountaineering wall climbing competition was held at Yubabharati Krirangan.
- The Youth Services Department has taken up initiatives for bringing together all clubs/ organizations under one umbrella. Steps in this regard have already been taken at Paschim Medinipur, Malda, Nadia, Hooghly and South 24-Parganas. These clubs/organizations will be made partners of various socio-economic development work including RKVY through necessary training.

Sundarban Affairs

Introduction

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

Ongoing Projects: -

Bridges

- Construction of Bridge over Piyali River; Block - Joynagar - I & Canning - I. achievement- 40%
- Construction of R.C.C. Bridge over Sutarbagh; Block - Mathurapur - I.
- Construction of 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; Block - Pathar Pratima.
- R.C.C. Bridge over Mridangabhanga; Block - Mathurapur - II & Pathar Pratima.
- R.C.C. Bridge over Sonatikari Canal at Dhakirmukh; Block - Joynagar - II & Mathurapur - II, achievement- 45%

(A) Brick Paved Roads

- 100 Nos. of Brick Paved Roads; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region, achievement- 35%

(B) Bituminous Roads

- 15 Nos. of Bituminous Roads; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region. achievement- 18%

(C) Concrete Roads

- 7 Nos. of Concrete Roads; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region, achievement- 48%

(D) R.C.C. Jetties

- 32 Nos. of R.C.C. Jetties; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region, achievement- 55%

(E) Sports Complex

- 3 Nos. of Sports Complex; Block - Kakdwip, Canning - I & Roydighi, achievement- 70%

(F) Sinking of Tube Wells

- 389 Nos. of Sinking of Tube - Wells; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region, achievement- 75%

(G) Construction of I.T.I. Building

- Construction of 7 Nos. of I.T.I. Buildings; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region, achievement- 65%

(H) Eco - Tourism Project

- Construction of 2 Nos. of Eco - Tourism Projects; in Blocks Namkhana & Gosaba, achievement- 35%

(I) Agriculture Programme

- Excavation of Ponds through R.W.H. Scheme (Rainwater Harvesting Schemes); in different Blocks under Sundarban Region, achievement- 50%

(J) Fisheries Programme

- Fishery operation in Jharkhali Fish Farm ; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region, achievement- 65%
- Training to the fishermen & beneficiaries of the Rainwater Harvesting Project of the S.D. Board; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region, achievement- 50%

(K) Forestry Programme- Social Forestry Activities

- Social Forestry and Mangrove Plantation projects have been completed in full.

(M) Other Schemes

- Distribution of 10,338 nos. of Bi - cycles amongst the girl students reading in Class - IX of all the High Schools, Higher Secondary Schools & High Madrasahs of Sundarban Region.

Upcoming Projects

- Construction of B.P. Roads in different blocks of Sundarban region - for the length of 147 K.m.
- Construction of Bituminous Roads in different blocks of Sundarban region - for the length of 60 K.m.
- Construction of Concrete Road in different blocks of Sundarban region - for the length of 32 K.m.
- Construction of Guard Wall & Boundary Wall in different regions of Sundarban area - for 2 nos.
- Construction of approach road in different blocks of Sundarban region - for 8 nos.
- Construction of R.C.C. Jetties in different blocks of Sundarban region - in the Block - Canning - II for 1 no.
- Construction of WBM road in different blocks of Sundarban region - for the length of 1.5 K.m.
- Ancillary works in Sundarban region - for one Girls' Hostel at Roydighi under Mathurapur - II Block
- Construction of a Drainage system in Sundarban region - in the Block - Canning - I.
- Construction of a Slab over drain and sluice - in the Block - Kultali.
- Distribution of 12,863 Nos. of ladies' bicycles to the Girl Students of High School, Higher Secondary School and High Madrasahs in Sundarban region
- Sinking of Tubewells in different blocks of Sundarban region - 250 Nos.
- 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.

Conclusion

The Sundarban Affairs Department is committed for the betterment of the infrastructural development of this region by ensuring wide network of connectivity through construction of B.P. Roads, Bituminous Roads, Concrete Roads, Bridges, R.C.C. Jetties, Culverts, etc. and addressing social issues. Harnessing the scopes of the rainwater harvesting, this department has gone a long way for the overall development of the agriculture sector, social forestry, fishery, women's development, rural electrification, construction of Bus Stand, Sports Complex, Market Complex, and NREGA Schemes in this area.

Refugee Relief and Rehabilitation

Vision

This department has a vision to provide some sort of civic amenities to all section of people residing in the refugee colonies of this state and to distribute Free Hold Title Deeds (FHTD) to all the refugee families at the earliest possible and also to lease out of its land to the Government recognized primary schools, junior high schools, high schools, colleges, libraries, social welfare organizations etc. under their actual possession.

This department has also a vision to earn maximum amount of revenue to the state exchequer by way of leasing out water-bodies under its control to the registered Fishermen's Co-operative Societies and by way of leasing out of shops and plots identified for shops owned by this dept. to the refugee shop-owners.

Achievements

- ❖ 976 numbers of FHTDs in different districts of this state during this period.
- ❖ 25 lease deeds were issued to the non-displaced persons residing in different refugee colonies.
- ❖ A plot of land has been leased out to Durgapur Municipal Corporation for construction of a water reservoir in the interest of the common people.
- ❖ A plot of land has been given to L&L.R. Dept. for subsequent transfer of the same in favor of Health & Family Welfare Dept. for setting up a Health Sub-Centre thereon.
- ❖ Four Government recognized primary schools, six government recognized high schools, two libraries and ten social welfare organizations have been provided with land on lease considering their professional competence as the yardstick..
- ❖ An amount of Rs. 11.18 crore towards payment of L.A. Compensation for regularization of Belgachia Kismat Squatters' Colony, Mouza-Belgachia Kismat, P.S.-Liluah, Dist-Howrah has been released in this period.

- ❖ This department has earned a considerable amount of revenue by way of leasing out a water-body to a registered Fishermen Co-operative Society and by way of leasing out two markets consisting of refugee shop-owners in refugee colonies.
- ❖ Proposal for enhancement of rehabilitation assistance to the refugee camp inmates from Rs. 10,135 to Rs. 41,200 and Rs. 14,135 to Rs. 51,200 is under process.

Vision and Targets for Coming Days

- This department has a plan for early distribution of Free Hold Title Deeds to the refugee families who have not yet received the same.
- Handing over of land to (i) Youth services dept. for setting up a Youth Hostel in Burdwan district. (ii) Ashokenagar-Kalyangarh Municipality for Municipal Administrative Office. (iii) CRPF for their battalion at Jhargram (iv) Home (Police) Department for coastal police station at Jharkhali, Sunderbans (v) KMC for KMC-ward Health Unit at Nakeldanga Govt. Colony. (vi) P.W. dept. for P.W.D. inspection bungalow. (vii) CESC for installation of transformer in Howrah district are under consideration.
- Special attention will be given for regularization of colonies in Alipurduar and Fulia Township in Nadia district.
- This dept. has a plan to develop plots for building of 15,000 homes within refugee colonies during the next fiscal across the state.

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October 15, 2011. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with Lalmohan Mahato's widow Chhabirani Singh and daughter Jayita at Jhargram. Also seen is Dipali Basu, widow of Babu Basu. Mahato and Basu had been killed by Maoists.



Maoist activists Jagari Baskey and her husband Rajaram Soren, along with their son, surrendering to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at Writers' Buildings



November 10, 2011. Netaji Indoor Stadium. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with Sharmila Tagore and Shahrukh Khan at the inauguration of 17th Kolkata Film Festival.



November 17, 2011. Eden Gardens. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with Sachin Tendulkar during the presentation after the India-West Indies Test Match.