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MINUTES OF THE 19<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MULTI-SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR MINORITY CONCENTRATION DISTRICTS OF **Burdwan, Birbhum, Howrah, Nadia, Murshidabad and Malda** HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON 10TH, SEPTEMBER, 2009 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

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

2. At the outset, the Chairman of the Empowered Committee stated that multi-sectoral development programme (MsDP) for minority concentration districts was now a flagship programme of the Central Government and the progress of implementation was reviewed on quarterly basis by the Delivery Monitoring Unit (DMU) in PMO. It was further stated that details of the status of implementation of multi-sectoral development (MsD) plans has also been placed on the Ministry's web-site. The details consisted of status of submission and approval of MsD plans and revised plans to the Ministry by the States, funds released to the States, progress of expenditure, number of work completed, in progress and yet to be started etc. Placing such details in the public domain would provide information to all and social audit. It was therefore imperative that the State Government implement the programme properly, as per schedule and also have it reviewed and monitored regularly and closely. State Government should particularly ensure that there are no delays in the sanction and release of funds to the districts and by the districts to the implementing agency.

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

4. The Chairman stated that the fact that these districts were not just MCDs, having a substantial minority population, but were also districts comprising of other communities who suffer from the same backwardness and deprivation, should not be lost sight of. It was important to keep in mind that the large presence of minorities may have resulted in the identification of such districts for appropriate developmental intervention, but the scheme, while giving priority to villages/areas having a substantial minority population, was intended to benefit the district as a whole. Improving the relevant backwardness indices upto national averages was the primary mandate of the scheme for social inclusion. The programme envisages providing additional resources to various existing Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) which were already addressing national concerns with time-tested guidelines and implementation mechanism especially those included in the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities, for saturating them in MCDs. As envisaged in the programme, the States/UTs were advised to ensure that topping up Centrally Sponsored Schemes, wherever appropriate, could be proposed in the MsD plan as these were established schemes and could be implemented with ease without setting up new structures for implementing them. The Chairman emphasized that deviations from the existing guidelines of Centrally Sponsored Schemes was not permitted under the MsDP.

5. It was important to ensure that fund given for supplementing the resources for CSS under MsDP was to be treated as an additionality and the existing level of resources allocated under various CSS to the district was not to be reduced. To prevent diversion of funds from MCDs, the flow of fund to the district concerned in the previous year would be taken as a benchmark. It was crucial that basic requirements like primary and secondary education, skill development, safe drinking water, housing etc. were addressed first. The responsibility for eliminating duplication of work and avoiding double counting of a scheme under two funding sources vested with both the district authority and the State Government. It was stressed by the Chairman that accounts under MsDP should be maintained separately. The provision in para 19 of the scheme of MsDP requiring display of a board containing information of the date of sanction of the project, likely date of completion, estimated cost of the project, source of funding i.e. MsDP (Government of India), contractor(s) name and the physical target was pointed out. The State Government was advised to put up a permanent display on completion of each project.

6. The provision in para 15.1 of the scheme of MsDP laying down eight conditions to be fulfilled by the State Government/UT Administration for releasing fund was also pointed out. The representative of State Governments stated that these conditions have been fulfilled and were agreed to with the exception of setting up a dedicated IT enabled cell, which would be set up soon. The advice of the Ministry has been received and a proposal for sanctioning dedicated cells for the districts and State department would be sent immediately. The representative from the State Governments then confirmed that the process of preparation of the MsD plan,

consultation, recommendation and approval as laid down in the scheme of MsDP has been followed.

7. The Empowered Committee, which also has the function of an Oversight Committee, reviewed the progress of implementation of MsD projects approved for the districts of West Bengal. The status of expenditure and progress made were reported as follows:

MCD	Schemes	No. of units completed	No. of units for which work is in progress	Balance number of units for which work is yet to be started	Likely date of completion of the project	Expenditure till date (Rs. in lakh)
<b>Malda</b>	Const. of AWC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Birbhum</b>	Anganwadi centres	29		382		184.3
	Health sub-centre	Nil	Nil	32	-	35.00
<b>Burdwan</b>	IAY	1284	-	716	-	449.00
	Installation of tubewells	241	-	381	-	96.7
	AWCs	19	-	31	-	58.1
	Health sub-centres	5		15	-	47.1
<b>Nadia</b>	ACRs in high schools	Nil	Nil	80	-	Nil
	AWCs	Nil	Nil	275	-	Nil
	Sinking of Arsenic Free Tubewells	Nil		396	-	Nil
	IAY	Nil	Nil	1130	-	Nil
<b>Howrah</b>	Installation of hand pump	130		170	-	Nil
	Anganwadi centres	8		22	-	Nil
	Health sub centres	Nil	Nil	6	-	Nil
	Teaching aid to SSK/MSK	Nil	Nil	40	-	Nil
<b>Murshidabad</b>	IAY	Nil	Nil	-	-	275.99
	AWCs	Nil	Nil	-	-	211.10

8. In Malda, it was reported that delay had taken place as there were some difficulties faced in locating land for construction of Anganwadi Centres. However, it was assured that this would be sorted out soon as attempts were made for identifying Government land (in schools, panchayats) and land donation from the public. The chairman expressed his concern on this information considering that the proposal for construction of AWCs for Malda district was approved on the statement given by the representatives of the State Government and district administration that land was available. This development has raised doubts on the reliability of submissions made by officials from the State in the meeting. The officials from the State were advised to resolve the matter at the earliest and report the start of work.

9. It was noted in the meeting that some expenditure had already been made by the executing agencies in the districts and utilization certificate (UC) could be submitted for releasing the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment. The representative from the State Government stated that the

required State share have been released to the districts. It was noted that momentum in the construction activities have started to pick up and that funds were required by the districts to sustain the momentum. The State Government representative was advised to have Utilisation Certificate (UC) sent in the prescribed format at the earliest so that the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment could be released. The importance of sending the Quarterly Progress Reports within the stipulated date was emphasised. It was noted that there was a large amount of balance fund available for which revised plans were to be submitted. The State Government representative was advised by the Chairperson of the Oversight Committee to expedite submission of revised MsD plans. A provision of Rs.990 crore has been provided for MsDP in the budget of the Ministry for 2009-10 and this would be released to the States which have approved plans and were in preparedness to spend them.

10. The Empowered Committee considered the revised multi-sectoral development (MsD) plans for balance funds for the districts of **Burdwan, Birbhum, Howrah, Nadia, Murshidabad and Malda**. The conclusions that emerged, after a power point presentation by the District Collector/Additional District Collectors/SDO(S) concerned, for each district considered, clarifications and confirmation of the status and fulfillment of conditions of the guidelines by representative of Govt. of West Bengal, comments/clarifications from the members of the Empowered Committee and the representatives of Ministry/Department, were as follows:-

**Item No.1 Burdwan (Revised Plan: Phase-II):**

The fund tentatively allocated for Burdwan district under the MsDP was Rs.3960.00 lakh crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period. Plan for Rs.2059.15 lakh has already been approved in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Empowered Committee meeting leaving a balance of Rs.1900.85 lakh for proposing a revised plan. Burdwan was a category 'A' district i.e. it has socio- economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. A power point presentation of the MsDP plan of the district was made by the Additional District Magistrate (LA).

(i) **Projects approved**

(a) **Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase:**

Households having pucca walls were ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the order of deficit in the baseline survey. Already 4000 units of IAY houses have been approved in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Empowered Committee. The proposal now was for construction of 3300 IAY units bringing the total of IAY houses funded under MsDP to 7300 units for construction in villages/localities having the highest concentration of minority population. To avoid duplication, Committee advised that the number of IAY units constructed under MsDP may be deleted from the permanent waitlist and information reported to the state government and the Ministry of Rural Development in their reporting mechanism.

The number of minority BPL families in the district was 78,421 which indicate the extent of the rural housing problem for all the communities taken together. In a period of four years from 2004-05 to 2007-08, 24,313 houses were constructed with funding from the Ministry of Rural Development i.e at an average of 6,000 IAY houses per year. The proposal now was for construction of 3300 IAY in villages/localities having the highest concentration of minority population. A list of mouza-wise minority population percentage in the district has been provided. However, the proportion of minority population has not been provided.

The Empowered Committee approved the construction of an additional 3300 IAY houses for a total cost of Rs.1155.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.866.25 lakh and Rs.288.75 lakh as State share as per the funding pattern of IAY between Centre and State in the ratio of 75:25. Villages with highest minority population will be given preference for implementation of the project. A list of villages/locations with percentage of minority population, where the project is to be implemented will be submitted to the Central Government. District administration will indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected. The representative of the State Government agreed that duplication would be avoided and to follow IAY guidelines strictly. It was stressed that BPL families should be selected in order of their serial number in the approved wait list for IAY houses irrespective of whether they belong to minority communities or other communities. It was further emphasised that, precisely for this reason, it was imperative that villages/localities having the highest proportion of minority population was to be selected for construction of IAY houses under MsDP.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal in the following manner subject to furnishing the above mentioned information:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1	Construction of IAY houses	3300	0.35	866.25	288.75	1155.00

**Release of 1<sup>st</sup> Installment:** Approval was accorded by the Empowered Committee for release of 50% of the central share.

**(b) Construction of Anganwadi Centres (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase):**

Health indicator i.e. vaccination to the children of 55.26% were above the national average of 43.50%. It was submitted that 6890 anganwadi centres (AWCs) were operational in the district out of which 2496 have their own building and rest were functioning in community buildings/rented houses. 58 AWCs have been constructed with RIDF-XIII fund but this was not sufficient to cover the critical gaps. The proposal made was for construction of 150 AWC buildings @ of Rs.3.00 lakh per unit as there were still a numbers of anganwadi centres without buildings and the availability of facilities would improve the services provided in these centres. It was submitted that the district authority, in consultation with the panchayati raj bodies and social welfare department would identify locations/villages having more than 50% minority

population for construction of AWCs funded under MsDP. Land and staff were confirmed to be available. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Empowered Committee, 100 Anganwadi centres were already approved and sanctioned for the district.

Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of an additional 150 anganwadi centres @ of Rs.3.00 lakh per unit for a total cost of Rs.450.00 lakh, subject to the condition that the centres would be constructed as per the design, specification and norms of the M/o Women and Child Development and centres would have a kitchen, store room, toilet and playing space and in addition a crèche/day care centre. The State Government will ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification, design and unit cost is in accordance with the guidelines in this regard and approved by the State's mission director/department concerned. It should also be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost approved under all other sources of central funding. Besides, the estimate should be approved by the competent engineering department of the State Government. It was agreed that the centres would be located in villages/locations which have more than 50% of minority population and a list with their proportion of minority population in descending order would be provided. A list of anganwadi centres constructed with MsDP funds would be sent by the State Government to the Ministry of Women & Child Development for creating a data base and avoiding duplication. With this approval, the total number of AWCs approved for this district under MsDP was now 250 units.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal in the following manner subject to following the norms of Department of Women and Child Development

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. Units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
						(Lakh Rs.)
1	Construction anganwadi centres	150	3.00	450.00	--	450.00

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

(c) **Installation of tube well with concrete platform with drainage channel ( 2<sup>nd</sup> phase):**

It was submitted by the representative from the district that expansion and improvement of drinking water facility in minority concentration areas has become an urgent priority. Although, there has been some investments to improve the drinking water facilities in the district, the funds made available from the State Government is not sufficient to meet the needs of the people. It was proposed for funding 1440 number of tube wells with concrete platform and drainage channel @ Rs.0.40 lakh in the ratio of 75:25 between Centre and State. Villages/localities having more than 50% minority population would be selected in descending order in consultation with the panchayati raj bodies/PHED and the list would be provided. It was stated by the West Bengal representative that there was no arsenic contents in the ground water

in the district. The representative from the Department of Drinking Water Supply stated that in West Bengal, it has been decided that only pipe water supply projects would be taken up under ARWSP. Tube well drinking water supply facility could be provided under MsDP on the condition that the State Public Health Department (PHED) would ensure that there was no duplication and their clearance/approval was obtained before work is taken up. It was assured by the representative from the State that assets created under the project were used by everyone and would be maintained by the community.

The Empowered Committee considered the proposal and approved the installation of 1440 tube wells for Rs.576.00 lakh @ Rs.40,000 per tube well on a 75:25 Centre and State sharing basis. Central share of Rs.432.00 lakh would be provided from MsDP fund and the contribution from the State Government would be Rs. 144.00 lakh. Approval was given on the condition that clearance/approval was obtained from the State Public Health Department (PHED), and duplication also ruled out. A list of villages/localities having more than 50% minority population would be selected in consultation with the panchayati raj bodies/PHED and their proportion of minority population would be provided to the Ministry. The State Government will ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification, design and unit cost is in accordance with the guidelines in this regard and approved by the State's mission director/department concerned. It should also be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost approved under all other sources of central funding. Besides, the estimate should be approved by the competent engineering department of the State Government. Villages with highest minority population will be given preference for implementation of the project. A list of villages/locations with percentage of minority population, where the project is to be implemented will be submitted to the Central Government. District administration will indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Empowered Committee, 1250 tube wells were already approved and sanctioned for the district the total number of tube wells approved for this district under MsDP was now 2690 units. The approval accorded was as follows:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central share (75%)	State share (25%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	Installation of Tube Wells	1440	0.40	432.00	144.00	576.00

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

**(ii) Proposals which may be revised and resubmitted for consideration of Empowered Committee after incorporating the following information/clarifications:**

**(a) Solar lighting and fan for BPL Minority Families:**

Percentage of households with electricity was identified as the 1<sup>st</sup> priority to be addressed, but availability of the electricity was a problem in the State. Providing a network of electricity grid and improving the power supply situation in the district were matters which has to be dealt in a comprehensive manner. Such comprehensive plan was very technical and was required to be worked out by the State power department. It was submitted by the representatives from the State that funding for power projects, which was normally heavy, could be sourced under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidhyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY).

Installation of 800 solar streets light in the minority concentration areas @ Rs.12000/- at the total cost of Rs.96.00 lakh has been proposed. The representative of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (NRE) stated that the permissible ceiling of Central Govt. subsidy for street light was Rs.9,600/- per unit and the balance amount of roughly Rs.18000 was to be borne by either the State Govt. or any other agency/beneficiary. It would be necessary to indicate clearly how the remaining cost would be funded. In order to ensure that the proposal was prepared in line with the relevant CSS guidelines of M/o NRE, it was advised that the proposal should be examined and approved by the West Bengal New and Renewable Energy Development Agency before the process of sending it to the Ministry was carried out.

**Summary of projects of Burdwan(West Bengal) district approved in the revised MsD Plan for Phase-II by the Empowered Committee:**

Sl. no	Name of the project for Burdwan district (West Bengal) approved in Phase-II	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 <sup>st</sup> instalment amount to be released
					<b>Rupee in lakh</b>			
	<b>Administrative Approval</b>							
(a)	Construction of IAY houses	75:25	3300	0.35	866.25	288.75	1155.00	433.13
(b)	Construction anganwadi centres	100:00	150	3.00	450.00	--	450.00	225.00
(c)	Installation of Tube Wells with concrete platform and channel	75:25	1440	0.40	432.00	144.00	576.00	216.00
	<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>1748.25</b>	<b>432.75</b>	<b>2181.00</b>	<b>874.13</b>

**General observations of the Empowered Committee:** Taking into consideration the approvals given in the 2<sup>nd</sup> EC meeting of Rs.2059.15 lakh (central share) and the instant approvals of Rs.1748.25 lakh (central share) in 19<sup>th</sup> EC meeting, the total approved amount was now Rs.3807.40 lakh for Burdwan district leaving a balance of Rs.152.60 lakh. The in-principle approved project in the 2<sup>nd</sup> EC meeting for construction of ACRs in SSK and MSK for Rs.33.15 lakh was reconsidered



following the clarification given by the Ministry of Human Resource Development that such schools were not funded anymore under SSA. It has been decided to decline such proposal. This amount has now been added to the balance available and the amount available now is Rs.185.75 lakh for the district. The State Government representative was advised to work out a revised plan for the balance fund available in accordance with the guidelines of the MsDP keeping in view the proposals which have already been approved under MsDP for West Bengal and other States/UTs. The revised plan was advised to be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority. Wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be sent with the commitment that recurring costs including staff requirement would be met fully by the State Government.

**Item No.2 Birbhum (Revised Plan – Phase-II):**

The fund tentatively allocated for Birbhum district under the MsDP was Rs.5480.00 lakh for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period. The Empowered Committee in its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Empowered Committee has already approved a plan for Rs.3157.26 lakh leaving a balance of Rs.2322.74 lakh for preparation of revised plan. Birbhum was a category ‘A’ district i.e. it has both socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average.

It was submitted that pucca housing, which was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> deficit, would be covered under IAY funded by the M/o Rural Development during the period upto 2011. Electricity in houses, which ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> priority would be covered under RGGVY with a total outlay of Rs.151 crore. Toilets in houses, which was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> priority with 53.1% of households to be covered, would be funded under Total Sanitation Campaign. All these development deficits would be covered by the funding source of existing Central schemes.

(i) **Projects approved:**

(a) **Construction of Anganwadi Centres (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase):**

Health indicator i.e. vaccination to the children of 66.52% was above the national average of 43.50%. It was submitted that 3816 anganwadi centres were operational in the district out of which 698 have their own building and rest were functioning from rented buildings. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Empowered Committee, 411 units of AWCs were approved. The proposal for consideration is for approving an additional number of 260 AWCs in villages/localities having a high concentration of minority population. Land and staff were confirmed to be available.

Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 260 anganwadi centres @ Rs.3.00 lakh per unit for a total cost of Rs.780 lakh, subject to the condition that the centres

would be constructed as per the design, specification and norms of the M/o Women and Child Development and would have a kitchen, store room, toilet and playing space and in addition a crèche/day care centre. It was agreed by the officials from the State that the centres located in villages which have the highest proportion of minority population would be selected and list of villages along with their proportion of minority population in descending order would be provided.. It should also be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost approved under all other sources of central funding. Besides, the estimate should be approved by the competent engineering department of the State Government. Villages with highest minority population will be given preference for implementation of the project. A list of villages/locations with percentage of minority population, where the project is to be implemented will be submitted to the Central Government. District administration will indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected. A list of anganwadi centres constructed with MsDP funds would be sent by the State Government to the Ministry of Women & Child Development for creating a data base and avoiding duplication. With this approval, the total number of AWCs approved for this district was now 671 units.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. Units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1	Construction anganwadi centres	260	3.00	780.00	--	780.00

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

**(b) Construction of health centres/ sub centre ( 2<sup>nd</sup> phase):**

46.71% of deliveries are institutional delivery which is above all India average of 38.7% in the baseline survey of the district. Total number of health sub centres (HSC) in the district is 167 out of which construction of 32 health sub-centres was approved in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Empowered Committee meeting, and construction of 42 HSCs would be taken up under NRHM during 2008-11, leaving a gap of 125 HSCs. In the 125 HSCs, 38 are in the minority concentration areas which were proposed under MsDP. These were functioning HSC and staff, land and recurring cost were available. The proposal was for the construction of buildings of 38 health sub-centres at a total cost of Rs. 381.90 lakh. It was agreed that the required State share would be provided.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal on the condition that the State Government will ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification, design and unit cost is in accordance with the guidelines in this regard and approved by the State's mission director/department concerned. It should also be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost approved under all other sources of central funding. Besides, the estimate should be approved by the competent engineering department of the State Government.

Villages with highest minority population will be given preference for implementation of the project. A list of villages/locations with percentage of minority population, where the project is to be implemented will be submitted to the Central Government. District administration will indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected. To avoid duplication, the State NRHM Mission Director will ensure that units constructed under MsDP funds were recorded in the requisite records maintained by him and also report the achievements made under MsDP to the M/o Health and Family Welfare. With this approval, the total number of HSC approved for construction under MsDP in this district was now 70 units.

The following approval was accorded.

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (85%)	State Share (15%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	Construction of primary health sub-centre	38	10.05	324.62	57.28	381.90

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

(c) **Construction of Additional Class Room (ACR) in primary/upper primary Schools (2<sup>nd</sup> phase):**

Literacy rate (total) and female literacy has been ranked as the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> deficit in the district respectively. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Empowered Committee meeting, 629 units of ACRs were approved in-principle. Construction of additional class rooms for primary and upper primary schools was an activity funded under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). In view of this, the in-principle approval of 629 units of ACRs has been converted to approved project. Proposal was for the construction of a further 291 ACRs in primary schools and 100 ACRs in upper Primary schools @ Rs.2.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs. 782.00 lakh. Land and staff were stated to be available.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for the construction of 291 ACRs in primary schools and 100 ACRs in upper primary schools @ Rs.2.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.782.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs. 508.30 lakh and Rs. 273.70 lakh would be the State share in the ratio of 65:35 as per the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) funding pattern. The State Government will ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification, design and unit cost is in accordance with the guidelines in this regard and approved by the State's mission director/department concerned. It should also be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost approved under all other sources of central funding. Besides, the estimate should be approved by the competent engineering department of the State Government. Villages with highest minority population will be given preference for implementation of the project. A list of villages/locations with percentage of minority population, where the project is to be implemented will be submitted to the Central Government. District

administration will indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected. To prevent duplication, the Government of West Bengal would ensure that the ACRs funded under MsDP were reflected in the registers/data base maintained for SSA by the SSA Mission Director and information sent to the Ministry of Human Resource Development. With this approval the numbers of ACR for primary and upper primary schools approved for this district was now 1020 units.

The approval was accorded in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (65%)	State Share (35%)	Total cost
(Lakh Rs.)						
1.	Construction of ACR in primary schools	291	2.00	378.30	203.70	582.00
2.	Construction of ACR in upper primary schools	100	2.00	130.00	70.00	200.00
	<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>508.30</b>	<b>273.70</b>	<b>782.00</b>
3.	Construction of ACR in primary and upper primary schools approved in-principle in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> EC meeting	629	2.00	817.70	440.30	1258.00
	<b>Total</b>			<b>1326.00</b>	<b>714.00</b>	<b>2040.00</b>

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

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

Sl. no.	Name of the Project for Birbhum district (West Bengal)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 <sup>st</sup> instalment amount to be released
<b>Administrative approval</b>				<b>Rupees in Lakh</b>				
(a)	Construction anganwadi centres	100:00	260	3.00	780.00	--	780.00	390.00
(b)	Construction of primary health sub-centre	85:15	38	10.05	324.62	57.28	381.90	162.31
(c)	Construction of ACR in primary schools	65:35	291	2.00	378.30	203.70	582.00	189.15
	Construction of ACR in upper primary schools	65:35	100	2.00	130.00	70.00	200.00	65.00
	<b>Total</b>				<b>1612.92</b>	<b>330.98</b>	<b>1943.90</b>	<b>806.46</b>
(d)	Construction of ACR in primary and upper primary schools approved in-principle in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> EC meeting	65:35	629	2.00	817.70	440.30	1258.00	408.85
	<b>Total</b>				<b>2430.62</b>	<b>771.28</b>	<b>3201.90</b>	<b>1215.31</b>

**General observations of the Empowered Committee (EC):** Taking into consideration the approvals given in the 2<sup>nd</sup> EC meeting of Rs.3157.26 lakhs (central share) and the instant approvals

of Rs.1612.92 lakh (central share) in 19<sup>th</sup> EC meeting, the total approved amount was now Rs.4770.18 lakh for this district leaving a balance of Rs.709.82 lakh. The in-principle approved project in 2<sup>nd</sup> EC for construction of ACRs in SSK and MSK for Rs. 235.56 lakh was reconsidered following the clarification given by the Ministry of Human Resource Development that such schools were not funded anymore under SSA. It has been decided to decline such proposal. Also in-principle approved project in 2<sup>nd</sup> EC i.e construction of ACRs in primary and upper primary schools was for Rs.1258.00 lakh but the central share as per the SSA sharing ratio (65:35) will be Rs.817.70 lakh (1258.00-817.70= 440.30 lakh). These amounts (Rs.235.56 lakh & 440.30 lakh) have now been added to the balance available and the amount available now is Rs.1385.68 for the district. The State Government representative was advised to work out a revised plan for the balance fund available in accordance with the guidelines of the MsDP keeping in view the proposals which have already been approved under MsDP for West Bengal and other States/UTs. The revised plan was advised to be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority. Wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be sent with the commitment that recurring costs including staff requirement would be met fully by the State Government.

### **Item No.3 Howrah (Revised Plan- Phase-II):**

The fund tentatively allocated for Howrah district under the MsDP was Rs.2890.00 lakh for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period. In the 4<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee meeting MsD plan was already approved for Rs 321.65 lakh, leaving a balance of Rs. 2568.35 lakh for preparation of a revised plan. A power point presentation of the MsDP plan of the district was made by the Additional District Magistrate. Howrah is a category 'B1' district i.e. it has socio- economic parameters below the national average.

#### **(i) Projects approved**

##### **(a) Construction of Anganwadi Centres 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase:**

Health indicator i.e. vaccination to the children of 69.20% were above the national average of 43.50%. In the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee a project for construction of 30 units of anganwadi centres has already been approved. The proposal made now is for construction of an additional number of 12 anganwadi centres. Details of land and existing location of AWC was given in the proposed plan, but without the proportion of minority population. These are existing AWC and staff were confirmed to be available.

Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 12 anganwadi centres @ of Rs.3.00 lakh per unit for a total cost of Rs.36.00 lakh, subject to the condition that the centres would be constructed as per the design, specification and norms of the M/o Women and

Child Development and would have a kitchen, store room, toilet and playing space and in addition a crèche/day care centre. The State Government will ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification, design and unit cost is in accordance with the guidelines in this regard and approved by the State's mission director/department concerned. It should also be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost approved under all other sources of central funding. Besides, the estimate should be approved by the competent engineering department of the State Government. Villages with highest minority population will be given preference for implementation of the project. A list of villages/locations with percentage of minority population, where the project is to be implemented will be submitted to the Central Government. District administration will indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected. A list of anganwadi centres constructed with MsDP funds would be sent by the State Government to the Ministry of Women & Child Development for creating a data base and avoiding duplication. With this approval, the total numbers of AWCs funded under MsDP was now 42 units.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. Units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)		
1	Construction anganwadi centres	12	3.00	36.00	--	36.00

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

**(b) Construction of Additional Class Rooms (ACRs) in primary and Upper Primary Schools:**

Literacy rate (total) and female literacy have been identified as the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> deficit in the district respectively. It was stated that due to the increasing number of student there was a gap of 62 classrooms which could not be funded under SSA. Proposal was for the construction of 216 ACRs in primary schools/ upper primary schools @ Rs.2.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.432.00 lakh. Representative from the Department of School Education & Literacy stated that there was only a gap of 62 units of ACRs in the primary and upper primary schools. A list of schools and locations has been provided in the proposed MsD plan without giving the proportion of minority population in the village. Land and staff were stated to be available.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for the construction of 62 ACRs in primary and upper primary schools @ Rs.2.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.124.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.80.60 lakh and Rs.43.40 lakh would be the State share in the ratio of 65:35 as per the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) funding pattern. The State Government will ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification, design and unit cost is in accordance with the guidelines in this regard and approved by the State's mission director/department concerned. It should also be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the

unit cost approved under all other sources of central funding. Besides, the estimate should be approved by the competent engineering department of the State Government. Villages with highest minority population will be given preference for implementation of the project. A list of villages/locations with percentage of minority population, where the project is to be implemented will be submitted to the Central Government. District administration will indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected. To prevent duplication, the Government of West Bengal should ensure that the ACRs funded under MsDP would be maintained by the SSA state mission director in his records. The State Government would ensure that the details of ACRs constructed under MsDP would be sent to the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The approval was accorded in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (65%)	State Share (35%)	Total cost
(Lakh Rs.)						
1.	Construction of ACRs in primary primary & upper primary schools	62	2.00	80.60	43.40	124.00

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

**(c) Installation of Hand Pumps ( 2<sup>nd</sup> phase) :**

Safe drinking water was identified as the 5<sup>th</sup> priority in the baseline survey report. It was submitted by the representative from the district that expansion and improvement of drinking water facility in minority concentration areas has become an urgent priority. Although, there has been some investments from the State Government to improve the drinking water facilities in the district, the funds from ARWSP for the district have not been sufficient to cater to the entire demands for installation of handpumps in the district. Availability of drinking water in the district was still an acute problem in the district.

The Empowered Committee in its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting has already approved installation of 300 units of hand pumps which has not been able to cater to the demands of the district. The representative from the district stated that the district was not affected by arsenic contents in ground water. The proposal was for installation of 622 hand pumps @ Rs. 0.60 lakh at a total cost of Rs.373.20 lakh and these would be installed in villages/localities having a high concentration of minority population. The funding pattern was in the ratio of 75:25.

The Empowered Committee approved the installation of an additional 622 hand pumps for Rs.373.20 lakh @ Rs 0.60 lakh of which Central share would be Rs.279.90 lakh and State share Rs.93.30 lakh, subject to the condition that the list of villages with percentage of minority population will be provided. The representative from the Department of Drinking Water stated that in West

Bengal, it has been decided that only pipe water supply projects would be taken up under ARWSP. Tube well drinking water supply facility could be provided under MsDP on the condition that the State Public Health Department (PHED) would ensure that there was no duplication and their clearance/approval was obtained before work was taken up. The State Government will ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification, design and unit cost is in accordance with the guidelines in this regard and approved by the State's mission director/department concerned. It should also be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost approved under all other sources of central funding. Besides, the estimate should be approved by the competent engineering department of the State Government. Villages with highest minority population will be given preference for implementation of the project. A list of villages/locations with percentage of minority population, where the project is to be implemented will be submitted to the Central Government. District administration will indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected. With this approval, the total number of hand pumps funded under MsDP for this district was now 922 units. The approval was accorded in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central share (75%)	State share (25%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	Installation of hand Pumps	622	0.60	279.90	93.30	373.20

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

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

Sl. no.	Name of the Project for Howrah district (West Bengal)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 <sup>st</sup> instalment amount to be released
<b>Administrative approval</b>				<b>Rupees in Lakh</b>				
(a)	Construction anganwadi centres	100:00	12	3.00	36.00	--	36.00	18.00
(b)	Construction of ACRs in primary/Upper primary schools	65:35	62	2.00	80.60	43.40	124.00	40.30
(c)	Installation of hand Pumps	75:25	622	0.60	279.90	93.30	373.20	139.95
	<b>Total</b>				<b>396.50</b>	<b>136.70</b>	<b>533.20</b>	<b>198.25</b>

**General observations of the Empowered Committee(EC):** Taking into consideration the approvals given in the 4<sup>th</sup> EC meeting of Rs.321.65 lakhs (central share) and the instant approvals of Rs.596.70 lakh(central share) in 19<sup>th</sup> EC meeting, the total approved amount was now Rs.718.15 lakh for this district leaving a balance of Rs.2171.85 lakh. The in-principle approved project in 4<sup>th</sup> EC for construction of ACRs in SSK and MSK for Rs.52.00 lakh was reconsidered following the



clarification given by the Ministry of Human Resource Development that such schools were not funded anymore under SSA. It has been decided to decline such proposal. This amount has now been added to the balance available and the amount available now is Rs.2223.85 lakh for the district. The State Government representative was advised to work out a revised plan for the balance fund available in accordance with the guidelines of the MsDP keeping in view the proposals which have already been approved under MsDP for West Bengal and other States/UTs. The revised plan was advised to be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority. Wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be sent with the commitment that recurring costs including staff requirement would be met fully by the State Government.

**Item No.4 Nadia (Revised Plan –Phase-II):**

The fund tentatively allocated for Nadia district under the MsDP was Rs.5640.00 Lakh for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period. In the 4<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee meeting, a MsD plan for Rs.1779.68 lakh was already approved, leaving a balance of Rs. 3860.32 lakh for preparation of a revised plan. A power point presentation of the MsD plan of the district was made by the Additional District Magistrate (Dev). Nadia was a category ‘A’ district i.e. it has both socio- economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average.

**(i) Projects approved**

**(a) Grant for the construction of Additional Class Room (ACR) in high school ( 2<sup>nd</sup> phase):**

Literacy rate (total) and female literacy have been ranked as 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> deficit in the district respectively. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Empowered Committee meeting, construction of 80 units of ACRs in high schools were already approved. Proposal for consideration now was for the construction of 187 ACRs in high schools @ Rs.2.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.374.00 lakh. List of high schools have been selected on the basis of requirement of ACR in the District Information System for Education (DISE) report and the proportion of minority population in the villages. ACR would be constructed in villages of eight highest minority concentration blocks. It was informed by the representative of State Government that all ACRs would be constructed in the Government schools.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for the construction of 187 ACRs in high schools @ Rs.2.00 lakh for a total cost of Rs.374.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.280.50 lakh and Rs.93.50 lakh would be the State share in the ratio of 75:25 as per the Rashtriya Madhayamik Siksha Abhiyan (RMSA) funding pattern. The State Government will ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification, design and unit cost is in accordance with the guidelines in this regard and approved by the State’s mission director/department concerned. It should also be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost

approved under all other sources of central funding. Besides, the estimate should be approved by the competent engineering department of the State Government. Villages with highest minority population will be given preference for implementation of the project. A list of villages/locations with percentage of minority population, where the project is to be implemented will be submitted to the Central Government. District administration will indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected. To prevent duplication, the Government of West Bengal would ensure that the ACRs funded under MsDP were reflected by the SSA State Mission Director in the State Action Plan of the scheme concerned and information also sent to the Ministry of Human Resource Development. With this approval, the total number of ACRs funded under MsDP for this district was now 267 units.

The approval was accorded in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)		
1.	Additional class room in high schools	187	2.00	280.50	93.50	374.00

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

**(ii) Proposals to be submitted to the concerned authorities:**

**Installation of Arsenic free tube wells in ICDS centres and villages ( 2<sup>nd</sup> phase):**

State Govt. proposed additional 221 units of Arsenic Free Tube wells in ICDS centres at a total cost of Rs. 132.60 lakh @ Rs. 0.60 lakh. It was informed by the representative of Drinking Water Supply that no technology has been approved by Government of India for arsenic affected areas. He advised that the proposal should be placed before the State Committee in the PHED to consider such proposals.

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

Sl. no.	Name of the Project for Nadia district (West Bengal)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 <sup>st</sup> instalment amount to be released
<b>Administrative approval</b>				<b>Rupees in Lakh</b>				
(a)	Additional class room in high schools	75:25	187	2.00	280.50	93.50	374.00	140.25

**General observations of the Empowered Committee (EC):** Taking into consideration the approvals given in the 4<sup>th</sup> EC meeting of Rs.1779.68 lakhs (central share) and the instant approvals of Rs.280.50 lakh(central share) in 19<sup>th</sup> EC meeting, the total approved amount was now Rs.2060.18 lakh for this district leaving a balance of Rs.3579.82 lakh. The in-principle approved project in 4<sup>th</sup> EC for construction of ACRs in SSK and MSK for Rs.62.11 lakh was reconsidered following the clarification given by the Ministry of Human Resource Development that such schools

were not funded anymore under SSA. It has been decided to decline such proposal. This amount has now been added to the balance available and the amount available now is Rs.3641.93 lakh for the district. The State Government representative was advised to work out a revised plan for the balance fund available in accordance with the guidelines of the MsDP keeping in view the proposals which have already been approved under MsDP for West Bengal and other States/UTs. The revised plan was advised to be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority. Wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be sent with the commitment that recurring costs including staff requirement would be met fully by the State Government.

**Item No. 5 Murshidabad (Revised Plan –I):**

The fund tentatively allocated for Murshidabad district under the MsDP was Rs.11710.00 lakh for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Empowered Committee meeting, a MsD plan for Rs. 3829.80 lakh was approved, leaving a balance of Rs.7870.20 lakh for preparation of a revised plan. A power point presentation of the revised MsD plan of the district was made by the District Magistrate. Murshidabad was a category ‘A’ district i.e. it has both socio- economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average.

**(i) Projects approved:**

**(a) Construction of health sub centre:**

55.60% of the deliveries are institutional delivery which is above all India average of 38.7% in the baseline survey of the district. The representative of State Govt. has informed that 832 health sub centres are functioning and 181 have been taken up under NRHM. The proposal was for the construction of building of 50 health sub-centres at a total cost of Rs. 625.00 lakh. It was submitted that the NRHM Mission Director approval would be obtained and duplication would be avoided.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 50 health sub centres @ Rs. 12.50 lakh at a total cost of Rs.625.00 lakh in which central share is Rs. 531.25 lakh and State share would be Rs.93.75 lakh. The approval was accorded on the condition that the approval of the NRHM Mission Director would be obtained and duplication would be avoided. The State Government will ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification, design and unit cost is in accordance with the guidelines in this regard and approved by the State’s mission director/department concerned. It should also be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost approved under all other sources of central funding. Besides, the estimate should be approved by the competent engineering department of the State Government. Villages with highest minority population will be given preference for implementation of the project. A list of villages/locations with percentage of minority population, where the project is to be

implemented will be submitted to the Central Government. District administration will indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected.

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (85%)	State Share (15%)	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)		
1.	Construction of health sub-centre	50	12.50	531.25	93.75	625.00

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

**(b) Construction of Anganwadi Centres 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase:**

Health indicator i.e. vaccination to the children of 63.55% was above the national average of 43.50%. It was submitted that 7012 anganwadi centres was operational in the district out of which 106 have their own building and 258 were running from other Govt. buildings while 6084 centres were functioning from rented buildings. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> EC meeting, construction of 200 AWCs was already been approved.

The Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 1000 anganwadi centres @ of Rs.3.00 lakh per unit for a total cost of Rs.3000.00 lakh. The officials from the State Government agreed to ensure that land would be made available either from government land, or in existing school premises or donation from the public. The State Government will ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specification, design and unit cost is in accordance with the guidelines in this regard and approved by the State's mission director/department concerned. It should also be ensured that the unit cost approved under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost approved under all other sources of central funding. Besides, the estimate should be approved by the competent engineering department of the State Government. Villages with highest minority population will be given preference for implementation of the project. A list of villages/locations with percentage of minority population, where the project is to be implemented will be submitted to the Central Government. District administration will indicate that villages with the highest minority population have been selected. With this approval, the total number of AWCs funded under MsDP for this district was now 1200 units. The Empowered Committee approved the proposal in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. Units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)		
1	Construction anganwadi centres	1000	3.00	3000.00	--	3000.00

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

**(ii) Project approved in-principle:**

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

Female literacy rate in the district was 64.72% which was above the national average and ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the baseline survey of the district. The proposal was for the construction of 5 girl hostels @ Rs.60.00 lakh and a total cost of Rs.300.00 lakh.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for this proposal. In-principle approval was given on the condition that the State Government would provide a Detailed Project Report (DPR) and the hostels should be constructed as per Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya model specification, norms, design and approved by the State education department. The estimates should have the approval of the PWD and availability of land and staff along with arrangement for warden and chowkidar indicated. The management of the hostel in terms of boarding, food, maintenance, security etc. should be brought out clearly in the DPR. It should also be ensured that the hostel was located within the premises of existing Govt. schools. The State Education department and the cost estimates would be approved by the State PWD. The DPR should also be approved by the State Education Department. The hostel should be constructed in the premises and attached to a government school/college. Availability of land and staff should be ensured. Arrangement proposed for management of the hostel should be brought out clearly in detail in the DPR. The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)		
1	Construction of girls hostel	5	60.00	300.00	-	300.00

The Empowered Committee approved the release of 50% of the total central share as 1<sup>st</sup> instalment after the comments on the DPR are received and cleared by the concerned Ministry/Department.

**(b) Establishment of Women College:**

Female literacy rate in the district was 64.72% which was above the national average and ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the baseline survey of the district. Higher education is an area which has not been addressed adequately in the manner that has been done for primary and upper primary education under SSA. Recently, Ministry of Human Resource Development has introduced a scheme called Ratriya Madhyamik Siksha Abhiyan (RMSA) for promotion of higher education. The proposal was for the establishment of two Government women colleges @ Rs.1000.00 lakh at a total cost of Rs.2000.00 lakh. The Empowered Committee felt that this could be supported in the lines of RMSA scheme so that a boost was given to the higher education for girls in this district. The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval to the proposal. The approval was given on the condition that State Government would provide a detailed project report prepared in consultation with the State education department undertaking to provide staff, land and recurring cost, etc with copies to the effect sanctioned by the State Government enclosed, and locate it in an area having the highest proportion of minority population. The State Government should include in DPR details in respect of

the capacity of enrolment in the college, subject/courses taught and the proportion of minority population in the area covered by the college. It was agreed that 50% of the Central share would be released as 1<sup>st</sup> instalment after obtaining the advice and clearance of the M/o HRD. The in-principle approval was accorded in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. Units	Unit cost	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total Cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1	Establishment of women colleges	2	1000.00	1500.00	500.00	2000.00

The Empowered Committee approved the release of 50% of the total central share as 1<sup>st</sup> instalment after the comments on the DPR are received and cleared by the concerned Ministry/Department.

**(c) Upgradation of Saikhpara Polytechnic:**

Total work participation and female work participation have been ranked as 6<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively in the baseline survey of the district. The proposal was for upgradation of Saikhpara Polytechnic college at a total cost of Rs. 704.00 lakh. The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval to the proposal subject to the condition that State Government would provide a detailed project report prepared in consultation with the State education/labour department undertaking to provide staff, land and recurring cost, etc and provide the proportion of minority population covered by the institute. The State Government should include in DPR, details in respect of the capacity of enrolment in the institute, subject/courses taught and the proportion of minority population in the area covered by the institute. The approval was accorded in-principle in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. Units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total Cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1	Upgradation of Saikhpara Polytechnic	1	704.00	704.00	-	704.00

The Empowered Committee approved the release of 50% of the total central share as 1<sup>st</sup> instalment after the comments on the DPR are received and cleared by the concerned Ministry/Department.

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

Sl. no.	Name of the Project for Nadia district (West Bengal)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 <sup>st</sup> instalment amount to be released
<b>Administrative approval</b>				<b>Rupees in Lakh</b>				
a	Construction of health sub-centre	85:15	50	12.50	531.25	93.75	625.00	265.63
b	Construction anganwadi centres	100:00	1000	3.00	3000.00	--	3000.00	1500.00
	<b>Sub total</b>				<b>3531.25</b>	<b>93.75</b>	<b>3625.00</b>	<b>1765.63</b>
<b>In-principle approval</b>								
c	Construction of girls hostel	100:00	5	60.00	300.00	-	300.00	150.00

d	Establishment of women colleges	75:25	2	1000.00	1500.00	500.00	2000.00	750.00
e	Upgradation of Saikhpara Polytechnic	100:00	1	704.00	704.00	-	704.00	352.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>				<b>2504.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>3004.00</b>	<b>1252.00</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>6035.25</b>	<b>593.75</b>	<b>6629.00</b>	<b>3017.63</b>

**General observations of the Empowered Committee (EC) :** Taking into consideration the approvals given in the 2<sup>nd</sup> EC meeting of Rs.3829.80 lakhs (central share) and the instant approvals Rs.6035.25 lakh(central share) in 19<sup>th</sup> EC meeting, the total approved amount was now Rs. 9865.05 lakh for this district leaving a balance of Rs.1844.95 lakh. The in-principle approved project for construction in 2<sup>nd</sup> EC for ACRs in SSK and MSK for Rs.171.60 lakh was reconsidered following the clarification given by the Ministry of Human Resource Development that such schools were not funded anymore under SSA. It has been decided to decline such proposal. This amount has now been added to the balance available and the amount available now is Rs.2016.55 lakh for the district. The State Government representative was advised to work out a revised plan for the balance fund available in accordance with the guidelines of the MsDP keeping in view the proposals which have already been approved under MsDP for West Bengal and other States/UTs. The revised plan was advised to be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority. Wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be sent with the commitment that recurring costs including staff requirement would be met fully by the State Government.

**Item No. 6 Malda:**

The fund tentatively allocated for Malda district under the MsDP was Rs.6870.00 lakh for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Empowered Committee meeting, a MsD plan for Rs. 2497.15 lakh was approved, leaving a balance of Rs.4372.85 lakh for preparation of a revised plan. The district plan of Malda was not considered and approve by the Empowered Committee as proposals contains in the plan was not according to the priority areas identified in the baseline survey for this district.

However, the in-principle approved project in 2<sup>nd</sup> EC for construction of ACRs in SSK and MSK for Rs.397.15 lakh. The matter regarding approval for SSK and MSK was reconsidered following the clarification given by the Ministry of Human Resource Development that such schools were not funded anymore under SSA. It has now been decided to decline such proposal. This amount has now been included in the balance available and the amount available now is Rs.4770.00 lakh for the district.

The State Government representative was advised to work out a revised plan for the balance fund available in accordance with the guidelines of the MsDP keeping in view the proposals which have already been approved under MsDP for West Bengal and other States/UTs. The revised plan was advised to be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority. Wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be sent with the commitment that recurring costs including staff requirement would be met fully by the State Government.

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