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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MULTI-SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR MINORITY CONCENTRATION DISTRICTS OF PURNEA, DARBHANGA, SITAMARHI (BIHAR) (REVISED PLANS FOR BALANCE FUND) HELD AT 3.00 P.M. ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2010 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, including photographs, in the public domain has made information available to all and has facilitated social audit. It was, therefore, imperative that the State Governments/UT Administration implement the programme properly as per schedule and also have it reviewed and monitored regularly and closely. State Government should particularly ensure that there were no delays in the sanction and release of funds, both Centre and State share (wherever applicable), to the districts and by the districts to the implementing agency. The Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) for MsDP comprehensively covers all important aspects of implementation of the programme and in the context of presenting the latest data and information of the website, it is of utmost importance that QPRs are submitted accurately covering all columns by the district administration and the State Government.

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 the order of priority ranked by a baseline survey so that the various MsD programme interventions would result in the improvement of the backwardness parameters of a minority concentration district and bring the relevant parameter at par with the national averages. 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 as it is a special area development programme. 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 annually 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 and Central Ministry concerned informed of assets created in respect of Centrally sponsored schemes topped up under MsDP. 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.

**General conditions applicable to projects approved by the Empowered Committee**

6. For approvals given by the Empowered Committee, including in-principle approvals, the State Secretary and the District Collectors/representatives were advised to note that the following conditions would apply to all projects under MsDP and compliance with these is to be ensured by the State Government/UT administration concerned.

- (i) The proposal should be approved by the State Mission Director/department implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) concerned.
- (ii) State Government should ensure that the proposal in terms of its norms, specifications, design and funding norms is in accordance with the guidelines of the CSS concerned and duplication of work/scheme should be ruled out.
- (iii) It should be ensured that the unit cost approved for projects under MsDP does not exceed the unit cost approved for the CSS concerned.
- (iv) The cost estimates should be approved by a competent engineering department of the State Government.
- (v) State share, wherever applicable for CSS as per its funding pattern, would be provided by the State Government.
- (vi) Land for the project would be provided by the State Government.
- (vii) Staff and recurring expenditure for the project would be provided by the State Government.
- (viii) Funds under MsDP should not be used for repairs, maintenance and running of the scheme.
- (ix) Separate accounts for schemes under MsDP should be maintained.
- (x) Villages/locations with the highest population of minorities should be selected for location of project/assets. A list of such villages/locations where the project/asset would be located

would be submitted to the Central Government giving the percentage of minority population of each village/location.

- (xi) Details of the assets created under MsDP funds, which are CSS, would be maintained by the State Department/State Mission Director and data send to the Central Ministry concerned for enabling maintaining proper record and avoiding double counting and duplication.

### **Recommendations of the Empowered Committee (EC)**

7. The Empowered Committee considered the **revised plan for balance funds of Purnea, Darbhanga and Sitamarhi (Bihar)**. Power point presentations were made on the district plans by the Deputy Commissioners/District/State officers concerned. The State Secretary/ representatives and District Collectors/representatives gave clarifications and confirmed the status and fulfillment of conditions in the guidelines of MsDP. The conclusion that emerged in the meeting of the Empowered Committee, are given below.

### **Item No. 1 Purnea (Bihar) [Phase-II]**

Purnea is a category 'A' district i.e. having both socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. The fund allocated for the MsDP Plan was Rs. 85.50 crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan period. Households with pucca walls, households with safe drinking water and household with closet latrines, ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> , 8<sup>th</sup> and rank 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the baseline survey was not proposed in the district plan.

District plan of Purnea was considered in the 11<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee (EC) meeting. Projects approved were for construction of 1000 anganwadi centres, strengthening of 1 girls high school, 15 ACR in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), construction of 7 building for PHSCs and providing lab facility in 23 high schools for Rs 3185.80 lakh (Central share) and in-principle approval for computer lab facility in Mahila college and upgradation of polytechnic college at Purnea amounting to central share of Rs. 251.25 lakh. An amount of Rs. 1592.90 lakh (i.e. 50% of central share) was released on 25/06/09 to the Govt. of Bihar. Expenditure has not been reported because State Government has released funds to the district recently on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 only.

**(i) Projects approved:**

**(a) Construction of building for anganwadi centres (AWCs) (phase –2):** Health indicator i.e. vaccination to the children of 25.8% was below the national average of 43.5%. It was submitted that there are 2451 units of functional ICDS centres in Purnea district out of which only 200 AWCs have their own buildings. The proposed 42 centres are in minority concentration areas having 60% and above minority population. If these 42 centres are approved, it will give 100% coverage for minority population. Land and staff are available and the centers would be constructed by Mata Samiti under the supervision of the engineering department of concerned blocks.

Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 42 AWCs @ of Rs.3.00 lakh at a total cost of Rs. 126.00 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 in addition to the conditions stated at para 6 above. The Empowered Committee approved the proposal as follows:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)		
1	Construction of anganwadi centres	42	3.00	126.00	-	126.00

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

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

**(a) Construction of boys' Hostel in ITI in Purnea:** The proposal was for construction of one unit of boys' hostel in ITI at the cost of Rs. 300.00 lakh. It was submitted by the representative of the State Government that the proposed hostel with capacity of 100 students is required for an ITI which is already functional and affiliated with SCVT. The recurring cost would be met by the State Govt. The Chairman, Empowered Committee advised that NCVT affiliation of ITI should be taken for pan India employability. The representative of Ministry of Labour & Employment mentioned that hostel design had not been standardized. A composite detailed project report for hostel and the already established ITI would be required to be sent to them for their comments and the ITI should be affiliated with NCVT.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for construction of one unit of boy hostel with capacity of 100 students for Rs. 300.00 lakhs. In-principle approval was given on the condition that the State Government would provide a detailed project report. The management of the hostel in terms of boarding, food, maintenance, security etc. would be brought out clearly in the

DPR. It would also be ensured that the hostel is located within the premises of ITI. Representative of Ministry of Labour & Employment was requested to standardize the design of hostel as well as furnishings so that the standard design and furnishings can then be followed for all ITI hostels. Conditions in para 6 above would also be applicable. The Empowered Committee approved the proposal as follows:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
			(Rs. in Lakh)			
1.	Construction of boys hostel in ITI in Purnea including furnishing	1	300.00	300.00	--	300.00

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

**(b) Construction of girls's ITI with hostel:** The proposal was for construction of 1 unit of girls' ITI with hostel at the cost of Rs. 640.00 lakh. It was submitted by the representative of the State Government that the proposed hostel is required for an ITI which is functional in a makeshift arrangement. ITI is affiliated with SCVT and having two trades. The recurring cost would be met by the State Govt. It was informed by the representative of Ministry of Labour & Employment that the ITI must have a minimum of five trades as per NCVT norms.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for construction of one unit of girls' ITI with hostel for Rs. 640.00 lakh. In-principle approval was given on the condition that the State Government would provide a detailed project report in consultation with the State Technical Education Department. The management of the hostel in terms of boarding, food, maintenance, security etc. and commitment of the State Govt. regarding maintenance and recurring expenditure would be brought out clearly in the DPR. It would also be ensured that the hostel is located within the premises of ITI. Conditions in para 6 above would also be applicable. The Empowered Committee approved the proposal as follows:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
			(Rs. in Lakh)			
1	Construction of classrooms, workshops and administrative building for girls's ITI	1	--	290.00	--	290.00
2	Equipment for workshop		-	50.00	--	50.00
3	1 girl hostel in girls' ITI in Purnea including furnishing	1	--	300.00	--	300.00
	<b>Total</b>			<b>640.00</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>640.00</b>

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

**(c) Construction of boys' hostel at Purnea college:** The proposal was for construction of one unit of boys' hostel at Purnea college at a cost of Rs. 272.60 lakh. The boys' hostel will be in the premises of Purnea college, which is a Govt. college. The college will take care of its management and recurring expenditure. The Committee accorded in-principle approval in the following manner subject to the condition that a detailed project report may be submitted by the State Govt. on Navodaya Vidyalaya pattern and it should also include furnishing component in the proposed DPR. Conditions in para 6 above would also be applicable

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
(Rs. in Lakh)						
1	Construction of boys hostel at Purnea college including furnishing	1	272.60	272.60	---	272.60

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

**Summary of projects of Purnea (Bihar) district approved by the Empowered Committee:**

Sl. no	Name of the project for Purnea(Bihar)	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>								
1	Construction of anganwadi centres	100:00	42	3.00	126.00	-	126.00	63.00
	<b>Sub total</b>				<b>126.00</b>		<b>126.00</b>	<b>63.00</b>
<b>In-principle approval</b>								
2	Construction of boys hostel in ITI in Purnea including furnishing	100:00	1	300.00	300.00	-	300.00	150.00
3	Construction of classrooms, workshops and administrative building for girls's ITI	100:00	1	--	290.00	--	290.00	145.00
4	Equipment for workshop	100:00	-	--	50.00	--	50.00	25.00
5	1 girl hostel in girls' ITI in Purnea including furnishing	100:00	1	--	300.00	--	300.00	150.00
6	Construction of boys hostel in Purnea college including furnishing	100:00	1	272.60	272.60	---	272.60	136.30
	<b>Sub total</b>				<b>1212.60</b>		<b>1212.60</b>	<b>606.30</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>1338.60</b>		<b>1338.60</b>	<b>669.30</b>

**Revised plan for balance fund available:** The Empowered Committee has already approved a total amount of Rs. 1338.60 lakh as a central share including in-principle approval leaving a balance of Rs. 3774.35 lakh. 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. It was advised that the revised plan may be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority. It was also advised that, wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools/secondary/higher secondary schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be made in the revised district plan with the commitment that the State Government would provide the land, staff and recurring costs.

### **Item No. 2 Darbhanga (Bihar) [Phase –II]**

The fund tentatively allocated for Darbhanga district under the MsDP was Rs. 59.70 crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period. According to 2001 census, the population of minorities are 23%. Darbhanga is a 'A' category i.e. having socio- economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average.

District plan of Darbhanga was considered in the 8<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee (EC) meeting. Projects approved were for construction of 200 anganwadi centres and construction of 2285 IAY houses for Rs 1199.81 lakh (Central share). An amount of Rs. 599.91 lakh for construction of anganwadi centres, and IAY was released to the State Govt. on 12/02/09. Expenditure has not been reported because State Government has released funds to the district recently on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 only. However, the DM of the district informed that implementation of projects approved is under process.

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

**(a) Construction of Additional Class Room (ACR) in High School:** Total literacy and female literacy rate in the district were 55.20% and 43.00% respectively. The proposal was for construction of 7 ACRs each in 10 high schools for the total cost of Rs.300.00 lakh. The district representative confirmed that proposed estimate is as per Rashtriya Madhayamik Siksha Abhiyan (RMSA) norms.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 7 ACRs each in 10 high schools for the total cost of Rs.300.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs. 225.00 lakh and Rs.75.00 lakh as State share in the ratio of 75:25 between Centre and State as per RMSA funding pattern subject to the condition that the approval of State mission director and State PWD would be obtained. In addition, condition mentioned at para 6 above would also be applicable. It was also confirmed by the district officer that the Additional Class Rooms



(ACRs) would be constructed in those schools which covered areas having a substantial minority population. The Empowered Committee approved the project, in the following manner:-

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost for seven ACRs	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	Seven nos. of additional class rooms in each high school	10 high schools	30.00	225.00	75.00	300.00

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

**(b) Construction of girls common rooms with toilet in high schools:** The proposal was for construction of 60 girls common rooms with toilets at a total cost of Rs.300.00 lakh in Govt. high schools. The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal subject to the condition that the estimate should be approved by the competent engineering department of the State Govt. and provision should be made for overhead tank with force pumps for water supply within the proposed unit cost. Conditions in para 6 above would also be applicable. 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.	Construction of girls common rooms with toilet in high schools	60	5.00	225.00	75.00	300.00

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

**(c) Construction of building for anganwadi centres (AWCs) (phase -2):** Health indicator i.e. vaccination to the children of 40.4% was below the national average of 43.5%. It was submitted that out of existing 3213 AWCs, less than 200 centres have their own buildings. Staff is available. Availability of land and list of villages with percentage of minority population where these AWCs are to be constructed, is to be informed by the State Govt. The representative of the State Govt. revised the number of AWCs from 186 to 372. The Empowered Committee accorded approval 372 anganwadi centres in the following manner subject to furnishing certificate that land is available. Conditions in para 6 above would also be applicable.

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1	Construction of anganwadi centres	372	3.00	1116.00	--	1116.00

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

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

**(a) Installation of hand pumps:** The proposal was for installation of 5000 hand pumps at a unit cost of Rs. 0.15 lakh at a total cost of 750.00 lakh. However, the representative of State Govt. revised the unit cost from Rs. 0.15 lakh to Rs. 0.444 lakh based on the estimate submitted by PHED

department. It has also informed that as the pumps are to be provided in waterlogged areas, the cost of construction was high. The number of hand pump proposed was reduced from 5000 to 1689 by State Govt. It was further stated that the proposal has been vetted by State PHED. The representative of Department of Drinking Water Supply stated that the proposal excepting the cost estimates has been recommended by the Department of Drinking Water Supply with the condition that there should be no duplication of work under NRDWP and the cost estimates of hand pumps should be submitted to Department of Drinking Water Supply for appraisal. He further added that ground water recharge structure/pits should be provided to each bore well under MsDP or by convergence with NREGS. The proposal should also be inter linked with District Drinking Water Security plan prepared by PHED for sustainability of all drinking water sources/systems in the perspective plan period of 20/30 years. The State Secretary and District Collector stated that it would be possible to have these elements through convergence under NREGS. As the unit cost was revised, the Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval of the proposal in the following manner subject to the condition that a detailed project report for the revised cost estimates would be required and an assurance from the State Govt. that the work will be executed in convergence with NREGS and other schemes. Conditions in para 6 above would also be applicable.

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	1689	0.444	562.44	187.48	749.92

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

**(b) Construction of new building for Health sub-centres (HSCs):** There were 569 HSCs in the district out of which 172 HSCs do not have their own building. The proposal was for construction of new building for 75 Health sub-centres (HSCs) at a unit cost of 9.50 lakh at a total cost of Rs. 712.50 lakh. It was informed by the representative of the State Govt. that the proposal has been approved by State mission director. The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval with the condition that a list of villages along with percentage of minority population covered by each health sub-centres and the information of availability of land would be provided by the State Govt. Conditions in para 6 above would also be applicable.

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (85%)	State Share (15%)	Total cost
Rs. in lakh						
1	Construction of new building for Health Sub-Centres (HSC)	75	9.50	605.63	106.87	712.50

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

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

Sl. no	Name of the project for Darbhanga (Bihar)	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>								
1	Construction of 7 nos. of additional class room (ACR) in each high school	75:25	10	30.00	225.00	75.00	300.00	112.50
2	Construction of girls common rooms with toilet in high schools	75:25	60	5.00	225.00	75.00	300.00	112.50
3	Construction of anganwadi centres	100:00	372	3.00	1116.00	-	1116.00	558.00
	<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>1566.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>1716.00</b>	<b>783.00</b>
<b>In-principle approval</b>								
4	Installation of hand pumps	75:25	1689	0.444	562.44	187.48	749.92	281.22
5	Construction of new building for Health sub-centres (HSC)	85:15	75	9.50	605.63	106.87	712.50	302.82
	<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>1168.07</b>	<b>294.35</b>	<b>1462.42</b>	<b>584.04</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>2734.07</b>	<b>444.35</b>	<b>3178.42</b>	<b>1367.04</b>

**Revised plan for balance fund available:** The Empowered Committee approved a total amount of Rs. 2734.07 lakh as a central share including in-principle approval leaving a balance of Rs. 2036.11 lakh. 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. It was advised that the revised plan may be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority. It was further advised that, wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools/secondary/higher secondary schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be made in the revised district plan with the commitment that the State Government would provide the land, staff and recurring costs.

### **Item No. 3 Sitamarhi (Bihar)[Phase II]**

The fund tentatively allocated for Sitamarhi district under the MsDP was Rs. 67.80 crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period. According to 2001 census, the population of minorities are 21% of the total population. Sitamarhi is a 'A' category i.e. having socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average.

District plan of Sitamarhi was considered in the 11<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee (EC) meeting. Project approved were for construction of 300 anganwadi centres for Rs 600.00 lakh (Central share) An amount of Rs. 300.00 lakh for construction of anganwadi centres was released to the State Govt. on 25.06.2009. Expenditure has not been reported because State Government has released funds to the district recently on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 only.

#### **(i) Project approved:**

**(a) Construction of IAY houses:** Households with pucca walls ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> priority among the development deficits identified by the baseline survey of the district. The proposal was for construction of 8402 IAY houses for Rs. 2940.70 lakh @ Rs.35,000 per unit. It was informed by the representative of the State Government that there is a wait list of two lakh BPL families for IAY houses. The representative of M/o Rural Development informed that during the current financial year funds will be released for construction of 45721 IAY houses. The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 5000 IAY houses for a total cost of Rs. 1750.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs. 1312.50 lakh and Rs. 437.50 lakh as State share as per the funding pattern of IAY between Centre and State in the ratio of 75:25 subject to the condition 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 and list of beneficiaries would be provided. Conditions in para 6 above would also be applicable. The following approval was accorded:

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	5000	0.35	1312.50	437.50	1750.00

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

**Summary of projects of Sitamarhi (Bihar) district approved by the Empowered Committee:**

Sl. no	Name of the project for Sitamarhi (Bihar)	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>								
1	Construction of IAY houses	75.25	5000	0.35	1312.50	437.50	1750.00	656.25
	<b>Total</b>				<b>1312.50</b>	<b>437.50</b>	<b>1750.00</b>	<b>656.25</b>

**(ii) Projects for which detailed justification/ note is required from the State Government**

- (a) Construction of water closet latrine and provision of hand pumps in H/S, M/S, Madrasa and Middle school
- (b) Construction of additional class room (ACR) in madrsas
- (c) Construction of computer room in madrasas

The Government of Bihar has been submitting several proposals for madrasas. However, the status of madrasas in Bihar is not clear. The Chairman Empowered Committee advised the representatives of Govt. of Bihar to submit a detailed note on the status of madrasas in Bihar so that comments of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India could be obtained thereon to consider the proposal, for assisting madrasas under Multi-sectoral Development Programme for minority concentration districts.

**Revised plan for balance fund available:** The Empowered Committee approved a total amount of Rs. 1312.50 lakh as a central share including in-principle approval leaving a balance of Rs. 4867.50 lakh. 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. It was advised that the revised plan may be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority. It was further advised that, wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools/secondary/higher secondary schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be made in the revised district plan with the commitment that the State Government would provide the land, staff and recurring costs.

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