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MINUTES OF THE 45th MEETING OF EMPOWERED COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REVISED DISTRICT PLANS UNDER MULTI-SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN MINORITY CONCENTRATION DISTRICTS OF SITAMARHI, ARARIA, WEST CHAMPARAN, PURNEA, KATIHAR, KISHANGANJ AND DARBHANGA AND CONVERSION FROM IN-PRINCIPLE TO APPROVED PROJECTS FOR NORTH SIKKIM, WAYANAD, NORTH EAST DELHI AND SHAHJAHANPUR HELD ON 11TH MARCH, 2011 AT 11.00 A.M. UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS.

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

2. At the outset, the Chairperson of the Empowered Committee stated that Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) for Minority Concentration Districts (MCD) was now an iconic programme of the Central Government. The progress of implementation was reviewed on quarterly basis by the Delivery Monitoring Unit (DMU) in PMO (Prime Minister's Office) and the status of implementation of multi-sectoral development (MsD) plans in MCDs are placed on the web-site of the Ministry. The details consist 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, have made information available to the public and facilitated social audit. It was, therefore, imperative that the State Governments/UT Administrations should implement the programme properly as per schedule, and monitor and review the performance regularly and closely. State Governments/UT Administrations should particularly ensure that delay does not take place and funds, both Central and State share (wherever applicable), are released to the districts within one month of receipt from the Centre. The districts in turn should release funds to the executing agencies at the earliest so that work is started and completed within the scheduled period. The Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) format for MsDP comprehensively covers all important aspects of implementation of the programme and in the context of presenting the latest data and information accurately on the website, the States/UTs should ensure that QPRs with all its columns filled properly are submitted to the Ministry for every quarter ending within the stipulated date.

3. The Chairperson of the Empowered Committee explained the background how 90 minority concentration districts (MCDs) were identified as backward and why the scheme of multi-sectoral development programme (MsDP) was launched for addressing the 'development deficits' of such districts. He added that the baseline survey report, 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 the development 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 interventions by MsDP would result in improvement of the backwardness parameters of a minority concentration district and bring the relevant parameters at par with the national averages. It was therefore important to ensure that, 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 do so or bring out the reasons for not doing so.

4. The Chairperson 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, and that the identification of the district as backward was also based on four parameters which was for the whole district, 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. Villages/locations with the highest proportion (percentage) of minorities should be selected for location of project/assets so that the minorities enjoy the locational advantage of deriving maximum benefit from the asset provided. In respect of Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), the entire number of units sanctioned under MsDP would be given to BPL households, from minority communities as well as other communities, in order of the serial number in the approved wait list without making separate allocation for Scheduled Castes (SC) or Scheduled Tribes (ST). Improving the relevant backwardness indices upto national averages was the primary mandate of the scheme for inclusive growth. 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 CSS, wherever appropriate, could be proposed in the district plan as these are established schemes and could be implemented with ease without setting up new structures for implementing them. The Chairperson emphasized that deviations from the existing guidelines of Centrally Sponsored Schemes were not permitted under the MsDP.

5. It was important to ensure that funds given under MsDP are to be treated as additionality for supplementing the resources for CSS and the existing level of resources allocated annually under various CSS to the district is 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 on priority, depending upon their deprivation ranking. 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 Chairperson that accounts under MsDP should be maintained separately and Central Ministry concerned informed of assets created in respect of CSS topped up under MsDP.

6. It has been noticed that in some cases that the State Governments have generally taken much time in releasing funds to the district/implementing agency. All sanction letters stipulate that funds should be released to the district/implementing agency within a month's time. Further, wherever more than a year has lapsed since the release of funds, 100% expenditure was required to be achieved and utilization certificate to that effect furnished for claiming release of 2nd instalment.

7. It was emphasized by the Chairperson that quality control was to be ensured through regular and frequent field visits and by testing samples of the construction work for which funds would be sanctioned by the Ministry on receipt of request from the State concerned. National Level Monitors have been appointed for each MCD and they have already started field visits to report on the quality of assets and the outcome/impact of the asset created. Further, Members of

Parliament (MP) and Member of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) have been included in the State and district level committees for implementation of the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities which also serves as the committee for MsDP. It was therefore important that the State Government give the highest priority in ensuring that the programme is implemented properly.

8. The provision in para 19 of the scheme of MsDP requiring erection or displaying a plate on a 'display board' was pointed out, which should have— Name of the project/scheme printed followed by "Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP), Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India." For projects with longer construction period, in addition to above, the name of implementing agency, date of sanction of the project, likely date of completion and estimated cost of the project should be printed on the display boards. The State Government representatives were advised to put up a permanent display on completion of each project. For ensuring a close monitoring system, the Ministry has assigned one National Level Monitor for each MCD and States/UTs are being advised to maintain an inspection register wherever assets under MsDP have been created for enabling the Monitors and officials from the State, district and Centre to record their observations during their field visits.

General conditions applicable to projects approved by the Empowered Committee

9. For approvals given by the Empowered Committee, including in-principle approvals, the Principal Secretary/Secretary of States/UTs and the District Collectors/representatives were advised to note that the following conditions would apply to all projects under MsDP and compliance with these was to be ensured by the State Government/UT administration concerned, if not already complied with.

- (i) Approval of the State department/Mission Director for Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) concerned specifically confirming that -
 - (a) there is a need for having the proposal sanctioned under MsDP;
 - (b) duplication has been ruled out;
 - (c) the proposal is as per norms, specifications, layout design and funding norms of the CSS guidelines concerned;
 - (d) the proposal has been prepared as per the unit cost/norms including cost norms, prescribed for the CSS concerned;

- (e) separate accounts for schemes under MsDP will be maintained and details sent to the Central Ministry concerned for maintaining proper record of assets and avoiding double counting and duplication;
- (ii) Confirmation from the State Secretary/Government representative that -
 - (a) the estimates have been prepared as per Schedule of Rates (SOR) of the State Government and have been approved by a competent engineering department of the State Govt;
 - (b) staff is available in respect of a functioning unit or staff would be provided in respect of a new unit;
 - (c) recurring expenditure would be provided by the State Government; and
 - (d) land is available and/or will be provided by the State Government
 - (iii) The State Secretary/Government representative should confirm, if not indicated already in the minutes of the State level committee held for recommending the district plans, that:-
 - (a) State share, wherever applicable for CSS, would be provided as per its funding pattern by the State Government;
 - (b) Central funds will be released to the district/implementing agencies within one month of the receipt from the Central Govt.
 - (c) The State share shall be released alongwith the Central funds to the districts/implementation agencies.
 - (d) funds under MsDP will not be used for purchase of land, repairs, maintenance, staff, adjustment of any taxes and running of the scheme; and
 - (e) villages/locations with the highest proportion (percentage) of minority population will be selected for location of project/assets. A list of such villages/locations along with the proportion (percentage) of minority population of each village/location would be provided.

Review meetings of Oversight committee in State, and State and district level committees

10. The scheme of MsDP envisages quarterly review meetings by the State and district level committees for implementation of the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities which also serves as the review committees for MsDP. The State level committee also doubles as the Oversight Committee for MsDP. It was advised that quarterly review meetings for State level committee/State Oversight Committee and district level Committee should be held and copy of the meeting notice should be sent to the Ministry to enable a representative to attend State Level meetings as envisaged under MsDP. Members of Parliament have been nominated in such Committees by the Central Government and they should be invited to attend the meetings. MLAs are also to be nominated on the Committees by the State Government.

Sample testing and quality control

10.2 Need for ensuring quality control by having samples tested was emphasized. The Ministry will provide the expenditure required for this purpose from the administrative cost provision under MsDP. The State officials were advised to send proposals for release of funds for this purpose. The district officials confirmed that no separate allocation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for IAY units sanctioned under MsDP has been made and the entire IAY units are given to BPL families in the order their names appear in the IAY approved wait list even if they belong to non-minority communities. They understood that it was for this reason that villages/localities having the highest percentage of minority population were being selected for ensuring that maximum benefits are derived by persons from the minority communities.

Photographs

10.3 Photographs of work in progress and completed indicating type of assets, location/villages, date and time should be placed on the website of the district, State and the Ministry. The officials from the State and districts were impressed upon the need to have photographs, in digital format, sent to the Ministry and also host them in the official website of the State and district. The photos in digital format may be sent to the **email address of Dr. Pardeep Kumar, Research Officer in the Ministry p.kamboj@nic.in**

Preparation of revised district plan

11. After consideration of the district plans by the Empowered Committee meeting, in case there was still balance funds available for a MCD, it was advised for consideration of the committee at the State and district levels that the revised plan may be prepared to address the identified development deficits of the district and may include proposal for construction of hostels in secondary/higher secondary schools from class IX to XII where there is no residential school facility for girl and boy students. Girl students from rural areas passing out from KGBV may not be in a position to continue their studies at secondary/higher secondary level as there may be no hostel facility after class VIII. Boy students may require such facility from upper primary school level onwards as KGBV type of residential schools are not provided for them. Construction of hostels could be proposed and the conditions required to be kept in view are at **Annex-A.**

Further, additional class rooms as per SSA norms for upper primary school could be considered and proposed for KGBVs where class rooms also serve as dormitory for girl students.

Inter college/secondary/higher secondary school could be constructed under MsDP as per the scheme of D/o School Education & Literacy for setting up of 6000 model schools at block level under Kendriya Vidyalaya School (KVS) norms in conformity with the KVS/Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) pattern. Requirement/conditions in this regard is at **Annex-B**

The availability of ITIs/increasing the capacity of existing ITIs for skill education in the district and also to facilitate training in a number of courses under Modular Employable Scheme would need to be considered and proposed for catering to students who, for various reasons, are unable to continue school education. In case the govt. is ready to give commitment for meeting the recurring expenditure including staff provision and provide land, construction of ITI along with hostel facility and machinery requirement as per NCVT norms could be proposed under MsDP. The conditions required to be kept in view are at **Annex-C**.

Similarly, in respect of construction of polytechnics the requirements laid down in **Annex-D** will be applicable.

Review by Oversight Committee and recommendations of the Empowered Committee

12. The implementation of projects approved earlier by the Empowered Committee (EC) for Sitamarhi, Araria, West Champaran, Purnea, Katihar, Kishanganj, Darbhanga (Bihar) and North East Delhi (Delhi) were reviewed by the Oversight Committee. The review and consideration of proposals for districts of Bihar were carried out through video conferencing with the State Secretary of Minority Welfare Department (MWD), Director of Science & Technology, Director for ITIs at Patna and the District Collectors (DC) at their respective district headquarters. The Special Secretary and the Deputy Secretary from the Minority Welfare Department of Bihar were present in the meeting in the Ministry. The officers from the States were advised to ensure that photographs of work indicating the location/villages, date and time are placed on the website of their district and the State, and a digital copy sent by email to this Ministry. The State Secretary stated that the Central funds for projects approved by the 33rd EC

meeting were received by the State in December, 2010. Funds have been recently transferred to the districts and works will be started soon. It would be possible to send UCs only in September, 2011. For works approved in the 8th, 11th, 24th, and 27th EC meetings, the DCs would provide the details of works. State share has been released and the balance would be released this month after the budget is passed by the State Assembly.

(i) **Sitamarhi:** Construction of 300 units of anganwadi centres (AWCs) was the only project approved for this district in the 11th EC. Work for construction of 70 units of AWCs has started. Land availability problems were faced in the rest. It was advised that, as done in other States, the AWCs could be located in the premises of primary schools. The district collector (DC) indicated that this along with the possibility of donations by individuals and converting the land into Government land, as done in the State for social work scheme, would be explored. The District Collector (DC) agreed to send utilization certificate (UC) before the end of March, 2011. Construction of 5000 Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) houses was approved in the 27th EC meeting and work for 2500 IAY houses were in progress. UC for this project will be sent before the end of March, 2011. State share has been released and the balance would be released this month after the budget is passed by the State Assembly.

(ii) **Araria:** DC stated that photographs of all works have been uploaded in the website of the district. In the 8th EC, 44 additional class rooms (ACRs), school buildings and anganwadi centres (AWCs) were approved. Works in 44 ACRs, 10 school buildings and 40 AWCs have been completed and UCs will be submitted before the March, 2011. Works in 281 AWCs were in progress and 100% UC will be submitted before the end of March, 2011. Details of projects approved in 24th EC were as follows:- Upgradation of 4 Primary Health Centres has been held up as the State health society is revising the norms which may lead to revision of estimates. The State Secretary (MWD) asked the DC to start the work and assured him that additional fund, if needed as a consequence of revision of estimates, would be provided by the Minority Welfare Department in case the same is not made available by the State Health Department. Construction of 24 Additional Primary Health Centres (APHCs) have started and were in different stages of construction. Two more months will be taken to complete the work. The DC agreed to try and send UC for 60% utilization before the end of March, 2011. Construction of 25 Health Sub Centres (HSCs) has been completed and 45 were in progress. The DC agreed to try and send UC

for 60% utilization before the end of March, 2011. Furniture for 500 primary and 300 middle schools has been supplied. The names of the Ministry and the programme have been printed on the furniture. The DC agreed to send UC for 60% utilization before the end of March, 2011. Work for drinking water supply facility in 800 Government and Government aided primary, middle and high schools with force lift pumps and terafil filter has been completed. In 44 such schools they were in progress. The DC agreed to send UC for 60% utilization before the end of March, 2011. Construction of 89 ACRs for high schools were in progress and UC will be submitted before the end of March, 2011. Construction of girls' hostel in 5 high schools with boundary walls was in progress. The DC agreed to try and send UC for 60% utilization before the end of March, 2011. Construction of most AWCs (Phase-II) out of 498 was in progress. In more than a 100 cases there were problems of land availability which is expected to be resolved by April, 2011. All AWCs would be completed by 2011 May end.

(iii) **West Champaran:** Details of projects approved in 24th EC were as follows:- Construction of 400 AWCs were in progress and work will be completed soon. In a few cases land availability was a problem. The DC agreed to send UC for 100% utilization before the end of March, 2011. Construction of 14 ACRs with verandah for girls' high schools will be completed by end of June, 2011. Construction of laboratory rooms for physics, chemistry and biology and supply of equipments and furniture were in progress and will be completed in April – May, 2011. Mark-II hand pumps have been procured by PHED for installation in 150 schools and Govt. aided madarsa. This work will be completed by May – June, 2011. Construction of 4 units of water closet latrines in 50 Government aided madarsa was implemented by PHED and will be completed by April – May, 2011.

(iv) **Purnea:** Details of projects approved in 11th EC were as follows:- Construction of 110 AWCs have been completed, 550 AWCs were in progress and land identification going on for 340 AWCs. All work will be completed by 2011 June. Second instalment has been released recently by the Ministry and completion certificate (CC) would be required to be submitted to the Ministry on completion of the project. Work for strengthening of one girls' high school will be completed by last week of March, 2011. Second instalment has been released recently by the Ministry and a completion certificate (CC) would be required to be submitted to the Ministry on completion of the project. Construction of ACRs in 13 KGBV completed. In 2 KGBVs, work

was in progress and will be completed by March, 2011. Completion certificate (CC) would be required to be submitted to the Ministry on completion of the project. Construction of 4 Primary Health Sub-Centre (PHSCs) has been completed, 2 PHSCs were in progress and will complete by mid May, 2011 and in the remaining one PHSC, work will be started soon. Providing laboratory facilities for 11 high schools were in progress and work in all 23 high schools will be completed by May, 2011. In the 27th EC meeting, construction of 42 AWCs was approved. All works of AWCs will be completed by 2011 June. Second instalment has been released recently by the Ministry and a completion certificate (CC) would be required to be submitted to the Ministry on completion of the project. Detailed project reports (DPRs) for in-principle approved projects for construction of class rooms, workshops and administrative building for girls' ITI, procurement of equipments for the ITI and construction of girls' hostel in ITI at Purnea (Approved in-principle in the 32nd EC meeting) was submitted in the meeting. The DPRs would be sent to the Ministry of Labour & Empowerment for appraisal and clearance. It was advised that quality of work should be ensured specially for the projects involving construction of large structure like boys' hostel in ITI Purnea and boys' hostel in Purnea College approved in the 39th EC meeting, Central funds for three hostels have been released by the Ministry in December, 2010.

(v) **Katihar:** Details of projects approved in 11th EC were as follows:- Construction of 6 Additional Primary Health Centres (APHCs) have reached 80% completion stage. The DC agreed to send UC for 60% utilization before the end of March, 2011. Land for construction of 50 units of AWCs was available and work has started. Land availability problems were faced in the rest for 258 units. It was advised that, as done in other States, the AWCs could be located in the premises of primary schools. This along with the possibility of donations by individuals and converting the land into Government land, as done in the State for social work scheme, would be explored. The DC stated that efforts were also on to identify land at higher ground level and assured that identification of land would be completed by April, 2011. Construction of 5 ACRs for high schools has reached 80% stage and will be completed by March, 2011. Laboratory equipments have been purchased and UC will be sent before the end of March, 2011. Construction of toilet and water facility for 5 high schools in progress and will be completed by March, 2011. The DC indicated that UC would be sent before the end of March, 2011.

(vi) **Kishanganj:** Details of projects approved in 11th EC were as follows:- Upgradation of 2 Primary Health Centres, executed by Rural Works Department, have been completed, one was in progress and 3 have been started recently. The District Collector (DC) indicated that utilization certificate (UC) would be sent before the end of March, 2011. Construction of 900 IAY houses has been completed, 1744 were in progress and work has been started for rest. Construction of 39 AWCs has been completed, 297 started and the rest were faced with land availability problem. Land identification for AWCs will be sorted out in the same manner as advised in respect of other MCDs of Bihar. Details of projects approved in 24th EC were as follows:- Construction of one ADPHC has been completed and the remaining 4 will be completed by end of March, 2011. Construction of 7 Health Sub Centres has been completed, 10 were in progress and will be completed by 2011 April. Three cases were faced with land problem. Construction of laboratory in 36 high schools were in progress and will be completed by May, 2011. One was faced with land problem. Supply of furniture/equipments and other facilities were being received and will be completed by March, 2011. The DC assured that UC would be sent before the end of March, 2011. Construction work of installation of overhead tap water to laboratory and small room with incinerator for sanitary napkin disposal in 37 high schools has been completed in 50% cases and the remaining 50% will be completed by March, 2011. Construction of toilets for girls and boys in 37 high schools has been completed in 10% cases and the rest would be started soon. This work was executed by the Rural Works Department. 50% of the works for construction of Government aided madarsa schools with 6 class rooms each in 49 madrasas and construction of 3 class rooms each in 100 madarsas were nearing completion. In 3 cases where 3 class rooms were constructed per madarsa, there were land problems. All works were expected to be completed by May, 2011.

(vii) **Darbhanga:** Details of projects approved in 8th, 27th, 33rd and 41st ECs were as follows: - Construction of 665 AWCs, 2285 IAY, 30 ACRs, 60 girls common rooms with toilet, 11 laboratory in high schools, 6 hostels (4 girls and 2 boys), 15 APHCs and 1689 hand pumps was approved. State govt has already released State share of Rs.25.00 lakh and Rs.41.25 lakgh for construction of 20 ACRs and establishment of laboratory in high schools. Constructions of 150 units of AWCs were in progress. UCs in respect of IAY would be submitted by April, 2011. The fund released for constructions of ACRs in high school and girl's common rooms with toilets have been utilized and UC has been sent to the State Govt. State Govt. was requested to send

Utilization Certificates of Rs.14.20 crore. The funds for the projects approved in the 33rd Empowered Committee were released by the State Govt. to the district in December, 2010 and work for these will be started soon.

(viii) **North East Delhi:** An amount of Rs. 1685.50 lakh has been approved as Central share (Administrative +in-principle approval) by Empowered Committee of which Rs. 155.00 lakh for the projects ACRs, separate toilet blocks has been released on 29.03.2010. State Govt. was requested to send UCs for the above projects and also release Rs.120.00 lakh to the district as State share. Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) was also awaited from State Govt.

Item No. 1. Sitamarhi (Bihar)

Sitamarhi has been classified as a category 'A' district having both socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. The fund allocated for the district under MsDP was Rs. 67.80 crore for the 11th Five Year Plan. The district plans of Sitamarhi were considered in the 11th, 27th and 33rd Empowered Committee (EC) meetings and projects totaling to Rs.3060.68 lakh of Central assistance were approved. A balance of Rs.3719.32 lakh was still available. A total of Rs.1530.34 lakh of Central fund has been released to the State Govt. on 25/06/2009, 24/02/2010 and 3/9/2010. The following proposals contained in the district plan were considered for approval:

(i) Projects approved:

(a) Construction of Women's Polytechnics: The percentage of total work participation and female work participation in the district was 32% and 13.1% against the All India average of 38% and 21.5% respectively. The percentage of total literacy and female literacy in the district was 38.5 and 47.3 against All India average of 67.3% and 57.1% respectively. The parameters of the district were found below the national average and were needed to be addressed.

The Bihar Government has proposed for construction of a polytechnic institute under MsDP in the district. A standard type DPR for construction of a polytechnic institute for Rs.36 crore has been prepared by the State Science & Technology Department. The Director of Science & Technology Department stated that the proposal has been prepared taking into consideration the sub-mission scheme for setting up of polytechnics of the Ministry of Human Resources

Development. It was pointed out by the Ministry that this may not be the case as the said scheme clearly provides for funding of Rs.12.30 crore for a polytechnic with two hostels by the Central Government i.e. Rs.8 crore for capital costs and Rs.4.30 for equipments, machineries etc. He was requested to look at the scheme of HRD again and prepare a DPR on the lines as provided under the scheme. The Director of Science & Technology Department and the State Secretary of Minority Welfare Department stated that the State Government was committed to provide staff, recurring expenditure, maintain assets created and provide land. They also stated that in case the cost for construction of a polytechnic institute exceeded the amount of Rs.12.30 crore to be funded by the Central Government, the State Government would fund the amount exceeding Rs.12.30 crore.

The Empowered Committee considered the proposal and advised the State Government officials to have a DPR revised in line with the HRD scheme, provide a letter from the State Government stating that staff, recurring expenditure and land would be provided by the State Government, and also agree to maintain the asset proposed to be created. compliance with the conditions in para 9 above will also be ensured.

Balance fund available for which DPR and revised district plans were required to be submitted to the Ministry of Minority Affairs:

Against the tentative allocation of Rs.6780 Lakh for the 11th Five Year Plan for Sitamarhi District, there was still a balance of Rs.3719.32 lakh. It was requested to have the DPR revised expeditiously and two copies sent to the Ministry by speed post/courier. The district authority and the State Government representatives were advised to refer to the contents of para 11 above and prepare a revised district plan to utilize the balance allocation fully. Further, it was advised that this was the penultimate year of the 11th Five Year Plan and that only one year was left for implementation of MsDP and this should be kept in view and projects, preferably those, which can be completed within a period of one year proposed.

Item No. 2 Katihar (Bihar)

Katihar has been classified as a category 'A' district having both socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. The fund allocated for the district under MsDP was Rs. 82.60 crore for the 11th Five Year Plan. The district plans of Katihar were considered in

the 8th and 33rd Empowered Committee (EC) meetings and projects totaling to Rs.3843.82 lakh of Central assistance were approved. A balance of Rs.4416.18 lakh was still available. A total of Rs.1952.86 lakh has been released to the State Govt. on 12/02/2009, 30/11/2010 and 17/02/2011. The following proposal contained in the district plan was considered for approval:

Proposals considered for approval:

(i) Construction of Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) houses:

Households with pucca walls ranked 2nd priority among the development deficits identified by the baseline survey of the district. Construction of 4760 units of IAY houses @Rs.45,000 per unit has been proposed over and above 7140 units of IAY houses sanctioned under MsDP for this district. There was a huge wait list of 181893 BPL families in the approved waitlist for IAY houses. The percentage of houses with pucca walls in the district was 20.2% against 59.4% of All India average and has been identified as one of the development deficits identified by a baseline survey for the district and was needed to be addressed adequately.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the construction of 4760 IAY houses for a total cost of Rs.2142.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.1606.50 lakh and Rs.535.50 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 without making separate allocation for Scheduled Castes (SC) or Scheduled Tribes (ST). Villages with the highest proportion of minority population would be selected and the list of beneficiaries would be hosted in the district/State website and also sent to the Ministry. It was confirmed by the district and State officials that the conditions mentioned in para 9 above have been fulfilled. The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total Central share as first instalment. The following approval was accorded:

S. No.	Name of the project	Sharing ratio	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
Administrative approval					(Rs. in Lakh)			
1	Construction of IAY houses	75:25	4760	0.45	1606.50	535.50	2142.00	803.25
	Sub-total				1606.50	535.50	2142.00	803.25

(ii) Construction of anganwadi centres: The percentage of fully vaccinated children and percentage delivered in a health facility in the district were 23.00% and 7.70% against 43.50% and 38.70% of All India average. Both the parameters were below the national average and the proposal of the State Government to enhance the number of construction of AWCs under MsDP would address the development deficit identified by a baseline survey for the district. So far, 308 AWCs have been sanctioned for the district under MsDP. The DC stated that there were 2325 AWCs in the district and 196 of them had buildings. Rest was operating from rented building or the premises of the anganwadi worker.

The proposal was for construction of an additional number of 545 AWCs @Rs.3.00 lakh per unit of AWCs based on the earlier advice of the Ministry of Women & Child Development (M/o WCD). This proposal was made by the Directorate of ICDS in Patna. The DC supported the proposal in view the huge gap in AWC buildings and the deficit in the parameter. The representative from the M/o WCD stated that the matter for enhancing the unit cost for construction of AWC has been considered on a reference made by the Ministry of Minority Affairs to the problems faced by the Governments of Bihar and West Bengal and it has been advised recently that an area in a minimum of 600 square feet may be maintained with provisions for sitting room for children/women, separate kitchen, store for store items, child friendly toilets and space for playing of children with drinking water facilities and the unit cost may be as per the SOR of the State Government approved by a competent engineering department. The State Secretary for Minority Welfare stated that Bihar Government has been constructing AWCs at a cost of Rs.4.66 lakh and while stating that it had an area of 600 sq. ft. and all necessary provisions, requested that construction of AWCs to be approved for Rs.4.66 lakh. The DC confirmed that the AWCs would be located in villages mainly in 8 blocks having a substantial minority population and agreed to supply the list with the percentage of minority population.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 545 units of AWCs @Rs.4.66 lakh for a total cost of Rs.2539.70 lakh as Central assistance. The State Government agreed to adhere to the advice of the M/o WCD as indicated above. It was noted that the State Government has agreed to the commitments and conditions mentioned in para 9 above. The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total Central share as first instalment.

Approval was given in the following manner:

S. No.	Name of the scheme	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
A. Administrative Approval								Rs. In Lakh
1	Construction of anganwadi centres	100:00	545	4.66	2539.7	-	2539.7	1269.85

(iii) **Solar lantern for girl students:** The proposal was for enhancing the number of units of lanterns already sanctioned under MsDP by adding another 3520 lanterns for a total cost of Rs.130.24 lakh @ Rs.0.037 lakh. It was noted that 7040 units of solar lanterns @ Rs.0.033 lakh (Rs.1500 CFA) have already been sanctioned for this district under MsDP in the 33rd EC meeting and the first installment has been released. UC for this was awaited.

Lanterns would be supplied to girl child belonging to BPL family to encourage to continue their studies. One school going girl child per BPL family, studying in class IX to XII will be eligible to get one solar lantern free of cost during the entire period of her school study. The distribution of solar lanterns to such girl child will be organized by the concerned State Nodal Agency (SNA) through the District Administration to ensure verification of BPL status and for obtaining the details of the school and class of the girl child. The SNAs are required to maintain complete record of girl child beneficiaries and ensure strict compliance and monitoring of the provisions of the scheme in this regard.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for 3520 solar lantern for a total cost of Rs. 130.24 lakh @ Rs.0.037 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs. 52.80 (Rs.1500 CFA) for solar lantern. State share including beneficiary contribution, will be Rs. 77.44 lakh. The approval was given subject to the conditions at para 9 above, adherences to guidelines of the M/o New and Renewable Energy, approval of Bihar Renewable Energy Development Agency (BREDA) to the project and commitment of meeting the remaining cost by the State Government including beneficiary contribution. The EC approved for release of 50% of the total Central share as 1st installment. The following approval was accorded.

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Central Financial Assistance (CFA) per unit	Unit cost	Central share	State share including Beneficiary contribution	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)			
1	Solar lantern	3520	Rs.1500/-	0.037	52.80	77.44	130.24

(iv) Construction of hostel for boys:

Rate of literacy and rate of female literacy in the district were 55.8% and 45.8% against 67.3% and 57.1% of All India average as per the baseline survey. Both the parameters were below the national average and the proposal of the State Government would address the development deficit identified by a baseline survey for the district.

The proposal was for construction of one unit of boys' hostels in MBTA College with a capacity of 100 students, provisions for warden's and chowkidar's rooms and a perimeter fencing wall for security. The hostel will cost Rs.400 lakh. It was however submitted by the State Secretary of Minority Welfare Department that the State Government has worked out a type estimate for construction of hostels of 100 bed capacity in districts for Bihar State for Rs.240 lakh prepared as per the Scheduled of Rates (SOR) of the State Government which has been approved by the competent engineering department. He proposed that this rate may be adopted for all hostels proposed under MsDP. It was confirmed by the DC that they were to be constructed within the premises of Government high schools and all these high schools were located in villages/areas having a high concentration of minority population. The State Government was aware of the requirements under Annex-A as given above and the funding pattern i.e. 100% Central assistance for girls' hostel and 50:50 ratio between the Centre and State for boys' hostel.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of boys' hostels in MBTA College with a capacity of 100 students, provisions for warden's and chowkidar's rooms and a perimeter fencing wall for security @ Rs.240 lakh for a total cost of Rs. 240.00 lakh. It was noted that the State Government has kept the requirements of Annex-A above in view. The State officials certified that all the commitments required under para 9 above have been fulfilled. They also informed that it is a Govt. college. The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total Central share as first instalment.

Approval was given in the following manner:

S. No.	Name of the scheme	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
					Rs. In Lakh			
1	Construction of boy's hostel in MBTA College	50:50	1	240	120	120	240	60

(vi) Construction of workshop and administrative building in Women's ITI Katihar:

The proposal was for construction of workshop and administrative building in ITI Katihar. It was pointed out that construction of administrative building was not envisaged under MsDP. In case there is still a need for additional workshop, a DPR could be prepared by the district administration in consultation with the Director for Industrial Training Institute in Bihar/ State technical education department keeping in view the requirement mentioned in Annex-C at para 11 above for having it appraised by the Ministry of Labour and Employment. Conditions mentioned in para 9 above should be complied with.

(vii) Solar street lights: The proposal for solar street lights was dropped by the DC due to the involvement of a huge amount of fund from the State Government as financial assistance from the Centre would be limited to the level of Central assistance prescribed by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy. It was noted that 2980 units of solar street lights have already been sanctioned for this district under MsDP in the 33rd EC meeting and the first instalment has been released. UC for this was awaited.

Summary of proposal approved by the Empowered Committee for Sitamarhi district:

S. No.	Name of the scheme	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
Administrative approval					Rs. In Lakh			
1	Construction of IAY houses	75:25	4760	0.45	1606.50	535.50	2142.00	803.25

2	Construction of anganwadi centres	100:00	545	4.66	2539.7	-	2539.7	1269.85
3	Solar lantern		3520	0.037(RS.1500 CFA)	52.80	77.44	130.24	26.40
4	Construction of boy's hostel in MBTA College	50:50	1	240	120.00	120.00	240.00	60.00
	Grand Total				4319	732.94	5051.94	2159.5

Balance available: - Against the tentative allocation for the district of Rs.8260.00 lakh for Sitamarhi district, projects totaling to Rs.3843.82 lakh (In the 8th and 33rd EC meetings) were approved as Central assistance and projects for Rs.120.00 lakh were approved in principle. A balance of Rs.4416.18 lakh was available for preparation of revised district plan for consideration of the 45th EC. Projects amounting to Rs.4319.00 lakh have been approved in the instant 45th EC meeting taking the total to Rs.8162.82 lakh. **A balance of Rs.97.18 lakh** would still be available for proposing a revised district plan. The DC and the State Secretary of Minority Welfare Department were advised to refer to the contents of para 11 above and prepare a revised district plan to utilize the balance allocation fully. Further, as this was the penultimate year of the 11th Five Year Plan and that only one year was left for implementation of MsDP, it was advised to keep this in view and propose projects that address the development deficits, preferably those, which can be completed within a period of one year.

Item no. 3: Araria (Bihar)

Araria has been classified as a category 'A' district having both socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. An amount of Rs.81.10 crore has been allocated for the district for the 11th Five Year Plan. The district plans of Araria were considered in the 8th, 24th and 33rd Empowered Committee (EC) meetings and projects totaling to Rs.5475.11 lakh were approved as Central assistance and projects for Rs.120.00 lakh were approved in principle. A balance of Rs.2514.89 lakh was available for preparation of revised district plan. So far, Central funds totaling to Rs.2737.54 lakh have been released to the Government of Bihar for Araria district. The following proposals contained in the district plan was considered for approval:

Proposals considered for approval:

(i) **Construction of anganwadi centres:** The percentage of fully vaccinated children and percentage delivered in a health facility in the district were 18.2% and 20.1% against 43.5% and 38.7% of All India average as per the baseline survey. Both the parameters were below the national average and the proposal of the State Government to enhance the number of construction of AWCs under MsDP would address the development deficit identified by a baseline survey for the district. So far, 798 AWCs have been sanctioned for the district under MsDP.

The proposal was for an additional number of 104 AWCs. This proposal has been made by the Directorate of Social Welfare taking into account the gaps and the DC indicated that he had no objection to the requirement projected by the State Government. The proposal was for construction @Rs.3.00 lakh per unit of AWCs based on the earlier advice of the Ministry of Women & Child Development (M/o WCD). The representative from the M/o WCD stated that the matter for enhancing the unit cost for construction of AWC has been considered on a reference made by the Ministry of Minority Affairs to the problems faced by the Governments of Bihar and West Bengal and it has been advised recently that an area in a minimum of 600 square feet may be maintained with provisions for sitting room for children/women, separate kitchen, store for store items, child friendly toilets and space for playing of children with drinking water facilities and the unit cost may be as per the SOR of the State Government approved by a competent engineering department. The State Secretary for Minority Welfare stated that Bihar Government has been constructing AWCs at a cost of Rs.4.66 lakh and while stating that it had an area of 600 sq. ft. and all necessary provisions, requested that construction of AWCs may be approved for Rs.4.66 lakh. The DC confirmed that the AWCs would be located in villages having a substantial minority population and agreed to supply the list with the percentage of minority population.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 104 units of AWCs @Rs.4.66 lakh for a total cost of Rs. 484.64 lakh as Central assistance. The State Government will adhere to the advice of the M/o WCD as indicated above. It was noted that the State Government has agreed to the commitments mentioned in para 9 above. The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total Central share as first instalment.

Approval was given in the following manner:

S. No.	Name of the scheme	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
					Rs. In Lakh			
1	Construction of anganwadi centres	100:00	104	4.66	484.64		484.64	242.32

(ii) Construction of hostels for girls and boys:

Rate of literacy and rate of female literacy in the district were 58.0% and 46.5% against 67.3% and 57.1% of All India average as per the baseline survey. Both the parameters were below the national average and the proposal of the State Government would address the development deficit identified by a baseline survey for the district.

The proposal was for construction of 5 units of girls' hostels and 4 units of boys' hostels in high schools each of dormitory type with a capacity of 100 students, provisions for warden's and chowkidar's rooms and a perimeter fencing wall for security. Each hostel will cost Rs.54.63 lakh. The DC confirmed that they were to be constructed within the premises of Government high schools and all these high schools were located in villages/areas having a high concentration of minority population. The State Government was aware of the requirements under Annex-A as given above and the funding pattern i.e. 100% Central assistance for girls' hostel and 50:50 ratio between the Centre and State for boys' hostel.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 5 units of girls' hostels and 4 units of boys' hostels in high schools, each with a capacity of 100 students, provisions for warden's and chowkidar's rooms and a perimeter fencing wall for security @ Rs.54.63 lakh for a total cost of Rs.491.67 lakh. It was noted that the State Government has kept the requirements of Annex-A above in view and met all the commitments required under para 9 above. The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total Central share as first instalment.

Approval was given in the following manner:

S. No.	Name of the scheme	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
Rs. In Lakh								
1	Construction of girl's hostel in high school	100:00	5	54.63	273.15	-	273.15	136.57
2	Construction of boy's hostel in high school	50:50	4	54.63	109.26	109.26	218.52	54.63
	Total				382.41	109.26	491.67	191.2

(iii) Construction of hostel for girls in ITI Forbesganj:

The percentage of total work participation and female work participation in the district was 34.8% and 19.3% against the All India average of 38% and 21.5% respectively. The percentage of total literacy and female literacy in the district was 58% and 46.5% against All India average of 67.3% and 57.1% respectively as per the baseline survey. Both the parameters were below the national average and the proposal of the State Government would address the development deficit identified by a baseline survey for the district.

The proposal was for construction of girls' hostel in ITI Forbesganj with a capacity of 152 students and provisions for warden's and chowkidar's accommodation @Rs.294.12 lakh. The estimate has been prepared as per the Scheduled of Rates (SOR) of the State Government and has been approved by the competent engineering department. The building will be a two floor RCC structure. The DC confirmed that they were to be constructed within the premises of the ITI. There will be no need for a compound fencing as the entire ITI already has wall fencing. The area where the ITI is located serves a substantial minority population. The DC stated that the enrolment of the ITI would improve with the availability of hostel. The Director for ITI in the State confirmed that the total intake strength of the ITI was 402 students. The State Secretary of Minority Welfare Department and the DC of the district agreed to permit students from colleges in Forbesganj to avail the hostel facility in case there were vacant beds in the hostel.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of a girls' hostel in ITI Forbesganj with a capacity of 152 students and provisions for warden's and chowkidar's rooms @ Rs. 294.12 lakh. It was noted that the State Government has kept the requirements of Annex-A above in view and met all the commitments required under para 9

above. The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total Central share as first instalment.

Approval was given in the following manner:

S. No.	Name of the scheme	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
					Rs. In Lakh			
1	Construction of girl's hostel of 152 seated in ITI Forbesganj	100:00	1	294.12	294.12		294.12	147.06

(iv) Procurement of equipments for ITI Forbesganj:

The percentage of total work participation and female work participation in the district was 34.8% and 19.3% against the All India average of 38% and 21.5% respectively. The percentage of total literacy and female literacy in the district was 58% and 46.5% against All India average of 67.3% and 57.1% respectively as per the baseline survey. Both the parameters were below the national average and the proposal of the State Government would address the development deficit identified by a baseline survey for the district.

The proposal was for procurement of equipments for ITI Forbesganj with a provision of Rs.100 lakh. It was noted by the Empowered Committee that this ITI has been selected under Vocational Training Improvement Projects (VTIP) with World Bank assistance for upgradation of 5 trades. Under MsDP, this ITI was being provided a hostel each for girls and boys and the intake of the ITI was expected to improve. The Director of ITIs in the State stated that the ITI has 10 trades and the equipments were purchased about 40 years back and needed to be replaced with modern and newer equipments. He stated that equipments of the trades not taken up under the World Bank funded scheme could be taken up under MsDP to ensure that duplication does not take place. A DPR could be prepared with a list of trade-wise equipments of those procured under the World Bank funded scheme and those proposed under MsDP to eliminate duplication. During discussion it transpired that the proposal had not been examined by the State Technical Education Department and it was felt that their views should be taken before the matter was processed further.

The Empowered Committee considered the proposal and recommended that the State Government may have the proposal examined by the State Industrial Training Department and obtain their views and approval as to whether the matter may be processed further for preparation of a DPR with a list of trade-wise equipments of those procured under the World Bank funded scheme and those proposed under MsDP to eliminate duplication and have it sent to the Ministry of Minority Affairs for referring it to the Ministry of Labour & Employment for appraisal and clearance.

(v) Additional work in KGBV:

Rate of literacy and rate of female literacy in the district were 58.0% and 46.5% against 67.3% and 57.1% of All India average as per the baseline survey. Both the parameters were below the national average and the proposal of the State Government would address the development deficit identified by a baseline survey for the district. The proposal was for construction of additional class rooms (ACRs), guard room and store room and additional construction of items like dormitory laboratory, meeting hall and stair case in 10 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidhyalaya (KGBVs) in the district. The District Collector (DC) stated that there were 7 KGBVs in the district and 3 more were being added. The Ministry has been advising the States implementing MsDP to consider providing separate ACRs for KGBV constructed under the old scheme of KGBV where the classrooms also served as the dormitory so that separate facilities would be available if ACRs were provided under MsDP. Following this approach, ACRs have been constructed under MsDP for old model KGBV in Purnea district. The proposal made was not as envisaged under MsDP. The DC was advised to consult the SSA Mission Director and ensure that the proposal, if it was to be revised/modified, should be approved by the SSA Mission Director in terms of need, adherence to specification and cost norms and elimination of duplication.

Conversion of in-principle approved project to approved project:

(i) Construction of hostel for boys in ITI Forbesganj:

The percentage of total work participation and female work participation in the district was 34.8% and 19.3% against the All India average of 38% and 21.5% respectively. The percentage of total literacy and female literacy in the district was 58% and 46.5% against All India average of 67.3% and 57.1% respectively as per the baseline survey. Both the parameters

were below the national average and the proposal of the State Government would address the development deficit identified by a baseline survey for the district.

The proposal was for construction of boy' hostel in ITI Forbesganj was approved in-principle in the 33rd EC meeting for Rs.240 lakh on the condition that the State Government will submit a DPR. The State Government has submitted a DPR for construction of a hostel for Rs.294.12 lakh with a capacity of 152 students and provisions for warden's and chowkidar's accommodation. The estimate has been prepared as per the Scheduled of Rates (SOR) of the State Government and has been approved by the competent engineering department. The building will be a two floor RCC structure. It was confirmed by the DC that they were to be constructed within the premises of the ITI. There will be no need for a compound fencing as the entire ITI already has wall fencing. The area where the ITI is located serves a substantial minority population. The DC stated that the enrolment of the ITI would improve with the availability of hostel. The Director for ITI in the State confirmed that the total intake strength of the ITI was 402 students. The State Secretary of Minority Welfare Department and the DC of the district agreed to permit students from colleges in Forbesganj to avail the hostel facility in case there were vacant beds in the hostel.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of a boys' hostel in ITI Forbesganj with a capacity of 152 students and provisions for warden's and chowkidar's rooms @ Rs.294.12 lakh. It was noted that the State Government has kept the requirements of Annex-A above in view and met all the commitments required under para 9 above. The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total Central share as first instalment.

Approval was given in the following manner:

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. no	Name of the project for Araria district (Bihar)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
	Construction of boy's hostel in ITI Forbesganj,	50:50	1	294.12	147.06	147.06	294.12	73.53
	Total				147.06	147.06	294.12	73.53

Summary of proposal approved by the Empowered Committee:

S. No.	Name of the scheme	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
Administrative approval				Rs. In Lakh				
1	Construction of anganwadi centres	100:00	104	4.66	484.64	-	484.64	242.32
2	Construction of girl's hostel in high school	100:00	5	54.63	273.15	-	273.15	136.57
3	Construction of boy's hostel in high school	50:50	4	54.63	109.26	109.26	218.52	54.63
4	Construction of girl's hostel of 152 seated in ITI Forbesganj	100:00	1	294.12	294.12	-	294.12	147.06
5	Construction of boy's hostel of 152 bed capacity in ITI Forbesganj,	50:50	1	294.12	147.06	147.06	294.12	73.53
	Grand Total				1308.23	256.32	1564.55	654.11

Balance available: - Against the tentative allocation for the district of Rs.8110 lakh, projects totaling to Rs.5475.11 lakh (In the 8th, 24th and 33rd EC meetings) were approved as Central assistance and projects for Rs.120.00 lakh were approved in principle(converted into administrative approval in 45th EC meeting). A balance of Rs.2514.89 lakh was available for preparation of revised district plan for consideration of the 45th EC. Projects amounting to Rs.1308.23 lakh have been approved in the instant 45th EC meeting taking the total to Rs.6783.34 lakh. **A balance of Rs.1326.66 lakh would still** be available for proposing a revised district plan. The DC and the State Secretary of Minority Welfare Department were advised to refer to the contents of para 11 above and prepare a revised district plan to utilize the balance allocation fully. Further, as this was the penultimate year of the 11th Five Year Plan and that only one year was left for implementation of MsDP, it was advised to keep this in view and propose projects that address the development deficits, preferably already approved project for the district, which can be completed within a period of one year.

Item No: 4 – Purnea (Bihar)

Purnea has been classified as a category 'A' district having both socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. The fund allocated for the district under MsDP was Rs. 85.50 crore for the 11th Five Year Plan. The district plans of Purnea were considered in

the 11th, 27th, 32nd and 38th Empowered Committee (EC) meetings and projects totaling to Rs.4272.44 lakh of Central assistance were approved. A balance of Rs.4277.56 lakh was still available. A total of Rs.3289.95 lakh has been released to the State Govt. on 25/06/2009, 24/02/2010, 05/03/2010, 03/09/2010, 30/12/2010 and 17/02/2011. The following proposal contained in the district plan was considered for approval:

Proposals considered for approval:

(i) **Construction of anganwadi centres:** The percentage of fully vaccinated children and percentage delivered in a health facility in the district were 25.80% and 13.28% against 43.50% and 38.70% of All India average. Both the parameters were below the national average and the proposal of the State Government to enhance the number of construction of AWCs under MsDP would address the development deficit identified by a baseline survey for the district. So far, 1042 AWCs have been sanctioned for the district under MsDP.

The proposal was for construction of an additional number of 79 AWCs @Rs.3.00 lakh per unit of AWCs based on the earlier advice of the Ministry of Women & Child Development (M/o WCD). The representative from the M/o WCD stated that the matter for enhancing the unit cost for construction of AWC has been considered on a reference made by the Ministry of Minority Affairs to the problems faced by the Governments of Bihar and West Bengal and it has been advised recently that an area in a minimum of 600 square feet may be maintained with provisions for sitting room for children/women, separate kitchen, store for store items, child friendly toilets and space for playing of children with drinking water facilities and the unit cost may be as per the SOR of the State Government approved by a competent engineering department. The State Secretary for Minority Welfare stated that Bihar Government has been constructing AWCs at a cost of Rs.4.66 lakh and while stating that it had an area of 600 sq. ft. and all necessary provisions, requested that construction of AWCs may be approved for Rs.4.66 lakh. The DC confirmed that the AWCs would be located in villages mainly in 8 blocks having a substantial minority population and agreed to supply the list with the percentage of minority population.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 79 units of AWCs @Rs.4.66 lakh for a total cost of Rs.368.14 lakh as Central assistance. The State Government will adhere to the advice of the M/o WCD as indicated above. It was noted that the State Government has agreed to the commitments mentioned in para 9 above. The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total Central share as first instalment.

Approval was given in the following manner:

S. No.	Name of the scheme	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
A. Administrative Approval								Rs. In Lakh
1	Construction of anganwadi centres	100:00	79	4.66	368.14	-	368.14	184.07

(ii) Construction of additional class rooms (ACRs) in high schools and middle schools:

Rate of literacy and rate of female literacy in the district were 45.59% and 37.28% against 67.3% and 57.1% of All India average as per the baseline survey. Both the parameters were below the national average and the proposal of the State Government would address the development deficit identified by a baseline survey for the district.

The proposal was for construction of 195 ACRs for Govt. high schools and 729 ACRs for Govt. middle schools for a total cost of Rs.1088.10 lakh and Rs.2981 lakh respectively. The DC stated that the proposal was for Government schools, land was available and has been approved by the Bihar Education Project. The State Secretary of Minority Welfare confirmed that the rates @Rs.5.58 lakh and @Rs.4.09 lakh per unit for high school and middle school were the approved rates and was as per the SOR of the State Government approved by a competent engineering department. The area of rooms for high schools and middle school is different. It was confirmed by the DC that these schools were located in villages/areas having a high concentration of minority population. The Empowered Committee emphasized the need for having the proposal approved by the RMSA Mission Director/State Education Department in terms of need, adherence to specification and cost norms of RMSA/SSA and elimination of duplication of work.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the above proposal for construction of 195 ACRs for high schools and 729 ACRs for middle schools @Rs.5.58 lakh and @Rs.4.09 lakh per unit for high school and middle school for a total cost of Rs.1088.10 lakh and Rs.2981.61 lakh respectively. Central contribution would be Rs.816.08 lakh and Rs. 1938.05 lakh and the

State share would be Rs.272.02 lakh and Rs.1043.56 lakh respectively in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the State for high schools as per RMSA and 65:35 for middle schools as per SSA. This was subject to the approval of RMSA Mission Director/State Education Department in terms of need, adherence to specification and cost norms of RMSA/SSA and elimination of duplication of work. The State Government would be required to fulfill all the commitments required under para 9 above. The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total Central share as first instalment.

Approval was given in the following manner:

S. No.	Name of the scheme	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
A. Administrative Approval								Rs. In Lakh
1	Construction of 195 additional classrooms for high schools	75:25	195	5.58	816.08	272.02	1088.10	408.04
2	Construction of 729 additional classrooms for Middle schools	65:35	729	4.09	1938.05	1043.56	2981.61	969.03
Sub total					2754.13	1315.58	4069.71	1377.07

(iii) Upgradation of women ITI at Purnea:

The percentage of total work participation and female work participation in the district was 37.58% and 21.74% against the All India average of 38% and 21.5% respectively. The percentage of total literacy and female literacy in the district was 45.59% and 37.28% against All India average of 67.3% and 57.1% respectively as per the baseline survey. Both the parameters were below the national average and the proposal of the State Government would address the development deficit identified by a baseline survey for the district.

The proposal was for civil work for administrative building, electrical, boundary wall, campus land filling, internal road/parking, soft landscaping, fire alarm/fighting system, hostel, machinery and tools, and furniture for girls' ITI building at Purnea. Except for hostel, it was felt that the items like electrical, boundary wall, campus land filling, internal road/parking, soft landscaping, fire alarm/fighting system were not envisaged under MsDP. In case there is still a need for additional workshop rooms, and machinery and tools, a DPR could be prepared by the

district administration in consultation with the Director for ITI in Bihar/ State technical education department for having it appraised by the Ministry of Labour and Employment. It was noted that construction of a boy's hostel at ITI in Purnea has already been approved in the 39th EC meeting and the first instalment has been released in December, 2010. The proposal was for construction of girls' hostel in ITI Purnea with a capacity of 152 students and provisions for warden's and chowkidar's accommodation @Rs.294.12 lakh. The estimate has been prepared as per the Scheduled of Rates (SOR) of the State Government and has been approved by the competent engineering department. The building will be a two floor RCC structure. It was confirmed by the DC that they were to be constructed within the premises of the ITI. There will be no need for a compound fencing as the entire ITI already has wall fencing. The area where the ITI is located serves a substantial minority population. The DC stated that the enrolment of girls in the ITI would improve with the availability of a girl's hostel. The Director for ITI in the State confirmed that the total intake strength of the ITI was 402 students. The State Secretary of Minority Welfare Department and the DC of the district agreed to permit girl students from colleges in Purnea to avail the hostel facility in case there were vacant beds in the hostel.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of a girls' hostel in ITI Purnea with a capacity of 152 students and provisions for warden's and chowkidar's rooms @ Rs. 294.12 lakh. It was noted that the State Government has kept the requirements of Annex-A above in view and met all the commitments required under para 9 above. The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total Central share as first instalment.

Approval was given in the following manner:

S. No.	Name of the scheme	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
					Rs. In Lakh			
1	Construction of girl's hostel of 152 seated in ITI Purnea	100:00	1	294.12	294.12	-	294.12	147.06

Summary of proposal approved by the Empowered Committee:

S. No.	Name of the scheme	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
					Rs. In Lakh			
1	Construction of anganwadi centres	100:00	79	4.66	368.14	-	368.14	184.07
2	Construction of 195 additional classrooms for high schools	75:25	195	5.58	816.08	272.02	1088.10	408.04
3	Construction of 729 additional classrooms for Middle schools	65:35	729	4.09	1938.05	1043.56	2981.61	969.03
4	Construction of girl's hostel of 152 seated in ITI Purnea	100:00	1	294.12	294.12	-	294.12	147.06
Grand Total					3416.39	1315.58	4731.97	1708.20

Balance available: - Against the tentative allocation for the district of Rs.8550.00 lakh, projects totaling to Rs.4272.44 lakh (In the 11th, 27th, 32nd and 39th EC meetings) were approved as Central assistance including projects for Rs.591.25 lakh approved in principle. A balance of Rs.4277.56 lakh was available for preparation of revised district plan for consideration of the 45th EC. Projects amounting to Rs.3416.39 lakh have been approved in the instant 45th EC meeting taking the total to Rs.7688.83 lakh. **A balance of Rs.861.17 lakh** would still be available for proposing a revised district plan. The DC and the State Secretary of Minority Welfare Department were advised to refer to the contents of para 11 above and prepare a revised district plan to utilize the balance allocation fully. Further, as this was the penultimate year of the 11th Five Year Plan and that only one year was left for implementation of MsDP, it was advised to keep this in view and propose projects that address the development deficits, preferably such projects, which can be completed within a period of one year. No projects were approved in principle and the district authority and the State Government would have the option to decide whether to pursue the projects considered above by submitting DPRs in the manner required or propose different projects.

Item No. 5: West Champaran (Bihar)

West Champaran has been classified as a category 'A' district having both socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. The fund allocated for the district under MsDP was Rs. 58.60 crore for the 11th Five Year Plan. The district plans of West

Champaran were considered in the 24th and 33rd Empowered Committee (EC) meetings and projects totaling to Rs.4183.82 lakh of Central assistance were approved. A balance of Rs.1676.18 lakh was still available. A total of Rs.2241.89 lakh has been released to the State Govt. on 21/12/2009, 03/09/2010 and 13/12/2010. The following proposal contained in the district plan was considered for approval:

Proposals considered for approval:

Construction of additional class rooms (ACRs) in high schools and middle schools:

Rate of literacy and rate of female literacy in the district were 59.7% and 48.2% against 67.3% and 57.1% of All India average as per the baseline survey. Both the parameters were below the national average and the proposal of the State Government would address the development deficit identified by a baseline survey for the district.

The proposal was for construction of a total of 84 ACRs with verandah for 21 high schools @Rs.31.80 lakh per unit of four ACRs for a total of Rs.667.80 lakh and a total of 114 ACRs for 19 high schools @Rs.44.16 lakh per unit of six ACRs for a total cost of Rs. 839.04 lakh. The DC stated that the proposal was for Government schools, land was available and has been approved by the Bihar Education Project. It was stated that the estimates have been worked out as per the SOR of the State Government approved by a competent engineering department. It was confirmed by the DC that these schools were located in villages/areas having a high concentration of minority population. The Empowered Committee emphasized the need for having the proposal approved by the RMSA Mission Director/State Education Department in terms of need, adherence to specification and cost norms of RMSA and elimination of duplication of work.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the above proposal for construction of 84 ACRs with verandah for 21 high schools @Rs.31.80 lakh per unit of four ACRs for a total of Rs.667.80 lakh and a total of 114 ACRs for 19 high schools @Rs.44.16 lakh per unit of six ACRs for a total cost of Rs. 839.04 lakh. Central contribution would be Rs.500.85 lakh and Rs.629.28 lakh and the State share would be Rs.166.95 lakh and Rs.209.76 lakh respectively in the ratio of 75:25 between Centre and State for high schools as per RMSA. The approval was given on the condition that the proposal would be approved by the RMSA Mission Director/State Education Department in terms of need, adherence to specification and cost norms of RMSA and elimination of duplication of work. It was noted that the State Government has met all the

commitments required under para 9 above. The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total Central share as first instalment.

Approval was given in the following manner:

S. No.	Name of the scheme	Sharing ratio	Total No. of Unit	Unit cost	Central Share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
Administrative Approval								Rs. In Lakh
1	Construction of 84 ACRs with verandah for 21 high schools (four ACRs in each school)	75:25	21	31.80	500.85	166.95	667.80	250.42
2	Construction of 114 ACRs for 19 high schools (six ACRs in each school)	75:25	19	44.16	629.28	209.76	839.04	314.64
	Total				1130.13	376.71	1506.84	565.06

Balance available: - Against the tentative allocation for the district of Rs.5860.00 lakh, projects totaling to Rs.4183.82 lakh (In the 24th and 33rd EC meetings) were approved as Central assistance. A balance of Rs.1676.18 lakh was available for preparation of revised district plan for consideration of the 45th EC. Projects amounting to Rs.1130.13 lakh have been approved in the instant 45th EC meeting taking the total to Rs.5313.95 lakh. **A balance of Rs.546.05 lakh would still be available for proposing a revised district plan.** The DC and the State Secretary of Minority Welfare Department were advised to refer to the contents of para 11 above and prepare a revised district plan to utilize the balance allocation fully. Further, as this was the penultimate year of the 11th Five Year Plan and that only one year was left for implementation of MsDP, it was advised to keep this in view and propose projects that address the development deficits, preferably such projects for the district, which can be completed within a period of one year.

Item No. 6: Kishanganj (Bihar)

Kishanganj has been classified as a category 'A' district having both socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. The fund allocated for the district under MsDP was Rs. 87.90 crore for the 11th Five Year Plan. The district plans of Kishanganj were considered in the 11th, 24th and 33rd Empowered Committee (EC) meetings and projects totaling

to Rs.5156.37 lakh of Central assistance were approved. A balance of Rs.3633.63 lakh was still available. A total of Rs.4998.92 lakh has been released to the State Govt. on 25/06/2009, 21/12/2009 and 30/11/2010. The following proposal contained in the district plan was considered for approval:

(i) Construction of anganwadi centres: The percentage of fully vaccinated children and percentage delivered in a health facility in the district were 7.51% and 9.86% against 43.50% and 38.70% of All India average. Both the parameters were below the national average and the proposal of the State Government to enhance the number of construction of AWCs under MsDP would address the development deficit identified by a baseline survey for the district. So far, 594 AWCs have been sanctioned for the district under MsDP. The proposal was for an additional number of 206 AWCs which has been made by the Directorate of ICDS. The DC mentioned that, out of a total of 1296 AWCs in the district, 594 has been taken up under MsDP and remaining under funding from NABARD and added that additional AWCs from MsDP were not required.

(ii) Infrastructure development in 8 Kasturba Gandhi Residential Girls School building:

The proposal for infrastructure development included 3 study rooms, Common room, staff room and night guard room with attach bath rooms for each, reception room, kitchen and boundary wall for 8 KGBVs. The Ministry has been advising the States implementing MsDP to consider providing separate ACRs for KGBV constructed under the old scheme of KGBV where the classrooms also served as the dormitory so that separate facilities would be available if ACRs were provided under MsDP. Following this approach, ACRs have been constructed under MsDP for old model KGBV in Purnea district. The proposal made was not as envisaged under MsDP. The DC was advised to consult the SSA Mission Director and ensure that the proposal, if it was to be revised/modified should be approved by the Mission Director in terms of need, adherence to specification and cost norms and duplication eliminated.

(iii) Construction of boundary walls in 6 Girls/boys high Schools:

The proposal was for construction of boundary walls for one girl's hostel and 5 high schools. It was stated that construction of boundary wall was agreed along with construction of a hostel under MsDP but not as a separate item of work for an existing hostel or schools. Such activities were not envisaged under MsDP.

(iv) Modernization and infrastructure development and hostels in Govt. aided Madarsas and infrastructure development in high schools:

Proposals have been made for construction of 6 ACRs in 91 Madarsas, installation of hand pumps with iron removal plants in 241 Madarsas, construction of toilet system in 228 Madarsas and installation of solar systems in 12 residential Madarsas. Proposals have also been made for installation of hand pumps with iron removal plants in 37 high school, provision of furniture in 37 high schools, construction of computer rooms with installation of computer with its accessories in 28 high school level Madarsa and provision of furniture in all 241 Govt. aided madarsa. It was stated that the institutions were Government aided Madarsas where the State Government provided financial assistance for the salary of some staff. These Madarsas are administered by the Madarsa itself without any administrative management system of the State Education Department. It was felt that priority would first lie in addressing the needs of Government schools.

Item No. 6: North Sikkim (Sikkim)

Conversion of in-principle approved project for construction of IAY Houses into approved project.

1. In the 31st meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 16/04/2010, in-principle approval was given for construction of 250 units of IAY houses Rs.0.385 lakh subject to the condition that the waiting list for BPL families for construction of IAY houses will be submitted to the Ministry and commitment for providing State share would be furnished. The Government of Sikkim has furnished the details and clarification sought by this Ministry vide letter no 3/18(1)/2008-PP-I dated 8.9.2010 that:
 - (a) BPL families would be selected in order of their serial number/ priority in the approved wait list for IAY houses;
 - (b) the state Government will provide the required 10 % of the fund for construction of IAY houses;
 - (c) list of beneficiaries and their village would be provided; and
 - (d) villages having the highest percentage of minority population will be selected.

The unit cost of IAY has however been revised by the Ministry of Rural Development to Rs.48500 for a unit for north eastern States w.e.f April, 2010. Central contribution from MsDP would now be Rs. 109.13 lakh and Rs. 12.12 lakh as State share as per the funding pattern of

IAY between Centre and State in the ratio of 90:10. The Empowered Committee accordingly approved the proposal and also approved for release of 50% of the total Central share as first installment. Approval was given in the manner as given below:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (90%)	State Share (10%)	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
			(Lakh Rs.)				
1	Construction of IAY houses	250	0.485	109.13	12.12	121.25	54.56

Item No. 7: Wayanad (Kerala)

Conversion of in-principle approved project for upgradation of laboratories for Govt. Polytechnic into approved project:

In the 38th meeting held on 17.09.2010, the Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for upgradation of laboratories for Govt. Polytechnic at a total cost of Rs.75.00 lakh on the condition that a detailed project profile/project would be prepared by the State Technical Education Department in accordance with AICTE norms and specification, cost and that duplication has been eliminated. State Govt. of Kerala has sent a DPR on which comments of the Ministry of HRD, Deptt. of Higher Education, has been obtained. The Ministry has stated vide letter No. 19-4/2010-TS-4 dated 10.12.10 that the proposal of Govt. Polytechnic College, Meppadi, Wayand has also been received in Ministry of HRD submitted by the State Govt. of Kerala for consideration under scheme of Sub-mission on Polytechnics. In their Scheme of ‘Submission on Polytechnic’ financial assistance subject to a maximum of Rs.2.00 crore per polytechnic is provided for upgradation of infrastructure facilities in the existing polytechnics. The proposal has not been approved by this Ministry so far and is still under consideration of the Department. Therefore, Ministry of Minority Affairs may like to decide accordingly. The Ministry of HRD added that decision taken in this regard may please be intimated so as to avoid duplication of funding. In response to M/o HRD comments, State Govt. has stated vide letter No. 87566/MW2/10/GAD, dated 17.02.2011 that proposal under MsDP scheme for Govt. Polytechnic College, Meppadi, Wayanad submitted to Ministry of Minority Affairs is not covered under the proposals of Polytechnic already submitted to the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Director Technical Education has ensured that there would not be any duplication in the two proposals.

The Empowered Committee accordingly approved the proposal with the advice that copy of the approval letter should be endorsed to the Ministry of HRD. The Empowered Committee also approved for release of 50% of the total Central share as first instalment.

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
			(Lakh Rs.)				
1	Up gradation of laboratories for Govt. polytechnic at Mepadi, Kerala	1	75.00	75.00	-	75.00	37.50

Item No. 8: Shahjahanpur (Uttar Pradesh)

Conversion of in-principle approved project for construction of ITI building in Shahjahanpur into approved project:

In the 9th Empowered Committee meeting held on 30/12/2008, construction of ITI building in Shahjahanpur was approved in-principle for Rs.250.00 lakh subject to the condition that the State Government should provide a detailed project report prepared as per the specification, design, norms, modern courses/trades and standard laid down by the 'National Council for Vocational Training' (NCVT), etc. The comments of the Ministry of Labour & Employment were as follows:-

- i. It is proposed to conduct training in one unit each of the 12 trades i.e. COPA, Electrician, R& AC, Draughtsman(Mechanical), IT & ESM, Welder (GAS & ELECTRIC), Fashion Technology, Dress Making, Hair & Skin Care, Plumber, Consumer Electronics, Painter General under Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) for which they have no objection.
- ii. The estimates have been prepared by U.P. Samaj Kalyan Nirman Nigam Ltd., a Govt. agency, hence they have no objection.
- iii. There are 12 class rooms, each measuring 20 Sq.mt. which are very small. As per NCVT norms, 6 class rooms are required for conducting training in 12 trades. Hence 6 No. class rooms are found to be surplus which may not be accepted. The Ministry of Labour and Employment has suggested that either suitable modification may be made to have provision of 6 class room only or the size of class room may be increased to 30 Sq.mt. each so that

no. of class rooms are reduced to 8 No.s, there by leaving 2 surplus class rooms which may be utilized effectively.

- iv. The Ministry of Labour and Employment found workshop space provided for each of the proposed trade, except for the trade Dress Making , within NCVT norms; hence they do not have any objection. For the trade of Dress Making excess space of 10 Sq.mt. has been provided which could be due to design constraints and may be accepted.
- v. The estimates have been prepared as per PWD schedule of rates (SOR), therefore, the Ministry of Labour and Employment has no objection.
- vi. The Ministry of Labour and Employment found the design of building to be compact i.e. not much of space is left loose, thus, they have no objection.

Further, the cost for construction of ITI was revised to Rs.280.00 lakh in the 34th EC meeting held on 22/07/2010 exhausting the allocation of the district in full and it would be necessary to obtain the willingness of the Govt. of UP to fund the shortfall of Rs.57.28 lakh or reduce the cost within the available balance fund.

The Empowered Committee noted that there could be reduction in cost on account of advice at sl. no. iii. and iv. above and there was also the possibility of fitting the cost for the ITI within the available balance fund failing which a letter conveying the willingness of the State Government to fund the shortfall would be required.

The State Govt. need to provide commitment stating that recurring expenditure, staff and land would be provided by State Govt.
