



Budget Speech

by

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Government of West Bengal
in respect of
Demand No. 12
for the year
2012-2013

HON'BLE MR. SPEAKER, SIR,

On the recommendation of the Governor, I beg to move that a total sum of Rs.270,95,88,000.00 (Rupees two hundred seventy crore ninety-five lakh eighty-eight thousand) only in which a total sum of Rs.90,31,95,000.00 (Rupees ninety crore thirty-one lakh ninety-five thousand) only is already included in the Vote on Account Budget, be granted for expenditure during the financial year 2012-13 for Demand No. 12 under the Major Expenditure Heads of Account:

- (i) 2505—Rural Employment—Rs.46,62,87,000.00 (Rupees forty-six crore sixty-two lakh eighty-seven thousand) only in which a sum of Rs.15,54,29,000.00 (Rupees fifteen crore fifty-four lakh twenty-nine thousand) only is already included in the Vote on Account Budget
- (ii) 2575—Other Special Areas Programmes—Rs.177,00,00,000.00 (Rupees one hundred seventy-seven crore) only in which a sum of Rs.59,00,00,000.00 (Rupees fifty-nine crore) only is already included in the Vote on Account Budget
- (iii) 3451—Secretariat—Economic Services—Rs.12,33,01,000.00 (Rupees twelve crore thirty-three lakh one thousand) only in which a sum of Rs.4,10,99,000.00 (Rupees four crore ten lakh ninety-nine thousand) only is already included in the Vote on Account Budget
- (iv) 4575—Capital Outlay on Other Special Areas Programme—Rs.35,00,00,000.00 (Rupees thirty-five crore) only in which a sum of Rs.11,66,67,000.00 (Rupees eleven crore sixty-six lakh sixty-seven thousand) only is already included in the Vote on Account Budget

The Directorate of Evaluation, Monitoring and Manpower and State Planning Board, are under the administrative control of this Department.

The Department of Planning also administers schemes like Bidhayak Elaka Unnayan Prakalpa (BEUP) and Natural Resources Data Management System (NRDMS). It is also the State Level Nodal Agency for National schemes like Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) and the Integrated Action Plan (IAP). The Programmes are aimed to give a thrust to schemes relating to poverty alleviation, employment generation in rural

areas, housing, education, family welfare and health, protection of the environment and many other schemes having a bearing on the quality of life, specially in the rural areas.

1. State Annual Plan and Five Year Plan:

State Plan

Draft Annual Plan for the State for the year 2012-2013 has been prepared and the same has already been submitted to the Planning Commission. The vision of the Annual Plan, 2012-2013 is rapid inclusive growth on a more sustainable basis, creation of better opportunities for employment and income generation, improved delivery of services, development of micro, medium and small enterprises, ensuring due share of importance to agriculture, development of infrastructure both physical and social, universal access to education, improved health delivery system and infrastructural development and special focus on poverty alleviation schemes.

Five Year Plan.

We are now at the threshold of the 12th Five year Plan (2012-17). The central thrust of the Approach to the 12th Five Year Plan is to build the plan more on the basis of State's inputs than was done earlier. As desired by Hon'ble Chief Minister State Planning Board Members have been requested to formulate the vision, strategies and plan for the State for the next five years in consultation with all the Departments of the State Government.

2. State Planning Board:

The new State Planning Board was constituted in September, 2011, with 16 members under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The Hon'ble Members of the Board have already taken several meetings with various line Departments for preparation of the vision, strategies and plans of different sectors of development for the State for the 12th Five Year Plan. Further, eight schemes each worth more than Rs.20.00 crore have been approved by State Planning Board during 2011-2012.

3, Integrated Action Plan (IAP):

The Integrated Action Plan (IAP) is a special drive for development of 23 selected Tribal and Backward Blocks under the State component of Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF). In our state IAP is being implemented in 3 (three) districts, namely Paschim Medinipur, Bankura and Purulia. The main sectors covered under IAP are Drinking Water, Minor Irrigation, construction of

roads, bridges, class rooms, market yards, community halls etc. A committee headed by the District Magistrate and consisting of Superintendent of Police of the District and the Divisional Forest Officer is responsible for selection and implementation of the schemes.

In West Bengal IAP was introduced first in the District of Paschim Medinipur where 11 (eleven) Left Wing Extremist (LWE) affected Blocks have been brought under the Programme. Rs.25 crores have been sanctioned in 2010 – 2011 and Rs.30 crores have been sanctioned for the year 2011 – 2012. Out of the total 1504 approved schemes for Rs.55 crores, 1156 schemes have been completed till date. In anticipation of another 10 crores, 188 more schemes have been approved. In addition, the Districts of Purulia and Bankura have now been brought under the Integrated Action Plan for the development for the LWE affected Blocks. 8 (eight) LWE affected Blocks of Purulia and 4 (four) such Blocks of Bankura have been brought under IAP in 2011-2012 and Rs.30 crore have been released by the Planning Commission for each of the two Districts. A total No. of 843 schemes for Purulia and 394 schemes for Bankura have been approved by the Departmental Approval Committee under the Planning Department.

4. Strengthening of State Plan for Human Development:

Strengthening State Plan for Human Development (SSPHD) was initiated through Human Development Research and Coordination Centre (HDRCC), which was established at the Department during 2005 as a part of the UNDP/Planning Commission Project. Since the project was wound up in April 2010, the State budget head funds the activities under SSPHD. Under SSPHD, State Government had taken initiative for preparation of District Human Development Reports in phases. DHDRs of Malda, Bankura, Birbhum, North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas and Uttar Dinajpur had been published during the period 2008-2010. DHDRs of Hooghly, Paschim Midnapur and Purba Midnapur have been published in the year 2011. They are now being used as a reference guide for the District Plans of the respective districts. DHDRs for the Districts of Nadia, Bardhaman and Purulia are in printing press and expected to be released shortly.

On 14th March, 2012 UNDP and Planning Commission announced awards for DHDRs after examining 44 DHDRs prepared by several State Government.

The Government of West Bengal got the following awards out of the 44 DHDRs considered by the eminent Jury :

DHDRs	Category	Rank
Malda	Gender and Inclusion	1 st in the Country
Hooghly	Innovation and Measurement	2 nd in the Country
North 24 Parganas	Quality of Analysis	2 nd in the Country

For overall excellence in preparation of DHDRs produced from 2007, and the number of DHDRs produced, Planning Commission and UNDP conferred Manav Vikas Award, 2012 to West Bengal. West Bengal is the only State to get this award.

5. Bidhayak Elaka Unnayan Prakaalpa (BEUP):

The 'BIDHAYAK ELAKA UNNAYAN PRAKALPA' (BEUP) undertakes development schemes selected by Members of the State Legislative Assembly.

Under the scheme, the Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Assembly are entitled to recommend development projects of Rs. 60 (sixty) lakh in each financial year for their respective Constituency areas. The projects taken up under this Prakaalpa are developmental in nature. The funds may also be used for provisioning of service support facilities like purchase of drinking water tankers, ambulances etc. The schemes are designed for community benefits. Schemes for the benefit of private institutions and individuals are not permitted under BEUP. The total fund released during 15th Assembly, i.e. for the year 2011-12 was Rs. 17700 lakh.

6. Rural Infrastructure Development Fund(RIDF):

Out of 47 (forty seven) schemes of RIDF XIII to RIDF XVI in the Department of Planning, 29 (twenty nine) schemes have been completed upto January, 2012 and the rest are in progress. 10 (ten) Schemes have been sanctioned under RIDF XVII. Construction of roads, culverts, bridges, market complexes, river bank protection works are some of the schemes taken up under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund.

7. Evaluation, Monitoring & Manpower (EM&M) Directorate:

It was set up for evaluation and monitoring of some development projects implemented in the State.

Evaluation Studies on “Evaluation and Social Audit of eight (8) different schemes under Border Area Development Programme (BADP)” and in respect of “Library Services Programme (Sponsored Libraries)” in West Bengal have been taken up and work is in progress.

8. Projects to be financed by the 13th Finance Commission:

District Innovation Fund:

District Innovation Fund (DIF) is an initiative undertaken by the Government of India on recommendation of the 13th Finance Commission of India. Each district is entitled to Rs.1.00 crore under DIF for the period from 2011-12 to 2014-15. The recommendations also stipulate that 90% of the project-cost is to be utilized from the District Innovation Fund whereas 10% of the cost can be met by the NGOs/Public bodies. Rs.950.00 lakh was released by the Government of India for District Innovation Fund for the year 2011-12. The fund i.e. Rs.950.00 lakh has been released in respect of the following sixteen districts 1) Uttar Dinajpur 2) Paschim Medinipur 3) Dakshin Dinajpur 4) Coochbehar 5) Bankura 6) Howrah 7) Hooghly 8) Malda 9) Burdwan 10) Jalpaiguri 11) North 24-Parganas 12) Purba Medinipur 13) Purulia 14) Murshidabad 15) Darjeeling and 16) Birbhum.

9. Land and Building :

One (G+9) Joint Administrative Building of Department of Planning, Department of Statistics and Programme Implementation and Panchayet & Rural Development Department is being constructed at plot no.7, HC-Block, Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 106. Fund amounting to Rs. 21.775 crores has already been released to PWD till date. Ninty-five percent of the civil work and fifty percent of the electrical work are completed. Webel Technology Limited has been entrusted to install the I.T. set-up for the Department of Planning.

10. Hon’ble Members, I would like to reiterate that Department of Planning is making all out efforts now so that the benefits of development devolve to all sections of people in society particularly the weaker sections of the society. The plans and programmes of different departments of the Government will be monitored to ensure their successful implementation to reach the stated objectives. I hope that Hon’ble Members will assist in proper implementation of plans and programmes through their valuable advice and guidance. I also request to record my appreciation and deep sense of gratitude to the Hon’ble Members for their support and cooperation extended to the Department of Planning .

