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MINUTES OF THE 25th MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MULTI-SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR MINORITY CONCENTRATION DISTRICTS OF BARPETA, KAMRUP, BONGAIGAON, HAILAKANDI, NAGAON (ASSAM), AND DPRs OF IN-PRINCIPLE APPROVED PROJECTS FOR UKHRUL(MANIPUR) & HARDWAR, UDHAM SINGH NAGAR(UTTRAKHAND) HELD AT 11.00 A.M. ON 11TH, JANUARY, 2010 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

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

2. At the outset, the Chairman of the Empowered Committee stated that multi-sectoral development programme (MsDP) for minority concentration districts was now a flagship programme of the Central Government and the progress of implementation was reviewed on quarterly basis by the Delivery Monitoring Unit (DMU) in PMO. It was further stated that details of the status of implementation of multi-sectoral development (MsD) plans has also been placed on the Ministry's web-site. The details consisted of status of submission and approval of MsD plans and revised plans to the Ministry by the States, funds released to the States, progress of expenditure, number of work completed, in progress and yet to be started etc. Placing such details, including photographs, in the public domain has made information available to all and has facilitated social audit. It was, therefore, imperative that the State Governments/UT Administration implement the programme properly as per schedule and also have it reviewed and monitored regularly and closely. State Government should particularly ensure that there were no delays in the sanction and release of funds both Centre and State share (wherever applicable) to the districts and by the districts to the implementing agency. The Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) for MsDP comprehensively covers all important aspects of implementation of the programme and the context of presenting the latest data and information of the website, it is of utmost importance that QPRs are submitted covering all columns and accurately by the district administration and the State Government.

3. The Chairman of the Empowered Committee explained the background for identification of minority concentration districts (MCDs) and the scheme of a multi-sectoral development programme (MsDP) designed to address the 'development deficits' of such districts. The baseline survey carried out, as envisaged in the programme, not only brought out the updated position in respect of the relevant parameters used for identification of such district, but also ranked deficits in

order of the extent of deprivation in the district. It was expected that the MsD plan submitted by the State Government would address the identified development deficits in the order of priority ranked by a baseline survey so that the various MsD programme interventions would result in the improvement of the backwardness parameters of a minority concentration district and bring the relevant parameter at par with the national averages. In case a deficit, ranked higher in the order of deprivation, was not proposed to be addressed by the plan, it would be incumbent on the part of the District Level Committee and the State Level Committee to bring out the reasons for not doing so.

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

5. It was important to ensure that fund given for supplementing the resources for CSS under MsDP was to be treated as an additionality and the existing level of resources allocated under various CSS to the district was not to be reduced. To prevent diversion of funds from MCDs, the flow of fund to the district concerned in the previous year would be taken as a benchmark. It was crucial that basic requirements like primary and secondary education, skill development, safe drinking water, housing etc. were addressed first. The responsibility for eliminating duplication of work and avoiding double counting of a scheme under two funding sources vested with both the

district authority and the State Government. It was stressed by the Chairman that accounts under MsDP should be maintained separately and Central Ministry concerned informed of assets created in respect of Centrally sponsored schemes topped up under MsDP. The provision in para 19 of the scheme of MsDP requiring display of a board containing information of the date of sanction of the project, likely date of completion, estimated cost of the project, source of funding i.e. MsDP (Government of India), contractor(s) name and the physical target was pointed out. The State Government was advised to put up a permanent display on completion of each project.

General conditions applicable to projects approved by the Empowered Committee

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

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

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

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

Recommendations of the Empowered Committee (EC)

7. The Empowered Committee considered the **revised plans for balance fund for the district Barpeta, Kamrup, Bongaigaon, Hailakandi, Nagaon (Assam) and in principle approved projects of Ukhrul(Manipur) and Hardwar & Udham Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand)**. Power point presentations were made on the district plans by the Deputy Commissioners/District/State officers concerned. The State Secretary/ representatives and District Collectors/representatives gave clarifications and confirmed the status and fulfillment of conditions in the guidelines of MsDP. The conclusion that emerged in the meeting of the Empowered Committee, are given below.

Item No. 1 Barpeta District

Minority population in the Barpeta district is around 60% of the total population. Barpeta is a category 'A' district. The fund allocated for the MsDP Plan was Rs.73.00 crore for the 11th Plan period.

Current Status: District plan of Barpeta was considered in the 3rd Empowered Committee (EC) meeting. The administrative approval for Rs.6320.33 lakh (Central share) was accorded by the EC. An amount of Rs. 2079.00 lakh for construction of 12000 no. of Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) houses, Rs.791.70 lakh for Construction 724 no. of Additional Classrooms (ACRs) and Rs. 28.47 for installation of 3282 tara hand pumps (**Total Rs. 3160.17 lakh as 50%**) were released to Govt. of Assam on 26/12/08. Expenditure for Rs. 1466.80 lakhs has been reported. Implementation of IAY was kept in abeyance in view of a stay order of the High Court which was lifted only on 16th December, 2009. An amount of Rs.519.50 lakhs has been released to the Project Director, DRDA for implementation of IAY after vacation of the stay order. Construction of 87 ACRs is in progress and expected to be completed by January, 2010. 1279 hand pumps have been installed and 197 are in progress. Assam Government is yet to release State share for

all its districts. In total, EC has approved projects for **Rs.6320.33 lakh (central share)** for Barpeta out of the tentative allocation of Rs. 7300.00 lakh, leaving a balance of **Rs. 979.67 lakh**.

(i) Projects approved:

(a) Solar Lantern:

Households with electricity ranked 1st priority among the development deficits identified by the baseline survey of the district. Conventional electricity supply systems cannot be extended in riverine areas and river islands due to geographical difficulties. The State Government has proposed for providing solar lighting systems in riverine areas and river islands. The State Government has submitted proposal for solar lantern for a total cost of Rs. 100 lakh. State govt. has stated that 10% cost will be borne by State Government.

Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for the 6665 units of solar lantern @ Rs.1500/- which is the cost of more energy efficient LED lantern, for the total cost of Rs. 99.98 lakh in the ratio of 90:10 (10% beneficiary/State contribution) as per the relevant scheme of the Ministry of New & renewable Energy (M/o NRE). In addition to the conditions at para 6 above, the approval was given on the further condition that a certificate would be furnished from the State Electricity Board that these villages/beneficiaries are not covered under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY). Fund will be released only after clearance from M/o NRE is obtained on the solar lantern system of Rs. 1500/- per unit and the project has also been approved by the Assam Renewable Energy Development Agency. The approval was accorded in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (90%)	State Share (10%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1	Solar Lantern	6665	0.015	89.99	9.99	99.98

Release of 1st Instalment: Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

(b) Construction of Science Laboratory with overhead water tank: Total literacy and female literacy rate has been ranked 6th and 8th among the development deficits identified by the baseline survey of the district. In the 3rd EC meeting construction of 724 Additional Class Rooms (ACRs) were approved for an amount of Rs.1583.39 lakh as Central share. State Government has proposed for construction of 40 science laboratories with overhead water tank for a total cost of Rs. 200.00 lakh in all Government schools as per the guidelines of RMSA. State Govt. has confirmed that these will be constructed in Govt. schools. Empowered Committee considered the proposal and approved the project, subject to the conditions at para 6 above, as follows:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	No. of Units	Unit cost	Central Share(90%)	State Share(10%)	Total cost
				(lakh Rs.)		
1	Construction of Science Laboratory with overhead water tank	40	5.00	180.00	20.00	200.00

The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total central share as 1st instalment.

(ii) Project approved in-principle:

(a) Construction of model hostel for minority girls students at Kalgachia: State Government has proposed construction of model hostel for minority girl students at Kalgachia at a total cost of Rs. 50.00 lakh. It was also informed by State govt. that availability of such facility was expected to reduce the dropout rate of girls and ease the burden of poor families unable to afford high school education. The district officer stated that the hostel would be located in a municipal land where hostel for SC/ST is also located. The Empowered Committee was however of the view that the hostel should be located within the premises of an existing secondary/higher secondary school or college so that management aspect, which is an important element for ensuring desired impact, is catered by the school/college authority concerned.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for construction of model hostel for minority girls' students at Kalgachia for Rs.50.00 lakhs. In-principle approval was given on the condition that the State Government would provide a detailed project report, the hostel would be designed and constructed as per the specification and cost of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya's pattern. The estimates should be prepared and approved by the State Government's engineering department. Commitment will be given by State Govt. to provide staff and recurring cost. The DPR should indicate the availability of land along with arrangement for warden and chowkidar. The management of the hostel in terms of boarding, food, maintenance, security etc. should be brought out clearly in the DPR. It should also be ensured that the hostel is located within the premises of an existing Govt. higher secondary/model /high schools. In-principle approval was given, subject to the additional conditions in para 6 above, as below:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	No. of Units	Unit cost	Central Share (90%)	State Share(10%)	Total cost
				(lakh Rs.)		
1	Construction of _model Hostel for minority Girls students at Kalgachia	1	50.00	45.00	5.00	50.00

The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total central share as 1st instalment after the DPR is appraised and cleared by the concerned line Ministry/Department.

(c) Proposals declined by the Empowered Committee as they were not identified as priority items in the baseline survey or not envisaged in the programme or lacked details and justification:

- (i) Swadhar Shelter House at Barbala and Mandia
- (ii) Construction of Hostel cum School building for Christian St. Mary's School, Barpeta Road and Baradi Village, Barpeta
- (iii) Poverty eradication for minority women through formation of SHGs und Char/riverine areas
- (iv) Training Centre for Girls Library Hall at Gurudwara, Barpeta Road
- (v) Cane and Bamboo Handicraft Vocational Training Centre
- (vi) Economic upliftment for women Handloom weavers**

Summary of projects of Barpeta (Assam) district approved by the Empowered Committee:

Sl. no	Name of the project for Barpeta district (Assam)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
Rupee in lakh								
Administrative Approval								
1	Solar Lantern	90:10	6665	0.015	89.99	9.99	99.98	44.99
2	Construction of Science Laboratory with overhead water tank	90:10	40	5.00	180.00	20.00	200.00	90.00
	Sub-total				269.99	29.99	299.98	134.99
In-principle approval								
3	Construction of _model Hostel for minority Girls students at Kalgachia	90:10	1	50.00	45.00	5.00	50.00	22.50
	Grand Total				314.99	34.99	349.98	157.49

General observations of the Empowered Committee: Taking into consideration the approvals given in the 3rd EC meeting for Rs.6320.33 lakh as central share and the instant approvals of Rs.314.99 lakh in 25th meeting of EC, the total approved amount was Rs. 6635.32 lakh leaving a balance of Rs. 664.68 lakh. The State Government representative was advised to work out a revised plan for the balance fund available in accordance with the guidelines of the MsDP. It was advised that the revised plan may be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority. It may be noted that, wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools/secondary/higher secondary schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be made in the revised district plan with the commitment that the State Government would provide the land, staff and recurring costs.

Item No. 2: Kamrup (Assam) (Phase-II)

The demographic profile of the Kamrup district shows that 34.17% of the total rural population in the district belongs to the minority community of which Muslims comprise 93%. District plan of Kamrup was considered in the 3rd Empowered Committee (EC) meeting wherein projects were approved for construction of 3000 IAY houses for Rs.1039.50 lakhs including in-principle approval for construction of 300 anganwadi centres (AWCs) for Rs.525.00 lakhs, 3240 solar lantern for Rs.112.10 lakhs and vocational training on computer and I.T. for Rs.288 lakhs. In total EC has approved projects for Rs. 1964.60 lakh (central share) out of the tentative allocation of Rs. 3530.00 lakh, leaving a balance of Rs.1565.40 lakh. An amount of Rs. 519.75 lakh was released to the State Govt. on 26.12.2008. The ADC of Kamrup district confirmed that State govt. has released MsDP fund to the district. Work is under progress for 3000 IAY houses. In-principle approved projects for AWCs and solar lantern is included in the agenda of the 25th EC meeting. In respect of vocational training on computer and I.T., DPR has been sent to the M/o Labour & Employment for appraisal and clearance.

A. Project approved:

(i) **Modernisation of Madrassa Education:** Availability of total and female literacy rate has been ranked as 5th & 7th respectively in the baseline survey of the district. The proposal for construction of colleges (10+2), high school/high Madrassa and ME Madrassa for modernization of Madrassa education was considered. It was confirmed by the ADC of Kamrup district that the proposal was for Govt. Madrasas. Colleges proposed are of 10+2 level and are co-educational. All these institutions are functioning. Representative of Ministry of HRD stated that these Madarssa in Assam are recognized by the State Madarssa Board and are assisted under Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas(SPQEM) by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of infrastructure for education in colleges (10+2), high school/high Madrassa and ME Madrassa for total cost of Rs. 610.00 lakhs on the condition stated at para 6 above and to ensure that all aspects of the project should be based on SSA/RMSA/SPQEM schemes of Ministry of Human Resource Development. The approval was accorded in the following manner:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (100%)	State Share	Total cost
				(Lakh Rs.)		
1	Modernization of Madrassa Education					
(a)	Colleges(10+2) four classrooms each	4	20.00	80.00	-	80.00
(b)	High school/High Madrassa	58	5.00	290.00	-	290.00
(c)	ME Madrassa	80	3.00	240.00	-	240.00
	Total			610.00		610.00

Release of 1st Instalment: Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

B. Recommendation of Empowered Committee for projects already approved in-principle:

(a) Construction of anganwadi centres:

In the 3rd Empowered Committee meeting for Kamrup district, in-principle approval was accorded for construction of 300 anganwadi Centres @ 1.75 lakh per centre for a total cost of **Rs.525.00** lakh on the condition that the State Government would furnish details on availability of land, staff and location. It was advised that villages having the highest proportion of minority population may be selected and list furnished along with proposal for release of funds.

The State Govt. has now furnished a list of villages having the highest proportion of minority population and indicated availability of land and staff. After considering the information, the Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal as under:

Sl. no.	Name of project	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	50% of the total central share
					Rupee in lakh			
1	Construction of anganwadi centres	100:00	300	1.75	525.00	-	525.00	262.50

Release of 1st Instalment: Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

(b) Solar lantern:

In the 3rd Empowered Committee meeting for Kamrup district, in-principle approval was accorded for providing 3240 solar lantern to girls studying in class VI to class XII at a total cost of **Rs. 112.10 lakh** on the condition that the State Govt. would ensure that girls students belonging to BPL families are selected. Accordingly the State Government of Assam has furnished a list of 21 villages for selection of girls belonging to BPL families along with a list of schools.

The details provided by the State Govt. was considered by the Empowered Committee and approval was accorded for 3240 units of solar lantern @Rs.1500/- for the total cost of Rs. 48.60 lakh in the ratio of 90:10 (10% beneficiary/State contribution) as per the relevant scheme of the

Ministry of New & renewable Energy (M/o NRE). In addition to the conditions in para 6 above, the approval was given on the further condition that a certificate would be furnished from the State Electricity Board that these villages/beneficiaries are not covered under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Viduytikaran Yojana (RGGVY). The unit cost was reduced from Rs.3000/- to Rs. 1500/- per unit which is the cost of more energy efficient LED lantern. Fund will be released only after clearance from M/o NRE is obtained on the solar lantern system of Rs. 1500/- per unit. State Govt. would provide a certificate from State Electricity Board that the villages and beneficiaries proposed under this project are not covered under RGGVY and that the project has also been approved by the Assam Renewable Energy Development Agency. The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal as under:

Sl. no.	Name of project	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost
Rupee in lakh							
1	Solar Lantern	90:10	3240	0.015	43.74	4.86	48.60

Release of 1st Instalment: Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

C. Projects not accepted:

(i) **Indira Awas Yojana (2nd phase)**: The proposal for construction of IAY houses was deferred, as there has been no progress of implementation of 3000 units of IAY houses approved in 1st phase. It was advised by the Committee to propose projects to cover identified development deficits which have not been covered so far.

Summary of projects of Kamrup (Assam) district approved by the Empowered Committee:

Sl. no	Name of the project for Kamrup district (Assam)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	50% of approved proposals to be released as 1 st installment
					Rs. In Lakhs			
(a)	Modernization of Madrassa Education							
	Colleges(10+2)	100:00	4	20.00	80.00	-	80.00	40.00
	High school/High Madrassa	100:00	58	5.00	290.00	-	290.00	145.00
	ME Madrassa	100:00	80	3.00	240.00	-	240.00	120.00
Conversion of in-principle approved projects to approved projects								
(b)	Construction of anganwadi centres	100:00	300	1.75	525.00	-	525.00	262.50
(c)	Solar Lantern	90:10	3240	0.015	43.74	4.86	48.60	21.87
Total					1178.74	4.86	1183.60	589.37

General observations of the Empowered Committee: Taking into consideration the approvals given in the 3rd EC meeting of Rs.1964.60 lakh (central share) and the instant approvals of Rs.1178.74 lakh in 25th meeting of EC including two projects i.e. (a) Construction of Anganwadi centre and (b) Solar Lantern which has been converted from in principle approval to approved projects an balance of Rs 1023.76 is still available. It was advised to prepare the revised plan in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority and balance funds fully exhausted with approved projects in the next E.C meeting for Kamrup district. It may be noted that, wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools/secondary/higher secondary schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be made in the revised district plan with the commitment that the State Government would provide the land, staff and recurring costs.

Item No. 3: Bongaigaon (Assam) (Phase-II)

Minority population is about 41% of the total population of the district. Bongaigaon is a category A district i.e., it has socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. The tentative allocation for the Bongaigaon is Rs. 5610.00 lakh. District plan of Bongaigaon was considered in the 8th Empowered Committee (EC) meeting. An approved project for installation of 847 units of singur hand pumps at a total cost of **Rs. 134.93 lakh** was dropped on the advice of the Assam Government due to the risk of duplication with schemes under ARWSP. Hence the total **approved projects for Bongaigaon is Rs. 710.54 lakh (central share)** for construction of 2000 IAY houses, construction of 6 ACRs with 2 toilets each in 4 Government schools and construction of 3 ACRs with one toilet each in 2 Government schools leaving a **balance of Rs.4899.46 lakh**. 50% of approved project amount of Rs.355.27 lakh has already been released to Assam Government on 17th June, 2009. No progress was reported.

(i) **Project approved:**

(a) **Construction of building for anganwadi centres (AWCs):** Health indicator i.e. vaccination to the children of 52.10% was above the national average of 43.5%. Anganwadi centres proposed to be constructed include a kitchen, store room, toilet and playing space as per the guidelines of Ministry of Women & Child Development. It was submitted by the district officer that all the anganwadi centres which have been selected are located in villages/areas having a substantial minority population and they are in need of their own building.

Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 100 Anganwadi Centres @ of Rs.2.96 lakh at a total cost of Rs. 296.00 lakh, subject to the conditions that the centres would be constructed as per the design, specification and norms of the M/o Women and Child Development in addition to the condition stated at para 6 above. The Deputy Commissioner Bongaigaon confirmed that land is available for 100 AWC. The centres would be constructed in the premises of lower primary schools. The district officer submitted a list of Gram Panchayat (GPS) applicable for all projects. The Empowered Committee approved the proposal as follows:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
	Construction of anganwadi centres	100	2.96	296.00	--	296.00

Release of 1st Installment: The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

- (b) **Construction of labour rooms:** 12.50% of the deliveries in the district were institutional delivery against 38.7% of all India. The proposal was for the construction of 7 labour rooms @ Rs.6.00 lakh at a total cost of Rs.42.00 lakh to improve the level of institutional deliveries.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for the construction of 7 labour rooms @ Rs.6.00 lakh at a total cost of Rs.42.00 lakh subject to the conditions in para 6 above. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs. 35.70 lakh and Rs.6.30 lakh as State share in the ratio of 85:15 between Centre and State as per NRHM programme. It was confirmed that land and staff were available and the design, specification and cost have been approved by the State NRHM Mission Director. The district representative confirmed that funds for 2 labour rooms out of 9 has already been received from NRHM fund source and requested to reduce the unit to 7 nos.

The Empowered Committee approved the project, subject to the conditions at para 6 above, in the following manner:-

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (85%)	State Share (15%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
2	Construction of labour room	7	6.00	35.70	6.30	42.00

Release of 1st Instalment: The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the total central share.

(c) **Construction of Additional Class Rooms in Govt. institutions (2nd phase):** Total literacy and female literacy rate in the district were 68.97% and 63.40% respectively. The proposal was for 150 ACRs in secondary/higher secondary schools for the total cost of Rs.382.50 lakh @ Rs. 2.55 lakhs. However, Deputy Commissioner requested to increase the number of ACRs to 249 as this was the infrastructure gap to be filled. The district representative confirmed that all the ACRs are Govt. schools and construction would be RCC structure. It was further requested that the unit cost may be approved at the rate approved for ACRs in secondary/higher secondary schools in Kamrup district i.e @ Rs.5.00 lakhs per unit.

The Empowered Committee considered and approved the proposal for construction of 249 ACRs @ Rs.5.00 lakh at a total cost of Rs.1245.00 lakh. Central contribution from MsDP would be Rs.1120.50 lakh and Rs.124.50 lakh as State share in the ratio of 90:10 between Centre and State as per Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) funding pattern subject to the conditions at para 6 above. It was also confirmed that the Additional Class Rooms (ACRs) would be constructed in those schools which covered areas having a substantial minority population. The Empowered Committee approved the project, in the following manner:-

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (90%)	State Share (10%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	Additional class rooms in higher secondary schools	249	5.00	1120.50	124.50	1245.00

Release of 1st Instalment: The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

(d) **Proposal for sanctioning the difference due to unit cost rectification of IAY houses:** The Deputy Commissioner of Bongaigoan district submitted that construction of 2000 IAY houses were approved by the 8th Empowered Committee at the rate of Rs.35,000 per unit whereas the unit cost for north eastern States, including Assam, should have been Rs.38,500. There was a shortfall of Rs.3500/- per unit in the proposal made by the State Government. Due to the shortfall in the unit cost it has not been possible for the DRDA to implement this project in the district since IAY houses under M/o RD funding are implemented @ Rs.38500/- per unit. It was suggested that the unit cost would need to be rectified/corrected from Rs.35,000 to Rs.38500 in order to implement the project. The representative from the M/o Rural Development confirmed that the unit cost during that period for north eastern States, including Assam, was Rs.38500 and had no objection to the suggestion that this would need to be rectified/corrected. The Empowered Committee considered the proposal and approved for carrying out the rectification in the unit cost subject to the conditions in para 6 above as given below:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (90%)	State Share (10%)	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1.	Construction of IAY houses	2000	0.385	693.00	77.00	770.00
	Sanctioned earlier			630.00	70.00	700.00
	Difference due to unit cost rectification.			63.00	7.00	70.00

The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of Rs.63.00 lakhs of central share being the difference due to unit cost rectification.

(ii) Proposal to be resubmitted to the Ministry:

Upgradation of existing ITI: The proposal for upgradation of existing ITI at Bongaigaon town for an amount of Rs. 224.10 lakh was considered by the Empowered Committee. The representative from the Ministry of Labour and Employment stated that this ITI is included under the scheme for upgradation into a centre of excellence under PPP funding. The Committee felt that details have to be provided to have the project examined. The Committee advised the representative of the district to propose this project again in the revised plan along with a detailed project report prepared in consultation with the State technical education/labour department. The proposal should contain an undertaking from the State Government to provide staff, land and recurring cost, etc. The percentage of minority population covered by the institute should be indicated. The proposal should also indicate the capacity of enrolment in the institute, subject/courses taught and the status of the institute as to whether it was NCVT or SCVT recognized ITI. The DPR would be sent to this Ministry for forwarding it to that Ministry of Labour and Employment for appraisal and clearance.

(iii) Projects not accepted/ deferred:

- (a) Indira Awas Yojana (2nd phase):** The proposal for construction of IAY houses was deferred, as there has been no progress in the implementation of 2000 units of IAY houses approved in the 8th meeting of the Empowered Committee. It was advised by the Committee to propose projects to cover identified development deficits which have not been covered so far.
- (b)** The following proposals were declined by the Empowered Committee as they were not identified as priority items in the baseline survey/not envisaged in the programme:
- (i) Basic orientation training programme,
 - (ii) skill upgradation training,
 - (iii) revolving fund and subsidy to group and individual,
 - (iv) Handloom production cum sale centre,
 - (v) Establishment of Milk processing plant and integrated Dairy Farming system.

Summary of projects of Bongaigaon (Assam) district approved by the Empowered Committee (PHASE-II):

S. No.	Name of the project for Bongaigaon district (Assam)	Sharing ratio	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 Lakhs			
1	Construction of anganwadi centres	100:00	100	2.96	296.00	-	296.00	148.00
2	Construction of building for labour room	85:15	7	6.00	35.70	6.30	42.00	17.85
3	Construction of additional class rooms	90:10	249	5.00	1120.50	124.50	1245.00	560.25
4	Difference due to unit cost rectification for construction of IAY houses.				63.00	7.00	70.00	31.50
Total					1515.20	137.80	1653.00	757.60

Revised plan for balance fund available: Taking into consideration the approvals given in the 8th EC meeting of Rs.710.54 lakhs (central share) and the instant approvals of Rs.1515.20 lakhs in 25th meeting of EC, the total approved amount is Rs.2225.74 lakhs and a balance of Rs.3384.26 lakhs is still available. The representative from the district were advised to prepare a revised plan for the balance fund available in accordance with the guidelines of the MsDP keeping in view the proposals which have already been approved under MsDP for States/UTs. It could be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority so that the entire balance fund is exhausted fully with approved projects in the next EC meeting for Bongagaon district. It may be noted that, wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools, secondary/higher secondary schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be made in the revised district plan with the commitment that recurring costs including land, staff requirement would be met fully by the State Government.

Item No. 4: Hailakandi (Assam) (Phase-II)

Percentage of total minority population was 58.74%. Hailakandi was a category 'A' district i.e., it has socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below the national average. The tentative allocation for the Hailakandi district is Rs. 4450.00 lakh. District plan of Hailakandi district was considered in the 14th Empowered Committee (EC) meeting. Projects for

Rs.2202.71 lakhs (central share) was approved, leaving a balance of Rs.2247.29 lakhs. 50% fund for approved projects i.e Rs.1101.36 lakhs has already been released for construction of 6357 no. of IAY houses to the Govt. of Assam on 20/08/09. No progress was reported as the fund State has released fund to the district recently. It was stated by the district officer that the efforts will be made to complete the construction by April 2010. State share has not been released.

(i) Project approved:

(a) Construction of building for anganwadi centres (AWCs): Health indicator i.e. vaccination to the children of 66% was above the national average of 43.5%. The proposal was for 32 anganwadi centres for the total cost of Rs.96.00 lakh @ Rs.3.00 lakhs It was submitted by the district officer that there are 1305 AWCs in the district and only 600 are having own building, rest are functioning in rented/school buildings. Anganwadi centres proposed to be constructed would include a kitchen, store room, toilet and playing space as per the guidelines of Ministry of Women & Child Development. All the anganwadi centres which have been selected are located in villages/areas having a substantial minority population. Land is available for 32 AWCs and these are in minority concentration areas.

Empowered Committee approved the proposal for construction of 32 Anganwadi Centres @ of Rs.3.00 lakh at a total cost of Rs. 96.00 lakh, subject to the conditions that the centres would be constructed as per the design, specification and norms of the M/o Women and Child Development and centres would have a kitchen, store room, toilet and playing space and in addition a crèche/day care centre in addition to the conditions mentioned in para 6 above. The Empowered Committee approved the proposal as follows:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
	Construction of anganwadi centres	32	3.00	96.00	--	96.00

Release of 1st Installment: The Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

(ii) In-principle approval:

Construction of Girls Hostel: The proposal was for construction of girls' hostel for Rs.50.00 lakh. The hostel would be constructed on the pattern of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV). It was advised that the hostels should be placed under the Department of Education and could be managed on the basis of an MOU with a school education committee set up under SSA/RMSA. The Committee was of the view that hostel should be located within the premises of a Government secondary/higher secondary school or college so that hostel management

aspect, which is an important element for ensuring desired impact, is carried out by the school authority concerned.

The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for construction of girls' hostel for Rs.50.00 lakhs. In-principle approval was given on the condition that the State Government would provide a detailed project report, the hostel would be designed and constructed as per the specification and cost of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya's pattern. The estimates should be prepared and approved by the State Government's engineering department. Commitment will be given by State Govt. to provide staff and recurring cost. The DPR should indicate the availability of land along with arrangement for warden and chowkidar. The management of the hostel in terms of boarding, food, maintenance, security etc. should be brought out clearly in the DPR. It should also be ensured that the hostel is located within the premises of an existing Govt. higher secondary/model /high schools. In-principle approval was given, subject to the additional conditions in para 6 above, as below:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share (90%)	State Share (10%)	Total cost
			(Rs. in Lakh)			
1.	Construction of Girls Hostel	1	50.00	45.00	5.00	50.00

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

(iii) Projects not accepted: The following proposals were declined by the Empowered Committee as they were not identified as priority items in the baseline survey or not envisaged in the programme or details and justification not provided sufficiently:

- (a) Income generating activities for fisheries
- (b) horticulture, agro forestry and jetropha cultivation
- (c) Pick up van and semi intensive goat farming

Summary of projects of Hailakandi (Assam) district approved by the Empowered Committee (PHASE-II):

S. No.	Name of the project for Hailakandi district (Assam)	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 Lakhs			
1	Construction of anganwadi centres	100:00	32	3.00	96.00	--	96.00	48.00
In-principle approval								
2	Construction of Girls Hostel	900:10	1	50.00	45.00	5.00	50.00	22.50
	Grand Total				141.00	5.00	146.00	70.50

Revised plan for balance fund available: Taking into consideration the approvals given in the 14th EC meeting of Rs.2202.71 lakhs (central share) and the instant approvals of Rs.141.00 lakhs in 25th meeting of EC, the total approved amount was Rs.2343.71 lakhs and a balance of Rs. 2106.29 lakhs was still available. The representative of the State Government and district were advised to prepare a revised plan for the balance fund available in accordance with the guidelines of the MsDP keeping in view the proposals which have already been approved under MsDP for States/UTs. It could be prepared in such a manner that the various development deficits identified by the baseline survey were addressed in order of their priority and balance funds fully exhausted with approved projects in the next EC meeting for this district. It may be noted that, wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools, secondary/higher secondary schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be made in the revised district plan with the commitment that land and recurring costs including staff requirement would be met fully by the State Government.

Item No. 5: Nagaon (Assam)

The fund tentatively allocated for the Nagaon district under MsDP was Rs.7030.00 lakh for the 11th Plan period. District plan of Nagaon was considered in the 14th Empowered Committee (EC) meeting. Projects for **Rs.1670.13 lakhs (central share) and in principle approval for Rs.445.00 lakhs (central share)** were accorded by the EC for various projects. In total, EC has approved projects for Rs. **2115.13 lakhs (central share)** out of the tentative allocation of Rs. **7030.00** lakhs, leaving a **balance of Rs. 4914.87 lakhs**. The DPR for in-principle approved project for upgradation of ITI is still awaited. An amount of Rs.835.07 lakhs for construction of 4820 no. of IAY houses was released to Govt. of Assam on 20/08/09. It was stated by the district officer that work has not yet started. Efforts will be made to complete the construction by April 2010. State share has not been released.

The revised district plan did not contain projects addressing the various development deficits and lacked details and justification. The Chairman of the Empowered Committee advised that the plan may be revised to address various development deficits identified by the baseline survey in order of their priority. Wherever there was a need for setting up a new Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, model schools, secondary/higher secondary schools and hostels for girls, or strengthening existing ones, such proposals could be made in the revised district plan

with the commitment that land and recurring costs including staff requirement would be met fully by the State Government. The revised district plan should be prepared in such a manner that the entire balance fund available for this district was fully exhausted with approved projects in the next EC meeting for this district.

Item No. 6: Ukhrul (Manipur) (III Phase)

District plan of Ukhrul was considered in the 7th Empowered Committee meeting. The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for Integrated Watershed Development Project (IWDP) to cover around 6000 hectare at a rate of Rs.0.12 lakh per hectare for the total cost of Rs.720.00 lakh in 11 villages of three blocks which were not covered under the scheme of Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA) of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture subject to the condition that the guidelines of WDPSCA would be followed in toto in implementation of the project and DPR should be submitted for obtaining the comments of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture. Government of Manipur submitted DPR on which comment were obtained from Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture Government of India has supported the proposal.

Recommendation of Empowered Committee for in-principle approved project:

Integrated Watershed Development Project (IWDP):

As per the guidelines of the MsDP, the DPRs technically appraised by the concerned line Ministry/ Sectoral Technical Committee with or without modifications would be put up before the Empowered Committee for its recommendations. The representative of that department stated in the meeting that this project as contained in the DPR would not duplicate any of the projects of the Ministry of Agriculture in the district. The Empowered Committee considered the DPR and approved the project for the total cost of Rs.720.00 lakh subject to the above mentioned conditions in additions to the conditions in para 6 above, that the State Govt. should ensure that the these 11 villages of three blocks are not covered under the programme of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, and guidelines of WDPSCA of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture Government of India would be followed in implementation of the project:

S. N.	Name of the scheme	Total no. units	Unit cost	Central Share	State Share	Total cost
			(Lakh Rs.)			
1	Integrated watershed development project	6000 hectare	0.12	720.00	--	720.00

Release of 1st Installment: Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

Summary of approval of Integrated watershed development project, Ukhrul district (Manipur) approved by the Empowered Committee:

Sl no	Name of the project for Ukhrul district (Manipur)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
				Rupee in lakh				
Administrative Approval								
a	Integrated watershed development project	100:00	6000 hectare	0.12	720.00	--	720.00	360.00

Item No. 7: Hardwar (Uttarakhand) (II Phase)

District plan of Hardwar was considered in the 13th Empowered Committee meeting. The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for the construction of 480 anganwadi centres @ of Rs.3.00 lakh per unit for a total cost of Rs.1440.00 lakh, subject to the condition that the centres, as per the advice of the M/o WCD, would have a kitchen, store room, toilet and playing space, crèche/day care centre and those centres located in villages which have the highest concentration of minority population would be selected, and the State Government would provide a list of villages where these centres would be constructed along with confirmation of the availability of land and staff at these centres.

Recommendation of Empowered Committee for in-principle approved project:

Construction of anganwadi centres:

As per the conditions laid down in 13th Empowered Committee meeting, the State Government of Uttarakhand furnished details on availability of land for only 145 anganwadi centres (AWCs) against 480 units of in-principle approved anganwadi centres. The State Government of Uttarakhand has furnished details about location, percentage of minority population and confirmation that kitchen, store room, toilet and playing space, crèche/day care centre would be provided in the building to be constructed. Empowered Committee approved the proposal for 145 AWCs for which land is available subject to the condition that the centres would be constructed as per the design, specification and norms of the M/o Women and Child Development and confirmation for availability of staff from State Government in addition to the

conditions in para 6 above. Empowered Committee approved the proposal in the following manner:

Sl. no.	Name of project	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost
				Rupee in lakh		
1	Construction of anganwadi centres (phase-II)	145	3.00	435.00	-	435.00

Release of 1st Installment: Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

The proposal for remaining 335 centres which were accorded in-principle approval was cancelled.

Summary of approval of Construction of anganwadi centres, Hardwar district (Uttarakhand) approved by the Empowered Committee:

Sl. no.	Name of the project for Hardwar district (Uttarakhand)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
					Rupee in lakh			
1	Construction of anganwadi centres (phase-II)	100:00	145	3.00	435.00	-	435.00	217.50

Item No. 8: Udham Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand) (II Phase)

District plan of Udham Singh Nagar was considered in the 13th Empowered Committee meeting. The Empowered Committee accorded in-principle approval for the construction of 285 anganwadi centres @ of Rs.3.00 lakh per unit for a total cost of Rs.855.00 lakh, subject to the condition that the centres, as per the advice of the M/o WCD, would have a kitchen, store room, toilet and playing space, crèche/day care centre and those centres located in villages which have the highest concentration of minority population would be selected, and the State Government would provide a list of villages where these centres would be constructed along with confirmation of the availability of land and staff at these centres.

Recommendation of Empowered Committee for in-principle approved project:

Construction of anganwadi centres:

As per the conditions laid down in 13th Empowered Committee Meeting, the State Government of Uttarakhand furnished details on availability of land for only 43 anganwadi centres (AWCs) against 285 units of in-principle approved anganwadi centres. Also State Government of Uttarakhand has furnished details about location, percentage of minority population and confirmation that kitchen, store room, toilet and playing space, crèche/day care centre would be provided in the building to be constructed. Empowered Committee approved the proposal for 43 AWCs for which land is available subject to the condition that the centres would

be constructed as per the design, specification and norms of the M/o Women and Child Development and confirmation for availability of staff from State Government in addition to the conditions in para 6 above. Empowered Committee approves the proposal in the following manner:

Sl. no.	Name of project	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost
				Rupee in lakh		
1	Construction of anganwadi centres (phase-II)	43	3.00	129.00	-	129.00

Release of 1st Installment: Empowered Committee approved for release of 50% of the central share.

The proposal for remaining 242 centres which were accorded in-principle approval was cancelled.

Summary of approval of Construction of anganwadi centres, Udham Singh Nagar district (Uttarakhand) approved by the Empowered Committee:

Sl. no.	Name of the project for Udham Singh Nagar district (Uttarakhand)	Sharing ratio	No. of units	Unit cost	Central share	State share	Total cost	1 st instalment amount to be released
					Rupee in lakh			
1	Construction of anganwadi centres (phase-II)	100:00	43	3.00	129.00	-	129.00	64.50
