

CHAPTER – X

GENERAL ECONOMICS SERVICES

9.1. SECRETARIAT ECONOMIC SERVICES

9.1.1 The Projected Eleventh Plan outlay (2007 - 2012) for the Secretariat Economic Services is **Rs.3100.00** lakhs and the total expenditure during 2007-08 is **Rs.214.40** lakhs including Programme Implementation Department & Evaluation Unit .The agreed outlay for the Annual Plan 2008-2009) is **Rs. 410.00 lakhs** which is expected to be utilized in full and the proposed outlay for 2009-10 is **Rs 471.00 lakhs**

9.1.2. The Planning Organisation of the State is the major component of Secretariat Economic Services. The Planning Organization is the machinery which is responsible for the formulation of the Five Year Plans, Annual Plans and all allied matters in the State. The Organization also function as a liaison body between the Planning Commission and the State Government on all matters relating to Planning and Development for the State of Meghalaya. The State Planning Board which is an apex planning body in the State, form a part of Planning Organization at the Headquarter and is actively involved in Plan formulation and reviewing of the implementation of Plan Schemes. At the district level, there is District Planning and Development Council at all District Headquarters to formulate, monitor and review of developmental activities in the State.

9.1.3 The Programme implementation & Evaluation Department is primarily a monitoring Department responsible for reviewing and monitoring of Schemes and projects implemented by various Department Government. It is also maintain liaison with the Government of India in respect of 20 Point Programme and MPLADS. The State Computer Cell under Programme Implementation was set up for performing nodal functions relating to computerization in all Departments. It is also meant for aiding effective monitoring of development programme and coordinating development of Software, development of Data Base, Linkages and Networking and to provide expert advise on purchase of Computer Systems etc.

9.1.4 Under Planning Organization , the State Government has also set up the following Councils/ Commissions :-

- I Meghalaya Resource and Employment Generation Council :**
- II Meghalaya Economic Development Council:**
- III Regional Planning & Development Council :**
- V Core board on Meghalaya Infrastructure Development**

9.1.4. The broad break-up of the projected outlay of **Rs. 3100.00 lakhs** for Secretariat Economic Services during the Eleventh Plan and also during Annual Plan 2009-10 are indicated below :-

Rs. In lakhs

Sl. No.	Items	Projected Eleventh Plan (2007-2012) Outlay	Approved Annual Plan 2008-09	Proposed Annual Plan 2009-10
	Secretariat Economic Services			
1	Planning Machinery at the State & Dist. Headquarter	1700.00	190.00	237.50
2	State Planning Board	500.00	55.00	68.75
3	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Unit including SDRC	550.00	120.00	108.50
4	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council	55.00	5.00	6.25
5	Meghalaya Economic Development Council	80.00	10.00	11.50
6	NEC/ Regional Meetings	65.00	10.00	11.50
7	Regional Planning & Development Council	150.00	20.00	23.00
8.	Core Board on Meghalaya Infrastructure Development	Sub Head to be created	0.00	4.00
	Grand Total	3100.00	410.00	471.00

9.2. TOURISM

9.2.1. Tourism is a multi faceted activity – an amalgamation of transport, accommodation, cuisine, entertainment and other related industries. Among the smallest states in the country, Meghalaya is blessed with picturesque landscapes, salubrious climate, sparkling waterfalls, rich traditional culture and warm and hospitable people. The State has a high tourism potential because of its geo-ecological and cultural settings. Cherrapunjee is distinct and renowned for receiving the highest rainfall in the world.

9.2.2. The thrust areas for tapping the tourism potentials available in the state are :

- The abundant natural beauty is a major asset which could be promoted with adequate infrastructure.
- The Khasi and Garo tribes are known for their traditional healing practices. The state has a strong base of traditional medicine, utilizing hundreds of locally available medicinal plants and herbs. With proper investment and management, the potential of traditional medicine can be fully exploited.
- The State offers some of the finest routes for trekking both mild and difficult. The southern slopes with high rocky cliffs have ample scope for the development and promotion of outdoor sports like rock climbing, abseiling etc.

- A majority of places in the rural areas of Meghalaya are associated with myths and legends. Training the local youth in narrating the important events would help in promoting this product.
- Meghalaya is rich in culture and this attracts a lot of domestic and foreign tourists. Villagers in rural areas are still holding on to their ancient customs and traditions. This product could provide a tremendous opportunity for being exposed to culture buffs around the world.

9.2.3. The Eleventh Plan projected outlay under Tourism is Rs.3500.00 lakhs During 2007-08, the approved outlay was Rs.275.00 lakhs and the actual expenditure was Rs.274.28 lakhs. The current year's approved outlay is Rs.375.00 lakhs and it is anticipated to be fully utilized. The proposed outlay for 2009-10 is Rs. 2000.00 lakhs which includes Rs. 655.00 lakhs One time ACA/SPA for creation of Tourism Infrastructure.

9.2.4. During the Eleventh Plan (2007-12) including Annual Plan (2008-09) and Annual Plan(2009-10), important schemes that are being implemented and proposed to continue include – Development of tourist spots, Development in and around Cherrapunjee, Provision of Tourist Bungalow/ Yatriniwases/ Wayside Amenities, Tourist Fairs and Festivals, Production of Documentary Film, Setting up of Tourist information Centres, Promotion of Adventure Tourism/ Travel Circuits (Golf Course Dev.), Promotion of Caving, Provision of Community Based Projects/ Infrastructures, Improvement of Pinewood Hotel and Orchid Hotel, Shillong. etc. The Department also proposed to implement a new scheme viz., “Provision of Community Based Projects/ Infrastructures” during the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012). Under this scheme, the Department proposed to take up many tourist spots in the State for development and providing infrastructures, wayside amenities, tourist circuits, etc. and on completion of the projects, the Department will handover to the village authority / community concerned for maintenance and management.

9.2.5. The break up of the Eleventh Plan(2007-12), Annual Plan(2008-09) and the Annual Plan(2009-10) outlays is shown in the table below :-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Major Heads/Minor Heads of development	Eleventh Plan (2007-12) Proposed Outlay	Annual Plan (2008-09)		Annual Plan (2009-10) Proposed Outlay
			Approved Outlay	Anticptd. Expdr.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Development of Tourist Spots.	203.00	150.00	150.00	250.00
2	Provision of Wayside amenities & infrastructures connecting Cherrapunjee to Kynrem Falls.	100.00	5.50	5.50	-
3	Tourist Bungalow in Tura.	50.00	2.00	2.00	-
4	Provision of Yatri Niwases	50.00	2.00	2.00	25.00
5	Provision of Wayside Amenities	60.00	12.00	12.00	70.00
6	Transport facilities for Tourists	50.00	11.00	11.00	30.00
7	Financial Assistance to MTDC	150.00	22.00	22.00	40.00
8	Tourism Promotion Subsidy	200.00	-	-	200.00
9	Direction & Administration	250.00	20.00	20.00	40.00

Sl. No.	Major Heads/Minor Heads of development	Eleventh Plan (2007-12) Proposed Outlay	Annual Plan (2008-09)		Annual Plan (2009-10) Proposed Outlay
			Approved Outlay	Anticipd. Expdr.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
10	Training Facilities	50.00	1.00	1.00	10.00
11	Hospitality Schemes	50.00	5.50	5.50	20.00
12	Publicity Tourist Festival & Printing of Publicity Materials.	700.00	90.00	90.00	160.00
13	Other Tourist Information Centre	80.00	15.00	15.00	50.00
14	Production of Documentary Film	80.00	5.50	5.50	15.00
15	Purchase of Boats	50.00	-	-	-
16	Wildlife Tourism (Trekking in Natural Reserves)	50.00	-	-	-
17	Development of Caves	50.00	3.00	3.00	-
18	Adventure Tourism	20.00	-	-	50.00
19	Food Craft Institute	50.00	-	-	-
20	Provision of Consultant Fees for Project Formulation.	20.00	-	-	10.00
21	Travel Circuits (Golf Course Development)	200.00	16.50	16.50	30.00
22	Yatri Niwas at Shillong	25.00	-	-	15.00
23	Tourist Bungalow at Williamnagar	25.00	-	-	5.00
24	Improvement of Pine Wood Hotel	50.00	5.50	5.50	100.00
25	Crowborough Hotel	25.00	-	-	-
26	Shillong Orchid Hotel	152.00	5.50	5.50	20.00
27	Orchid Inn at Thadlaskein	5.00	-	-	-
28	Directorate of Tourism Office Paryatan Bhawan 200.00	60.00	-	-	-
29	Constn.of New Hotel/Tourist Bungalow etc.	55.00	-	-	200.00
30	Infrastructural Development at Sacred Lumsohpetbneng	20.00	-	-	-
31	Provision of approach road, wayside amenities connecting Umsohpeing village to Umsohpieng & Riangthied Waterfalls, through Mawjiej village, West Khasi Hills.	60.00	-	-	-
32	Provision of approach road and wayside amenities connecting the sacred Lum Mawirang near Myndo Village, West Khasi Hills.	40.00	-	-	-
33	Provision of Community-Based Projects/Infrastructures	350.00	3.00	3.00	5.00
34	Provision of approach road and wayside amenities connecting Kamriangsih village to Ara waterfalls near Kamriangsih Village, West Khasi	30.00	-	-	-

Sl. No.	Major Heads/Minor Heads of development	Eleventh Plan (2007-12) Proposed Outlay	Annual Plan (2008-09)		Annual Plan (2009-10) Proposed Outlay
			Approved Outlay	Anticptd. Expdr.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Hills.				
35	Provision of approach road and wayside amenities connecting Syntu Ksiar	20.00	-	-	-
36	Provision of approach road, wayside amenities connecting Kyllang Rock	35.00	-	-	-
37	Provision of approach road and wayside amenities connecting Mawthadraishan Range.	35.00	-	-	-
38	One time ACA?SPA for creation of Tourism Infrastructure.				655.00
	TOTAL	3500.00	375.00	375.00	2000.00

9.3 SURVEY AND STATISTICS

9.3.1. The Directorate of Economics and Statistics is responsible for all Statistical activities in the planning process of the State as well as to monitor and evaluate the different programmes. The main objective of the State Statistical System is to take up the responsibility to collect, to generate and disseminate reliable and timely data covering various facets of the economy, society and the polity.. The Approved outlay under Eleventh Plan is Rs. 1400.00 lakhs and the actual expenditure during 2007-08 is Rs. 146.47 lakhs . The approved Outlay for Annual Plan 2008-09 is Rs.220.00 lakhs which is expected to be utilized in full and the proposed outlay for the year 2009-10 is Rs.250.00 lakhs. The following existing schemes are being taken up.

9.3.2.. Crop Estimation Survey: Crop Estimation Survey is primarily meant to provide the estimate of the yield rate for some important selected crops of the State, which subsequently is being used to estimate the crop area and production of the different crops in the State. During the year 2009-2010, a total of 3328 crop cutting experiments spreading across the different sample villages of the State is planned to be carried out

9.3.3. National Sample Survey: National Sample Survey is a main activity under the integrated Socio Economic Survey conducted by the NSSO regularly every year in which the State Directorate of Economics and Statistics also participate in the Survey on an equal Sample relating basis. During the year 2008-2009, the 65th round of NSS is already being under way and the subject coverage in this 65th round focuses mainly on (i) Domestic Tourism (ii) Housing conditions (iii) Particulars of Slums and (iv) Household consumer expenditure.

9.3.4. Estimation of State Domestic Product: The estimate of State Domestic Product (SDP) generally known as State Income is considered as the most important macro Economic aggregates to measure the economic development of the State. To assess in monetary terms for goods and services produced, the estimates are taken up for different Sectors both at constant and current prices. The programme includes analysis of budget to measure the

mobilisation of savings, capital formation and social growth out of State Government budgetary operations.

9.3.5. Besides these, there are also other important programme which the Directorate is also carrying out as part of its regular work programmes such as collection and analysis of information on price Statistics, Census of Government Employees, Publication of Statistical Handbook, etc. and with the development of IT, the Directorate has also been making an effort to computerized all the important work programmes of the DES by taking advantage of the facilities and platform offer by the IT by implementing the data entry & Processing of the Data and also for establishing a sound data bank of the Directorate.

9.3.6 The proposed outlay for the Annual Plan 2009-10 is Rs. 290.00lakhs of which the break up is indicated below:-

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Items	Projected 11 th Plan (2007-12)	Approved Annual Plan 2008-09	Proposed Annual Plan 2009-10
1.	State Statistics Organisation	232.99	82.50	97.50
2.	Annual Survey of Industries	49.13	5.72	6.50
3.	National income estimation	34.86	-	-
4.	Bulletin, Handbook, Abstract etc	25.69	1.10	1.20
5.	Training Unit	10.00	0.74	1.00
6.	Strengthening of Price section	25.76	0.74	1.00
7.	Data Rank Electronic Processing , Crop Insurance Scheme	235.14	91.30	100.80
8.	Agricultural Statistics Division	23.22	7.92	9.00
9.	National Sample Survey Division	68.77	16.56	18.00
10..	Establishment of Modern Data Processing Facility	14.40	3.52	4.00
11..	Collection of Housing Statistics	27.43	-	-
12.	Strengthening of Publication & Reference Division	25.69	9.90	11.00
13..	Construction of Building Staff Quarter.	520.00	-	-
14.	New Schemes			00
	(i) District Income Estimation	73.24	-	-
	(ii) Budget Analysis	33.68	-	-
	Total	1400.00	220.00	250.00

9.4 CIVIL SUPPLIES

9.4.1 The Projected Outlay for the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012) is Rs.1300.00 Lakhs. The Approved Revised outlay for the Annual Plan 2007-2008 is Rs.106.00 Lakhs and the actual expenditure is Rs. 103.78 Lakhs. The approved outlay for 2008-09 is Rs. 125.00 Lakhs which is expected to be fully utilized. **The proposed outlay for 2009-2010 is Rs.150.00 Lakhs.** The approved Tenth Plan outlay for this sector was Rs.165.00 Lakhs and the actual expenditure was Rs. 459.36 Lakhs.

9.4.2 **Programmes for 2008-09:-**

9.4.3 **Mobile Fair Price Shop** – This is a continuing scheme which envisages distribution of Essential Commodities through Vans in the Rural areas and far - flung areas under the supervision/control of the Deputy Commissioners/ Sub-Divisional Officers. The vans are also used for transportation of **TPDS** Commodities from the Wholesale Centres to the Fair Price Shops. At present 8 Vans are in running condition. For the maintenance of the existing Vans and meeting the expenses in connection with Salaries etc. of Drivers etc an amount of Rs. 15.00 Lakhs is proposed for 2009-2010.

9.4.4 **State Commission and District Fora-** Under the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, the Department have constituted Quasi - Judicial Bodies i.e., State Commission at the State Level and the District Forum at the District Level. These Quasi - Judicial Bodies deal with Consumer Disputes / Grievances as stipulated under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. The District Forum deals with Consumer Disputes, the value of which is Rs. 1.00 Lakhs upto Rs. 20.00 Lakhs and the State Commission deals with Consumer Disputes, the value which are above Rs. 20.00 Lakhs upto Rs. 1.00 Crores. It also acts as appellate Court against the decision of the District Fora.

Funds are required for payment of Sitting Fees to the Members of the State Commission and District Forum, other Office expenses, Salaries of the Staffs etc for which an amount of Rs.10.00 Lakhs for the State Commission and Rs. 14.00 Lakhs for the District Forum is proposed for the Annual Plan 2009-10.

9.4.5 **Consumer Awareness Programme** - The provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, provides for constitution of the State Consumer Protection Council and Protection and Promotion of Consumer rights in the State. Consumer Awareness Programme throughout the State are organized by the Deputy Commissioners/ Sub-Divisional Officers alongwith the Local Dorbars/ NGOs and Public Leaders, therefore an amount of Rs. 8.00 Lakhs is proposed for the purpose for the Annual Plan 2009-10.

9.4.6 **Improvement/ Maintenance of Staff Quarter** – The Department have constructed a number of Official quarters in the Districts at Nongstoin/ Baghmara/ Nongpoh/ Tura and Sub - Division at Khliehriat and Resubelpara during the Ninth and Tenth Plan period. For improvement and maintenance of these quarters, funds are required to be provided for which an outlay of Rs.15.00 lakhs is proposed for the Annual Plan 2009-10.

9.4.7 **Computerisation** - The Department have purchased Computers and accessories in the Directorate and the Districts Offices to facilitate better maintenance of records/ accounts in the Department. Maintenance and Rectification of Computers and purchase of computer consumables etc are required from time to time for which an amount of Rs. 2.00 Lakhs is proposed for the Annual Plan 2009-10.

9.4.8 **Annapurna – NSAP Scheme:-** Under the Scheme, 10 Kgs. Of Rice are supplied free of cost per month to each indigent Old Age Person not covered under the National Old Age Pension Scheme. As per instruction of the Government of India, the scheme has been transferred to the State Plan with effect from 2002-03. An amount of Rs.75.00 Lakhs is proposed for this scheme during 2009-10.

9.4.9 **Family Identity Card:-** The Department proposes to conduct enumeration of urban households in the State for the purpose of issuing computerized Family Identity Card. The Department is presently acquiring the infrastructure for printing of computerized FI Card and is processing to frame the Guidelines / methodology for the Enumeration. For this purpose enumerators will have to be engaged and remuneration to be paid for their services. The total Number of Urban Households as per records available in the Census of India 2001 is 119210 numbers. An amount of Rs. 10.00 Lakhs is proposed for the Annual Plan 2009-10.

Centrally Sponsored Scheme:

9.4.10 **Implementation of Antyodaya Anna Yojana** - This is Central Sector Scheme and provides for distribution of Foodgrains (Rice) to the poorest Families at 35 Kilograms per Family per month at the rate of Rs. 3/- per Kg.

Under the Scheme, rice is supplied by the Ministry of Food and Public Distribution through the Food Corporation of India at the price of Rs. 300/- per quintal. At the same time Government of India have fixed the issue price of Rice at Rs. 3.00 per Kg. with instruction that Transport Cost and other incidental charges in connection with the implementation of the Scheme should be borne by the State Government. 70,200 Poorest Families are covered at present.

Pending receipt of clear decision/instruction from Planning Commission, a token provision of Rs.1.00 Lakh only is provided for the Scheme for 2009-10.

9.4.11 The broad schematic outlays proposed for 2009-10 are shown in the Table below:-
(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No	Schemes	11 th Plan (2007-12)	Annual Plan 2007-08 (Appd)	Actual Expenditure 2007-08	Annual Plan 2008-09 (Appd)	Anticipated Expenditure 2008-09	Proposed Outlay Annual Plan 2009-10
(a)	Mobile Fair Price Shop	70.00	13.49	12.14	13.00	13.00	15.00
(b)	State Commission	50.00	6.65	6.63	8.00	8.00	10.00
(c)	District Forum	65.00	9.36	8.51	12.25	12.25	14.00
(d)	Consumer Awareness Programme	30.00	0.50	0.50	2.75	2.75	8.00
(e)	Improvement / Maintenance of Staff quarters	20.00	-	-	3.00	3.00	15.00
(f)	Computerisation / Xerox Machine	25.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00
(g)	Family Identity Card	-	-	-	10.00	10.00	10.00
(g)	Annapurna	340.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
(h)	Antyodaya Anna Yojana (New Scheme)	700.00			-	-	1.00
	TOTAL	1300.00	106.00	103.78	125.00	125.00	150.00

9. 5. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

9.5.1. The Projected Outlay for the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012) is Rs.400.00 Lakhs and for the Annual Plan 2007-2008 an outlay of Rs. 50.00 Lakhs is approved for which an amount of Rs. 43.17 Lakhs was actually utilised. The Approved Outlay for this Sector during 2008-09 was Rs. 65.00 lakhs and the amount is expected to be spent in full. **The proposed outlay for 2009-10 is Rs. 85.00 Lakhs.** The approved outlay for the Tenth Plan period for Weights and Measures was Rs.165.00 Lakhs and the actual expenditure was Rs.157.41 Lakhs.

9.5.2 Programmes for 2009-10:-

9.5.3 Maintenance and Strengthening of Staff:- To strengthened the Enforcement Wing and manpower in the District Offices of the State, for maintenance of the existing staff, and for opening up of 2 (two) new offices of the Inspector of Weights & Measures at Khliehriat & Mawkyrwat an amount of Rs. 60.00 Lakhs is proposed for the Annual Plan 2009-10.

9.5.4 Procurement of Machinery: With the proposal for opening of the 2 (two) new offices in the District / Sub-Divisions, fund will be required for purchase of Machinery / Equipments/ Tools and Plants etc for the new Offices and also for purchase of 2 (two) Computers in the District offices, an amount of Rs. 3.00 Lakhs is proposed for the Annual Plan 2009-10.

9.5.5 Purchase of Vehicles:- The Department proposed to procure 1 (one) no. Vehicle for the Enforcement Wing of the Department for Inspection purposes for which an amount of Rs. 9.00 Lakhs is proposed for the Annual Plan 2009-10.

9.5.6 Construction/Maintenance of Laboratory-cum-Office Building:- The Office of the Inspector of Weights and Measures, Jowai is being accommodated in a rented house since its inception, and huge amount have to be spent for rent every year. Therefore it is felt necessary to provide fund for purchase of land and for construction of the Office at Jowai. Further, repair works and maintenance of the Office Buildings at Tura and Williamnagar are also proposed to be undertaken by the Department for which an amount of Rs. 10.00 Lakhs is proposed for 2009-2010.

9.5.7 Consumers Awareness Programmes: - For creating awareness of the general public including the traders in both urban and rural areas for maintaining uniformity and accuracy of all weights and measures by advertising through the Media, Billboards and also by conducting Seminars in all District Headquarters is proposed and for this purpose, an amount of Rs. 3.00 lakhs is proposed for 2009-2010.

9.5.8 The broad schematic outlays proposal for the Annual Plan 2009-10 are as follows:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No	Schemes	11 th Plan (2007-12)	Annual Plan 2007-08 (Appd)	Actual Expenditure 2007-08	Annual Plan 2008-09 (Appd)	Anticipated Expenditure 2008-09	Annual Plan 2009-10 (Proposed)
1.	Maintenance and Strengthening of Staff	225.00	40.00	33.17	48.00	48.00	60.00
2.	Procurement of	60.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00

	Machinery						
3.	Purchase of Vehicles	25.00	7.00	7.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
4.	Construction/Maintenance of Laboratory-cum-Office Building	45.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	10.00
5.	Strengthen of Consumers Awareness	45.00	-	-	3.00	3.00	3.00
	Total	400.00	50.00	43.17	65.00	65.00	85.00

9.6. AUTONOMOUS DISTRICT COUNCILS

9.6.1. The projected Eleventh Plan (2007-2012) outlay in respect of District Councils is **Rs.4000.00** lakhs. The agreed outlay for Annual Plan 2007-08 is Rs.550.00 lakhs and the actual expenditure is Rs.550.00 lakhs. The proposed outlay for the Annual Plan 2008-2009 is Rs. 575.00 Lakhs and the anticipated expenditure is Rs.575.00 lakhs. **The proposed outlay for the Annual Plan 2009-2010 is Rs. 575.00 Lakhs.**

9.6.2. The District Councils are the Autonomous bodies constituted under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India .They have been invested with certain powers not only for legislation and administration in respect of tribal interest, but, also with executive and judiciary powers. However, since the Autonomous District Councils have a narrow resource base, the State Government in consultation with the Planning Commission has been extending Grant-in-aid to them from time to time under the State Plan to enable them to take up rural development programmes in areas like approach roads, bridges, foot paths, drinking wells, Village markets, play grounds etc. Grant-in-aid is also given for the construction of the District Councils' administrative and functional buildings. The funds available each year is divided to the three Autonomous District Councils of Khasi Hills, Garo Hills and Jaintia Hills in the ratio of 9:8:3.

9.6.3. The broad breakup of the outlays proposed for the Annual Plan 2009-10 are indicated in the Table below:-

(Rs. in lakhs)					
Sl. No.	Items	Eleventh Plan 2007-12 Proposed Outlay	Annual Plan - 2008-09		Proposed Outlay for 2009-10
			Agreed Outlay	Anticipated Expenditure	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Financial assistance to District Council for their own Plan Scheme	3520.00	516.00	516.00	516.00
2	Construction of District Council Buildings	480.00	59.00	59.00	59.00
	Total	4000.00	575.00	575.00	575.00

9.7 LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE HIMALAYA – MEGHALAYA CHAPTER

An outlay of Rs 11000.00 lakhs is projected during the 11th Plan. An Outlay of Rs.1067.00 Lakhs was approved for the Annual Plan 2007-08 and the whole amount was actually utilized. The Approved Outlay for 2008-09 is Rs. 3500.00 Lakhs and the amount is expected to be utilized in full. **An amount of Rs. 4465.00 lakhs is proposed for the Annual Plan 2009-10.**

9.7.1 LIPH is a joint initiative of the Government of Meghalaya (GOM), and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). The Meghalaya Rural Development Society was set up and registered under the Meghalaya Societies Registration Act XII of 1983 on the 22nd June 2004 and consequently the project was declared effective from 23rd September 2004 with the overall objective improve the livelihood of vulnerable groups in a sustainable manner through the promotion of improved livelihood opportunities and strengthening of local institutions that relate to livelihood development. The districts in the State in which the project is implemented by the Meghalaya Rural Development Society (MRDS) are-East Khasi Hills, South Garo Hills, East Garo Hills, Jaintia Hills & Ri-Bhoi. The Department of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Finance at the Central Level and the Planning Department in Meghalaya are the nodal agencies for the project

9.7.2. PROJECT COMPONENTS:

The proposed Livelihood Improvement Project for the Himalayas comprises the following four components to be implemented over a period of eight years.

- i) Empowerment and Capacity –Building of Communities and Support Organizations:
- ii) Livelihood Enhancement and Development focusing on organic agriculture/ shifting cultivation, livestock/ animal husbandry/ fisheries, forestry including: non-timber forest products, medicinal and aromatic plants, agro-forestry, and other natural products, enterprise related soil and water related activities and a number of other off-farm opportunities such as eco tourism, alternative fuels and finally establishing forward, backward and horizontal linkages.
- iii) Livelihood Support Systems Development through a SVCC that will mobilize demonstrations; arrange for the provision of rural financial services and other business development services; facilities backward and forward linkages with the wider economy; and
- iv) Project Management, including the establishment of the project management and DMUs, strategy development and addressing of policy issued and demonstrating technologies to reduce women's drudgery.

The Project will be implemented in 15 blocks in five Districts of the State, namely, East Khasi Hills, Jaintia Hills, Ri-Bhoi, East Garo Hills and South Garo Hills District covering 29,300 households. The coverage of the above-mentioned 15 Blocks District- wise is as follows:

East Khasi Hills:	4
Jaintia Hills:	3
Ri Bhoi:	2
East Garo Hills:	3
South Garo Hills:	3
Total	15

During the eight years project, it was estimated that a total number of 570 villages in 15 Blocks in all five districts will be covered. Till date a total of 426 villages have been covered under the Project. A total of 479 SHGs have been formed till the Second Quarter of the Annual Plan 2007-2008. An additional 1471 SHGs is expected to be formed during the Annual Plan 2008-2009. Stress will be accorded to formation of women SHGs.

9.7.3 PROJECT COST AND FINANCING:

(a). Total Project cost for a scheme of financing of the LIPH for a period of 8 years is indicated below -:

	SOURCE OF FINANCE				%
(a)	IFAD Loan	17.52M US\$	=	Rs. 83.22 crores	48.34%
(b)	Institutional Finance	9.83 M US\$	=	Rs. 46.69 crores	27.13%
(c)	Beneficiaries components	3.85 M US\$	=	Rs. 18.29 crores	10.62 %
(d)	State Govt. contribution	5.04 M US\$	=	Rs. 23.94 crores	13.91 %
	Total	36.24 M US\$	=	Rs.172.14 crores	100%

(b) The position regarding receipt of funds from the beginning till the end of 2008-09 is indicated in the table below-: (Rs. in lakhs)

Annual Plan	Approved Outlay			Amount Released/ Sanctioned		
	State Share	Central Share	Total	IFAD Loan	State Share	Govt. Of India
2004-05	1065.00	-	1065.00	-	225.00	-
2005-06	30.00	100.00	130.00	-	-	-
2006-07	100.00	1200.00	1300.00	570.00	100.00	152.20
2007-08	931.00	136.00	1067.00	931.00	136.00	266.00
2008-09	3013.15	486.85	3500.00			706.00

9.7.4 The break-up of different Components of financing during Annual Plan 2007-08, 2008-09 & 2009-10 are indicated below:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Eleventh Plan 2007-12 Projected Outlay	Approved Outlay 2007-08	Actual Expenditure 2007-2008	Approved Outlay 2008-09	Anticipated Expenditure 2008-09	Proposed Outlay 2009-10
1	Empowerment & Capacity Building of Community Organisations and their Support Organisation.	1000.00	383.00	383.00	340.00	340.00	434.00
2	Livelihood Enhancement and Development.	1750.00	85.00	85.00	699.00	699.00	892.00
3	Livelihood Support System.	6500.00	238.00	238.00	2306.00	2306.00	2942.00
4	Project Management.	1750.00	361.00	361.00	155.00	155.00	197.00
	Total	11000.00	1067.00	1067.00	3500.00	3500.00	4465.00

9.7.5 According to the Funding pattern of the Project, the proposed outlay of Rs. 4465.00 Lakhs for 2009-10 is proposed to be financed as indicated below:-

Sl. No.	SOURCE OF FINANCE	U.S. Dollars	Indian Rupees	Proposed Outlay 2009-10	Percentage %
1.	IFAD Loan	17.52M US\$	Rs. 83.22 Crores	2158.39 Lakhs	48.34%
2.	Institutional Finance	9.83 M US\$	Rs. 46.69 Crores	1211.35 Lakhs	27.13%
3.	Beneficiaries components	3.85 M US\$	Rs. 18.29 Crores	474.18 Lakhs	10.62 %
4.	State Govt. contribution	5.04 M US\$	Rs. 23.94 Crores	621.08 Lakhs	13.91 %
	Total	36.24 M US\$	Rs.172.14 Crores	4465.00 Lakhs	100%

9.8 VOLUNTARY ACTION FUND

9.8.1. The objectives of the Voluntary sector are to encourage and promote voluntary institutions for development, reducing dependence on Government, promotion of self-reliance and accelerated rural and tribal development through Voluntary action. Eligible VAs/ NGOs are extended financial assistance for organising / conducting training programmes, workshops, seminars of public importance, etc., for motivating workers / beneficiaries. The District Planning Officer recommends VAs/NGOs for provision of financial assistance and oversees the implementation of the scheme at the district level.

9.8.2. **The projected outlay for the Voluntary sector during the Eleventh Plan, 2007-2012 is Rs. 600.00 Lakhs. The approved outlay for the Annual Plan 2007-08 was Rs.50.00 lakhs which was utilized in full. The approved outlay for 2008-09 is Rs. 65.00 Lakhs which is expected to be utilized in full. The proposed outlay for Annual Plan 2009-10 is Rs. 65.00 Lakhs.**

9.8.3. The Table below indicates the financial and physical achievements in respect of Voluntary Action Fund since its inception till date:-

YEAR	FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENT (RS. LAKHS)	PHYSICAL ACHIEVEMENT (NOS. OF VAs /NGOs ASSISTED)
1995-96	10.00	23
1996-97	15.00	42
1997-98	21.00	64
1998-99	19.00	89
1999-2000	20.00	163
2000-2001	27.75	270
2001-2002	35.00	363
2002-2003	30.00	264
2003-2004	30.00	297

YEAR	FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENT (RS. LAKHS)	PHYSICAL ACHIEVEMENT (NOS. OF VAs /NGOs ASSISTED)
2004-2005	30.00	353
2005-2006	50.00	489
2006-2007	50.00	407
2007-2008	50.00	419
2008-2009	65.00	Not yet finalized

9.8.4. The State Government has decided to decentralize the powers in respect of the Voluntary Action Fund to all the Districts in the State from 2008-09 onwards with the following conditions:

- (a) To empower the DPO's Offices in all Districts to administer the process of sanctioning, selection and disbursement of financial assistance to the eligible VAs/NGOs/SHGs of their concerned Districts.
- (b) To constitute District Level Empowered Committee (similar to the existing State Level Empowered Committee) with Deputy Commissioner as the Chairman, DPO as the Member Secretary, and the District Officers from Planning / DRDA / Industries / Education / Social Welfare as Members. The Committee may invite any other Official(s) from other Department(s) if required. This Committee can have a closer monitoring system.
- (c) The Planning Department to allocate funds to the Districts based on the population as per the latest census.