

CHAPTER – III

SPECIAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

3.1.1. BORDER AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

The various integrated schemes taken up under this programme aim at ameliorating the sufferings of the people living in the Border Areas whose economy has been badly affected by the partition of the Country in 1947. The Border Areas have been defined and demarcated as a territory to the distance of 10(ten) Kms belt inside the State from the international border with Bangladesh.

3.1.2 Border Villages: - There are 1566 villages falling in the Border areas which cover an area of 4430 Square Kilometers, running laterally about 443 Kms from Dona-Malidor areas in Jaintia Hills District to Mahendraganj in the West Garo Hills District and thence for some distance towards Monkachar of West Garo Hills District.

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3.1.3. Border Areas Development Programme:-- The schemes taken up under this programme aimed at creation of infrastructure like provision of micro water supply, ropeways, link roads, food processing, footpaths, footbridges, rural electricity etc and as well as income-generating schemes in the field of dairy, fisheries, small scale industries, apiculture, tea plantation besides community- based schemes like construction of community halls, market stalls, parks, etc. The schemes under this programme are generally being implemented by the Local Committees of the concerned villages with technical support from the Department. Schemes which are highly technical in nature, are being executed by the concerned line Departments. The schemes under **Special Central Assistance** are 100% funded by the GOI. During the Tenth Plan, the cumulative expenditure was Rs 3844.60 lakhs. The anticipated expenditure for the Annual Plan 2007-08 will be Rs 1029.00 lakhs.

3.1.4. Award of Border Scholarship:- During the Tenth Plan, the cumulative expenditure was Rs 150.42 lakhs. The amount was spent for awarding scholarship to meritorious students securing 1st tenth position and 1st Division in Class IV and Class VII Scholarship Examination of the Meghalaya Board of School Education and at the Post Matric stage studying in the High Schools and colleges within and outside the State will continue to be implemented by the Department. During the Tenth Plan, 23,531 number of students have been benefited under the scheme. The current year's outlay of Rs 42.00 lakhs is expected to be fully utilized.

3.1.5. Road Programme:- Road communications act like veins and arteries for the people living in the border areas in order to accelerate trade and other activities in their day-to-day transaction. Road schemes are taken up in these areas to cater to the felt-needs of the people and the State Government efforts to ease their communication hurdles. The Tenth Plan approved outlay for this scheme was Rs 182.00 lakhs. The cumulative expenditure during the Tenth Plan was Rs 108.68 lakhs. The physical achievement for construction of new roads and

bridges during the Tenth Plan is 4.99Km and 34.00Rm respectively. The current year's outlay of Rs 200.00 lakhs is expected to be fully utilized.

3.1.6. Grant Under Article 275 (1):- Ministry of Tribal Affairs used to accord special financial assistance under Article 271 (1) as an alleviation programme to the people living in the border areas to undertake some sustainable developmental activities by the villagers. During the Tenth Plan period the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has released Rs 80.55 Lakhs. The amount was fully expended for (1) Tea Plantation at Mawlyngot and (2) Fruit Processing Unit at Wahkdait. The approved outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.30.00 lakhs and this amount is expected to be fully utilized.

3.1.7. Border Areas Development (Directorate): The Schemes taken up under this programme are construction of office buildings, quarters, approach roads etc at the respective offices of the Border Areas Development Officers are being implemented by the Directorate. The actual expenditure during the Tenth Plan is Rs 145.78 lakhs and the current year's outlay of Rs 60.00 lakhs is expected to be fully utilized.

3.1.8. Proposed Outlay for the 11th Plan (2007-12) and Annual Plan (2008-09):-

The proposed State Plan outlay for the development of Border Area under Special Area Programme during the 11th Plan is Rs 18909.00 lakhs which includes Rs 14409.00 lakhs under Border Area Development Programme, Rs 1500.00 lakhs under Article 275 (1) and Rs15909.00 lakhs for other Border Area Development Programme. The outlay proposed for the Annual Plan 2008-09 is Rs 1125.00 lakhs which includes Rs 806.71 lakhs under BADP, Rs 23.52 lakhs under Article 275 (1) and Rs 294.77 lakhs for other Border Area Development Programme.

Break up of the Eleventh Plan (2007-2012), Annual Plan (2007-08) and Annual Plan (2008-09) for implementation of the schemes/ programmes is indicated below :

Sl. No.	Name of schemes	11 th Plan Projected Outlay	Annual Plan 2007-08		Annual Plan 2008-09 Proposed Outlay
			Approved Outlay	Antcd. Expenditure	
1.	Education: Scholarship and stipend.	210.00	42.00	42.00	32.93
2.	Road programme PWD(R) : Border Areas under PWD-Rural Roads.	2300.00	200.00	200.00	156.79
3.	Border Areas Dev.(Directorate) : Direction & Administration.	253.50	60.00	60.00	47.04
4.	Agro-Custum-Hiring in the Border Areas.	16.50	3.00	3.00	2.35
5.	Land Acqisition & Construction of office Building of BADOs.	220.00	71.00	71.00	55.66
6.	Special Central Assistance under Border Areas Programme.	14409.00	494.00	494.00	806.71
7.	Central Assistance under Art.275(1).	1500.00	30.00	30.00	23.52
	Total	18909.00	900.00	900.00	1125.00