

CHAPTER – XI

SOCIAL SERVICES

10.1 GENERAL EDUCATION

10.1.1 The 11th Plan proposed outlay is Rs.85,000.00 lakhs. The approved outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.7800.00 lakhs, out of which Rs. 6500.00 lakhs is earmarked for Elementary Education. The anticipated expenditure is Rs. 8650.66 lakhs due to more requirement for salaries of teachers which will be made available by inter-sectoral adjustments. **The proposed outlay for 2008-09 is Rs.10750.00 lakhs which includes Rs. 7150.00 lakhs under Elementary Education.** As per Cabinet decisions the salaries and normal requirements of Education sector during 2008-09 are to be protected to ensure smooth functioning of the Department.

A. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

The vision of the State is for Universalisation of Elementary Education along with universal access to schools and constantly improving quality of teaching and learning process. The aims and objective is for attaining total enrolment and retention of children in schools by the year 2010.

With the launching of the SSA programme and its various interventions the Department is making an effort to provide education of satisfactory quality, bridge the existing gaps in access, provision of infrastructure including educational curricula and teachers Training.

10.1.2 Achievements during the year 2007 - 2008

During the year merger Pay and DA have been extended to teachers of both Govt. and Non Govt. Schools and salary of Adhoc LP and UPS teachers have been enhanced. The financial involvement has increased therefore, to a very large extent on account of this. The amount required for the Arrears due to the teachers will not be fully met during the current Annual Plan 2007-2008.

10.1.3 Proposal during the year 2008 - 2009

A major chunk of the expenditure proposed for the Annual Plan 2008-09 will be for maintenance of the existing teachers of both LP and UP Schools. There are 1055 Govt. and 1480 Non Govt. Primary School Teachers, for whom the amount involved will be Rs. 3815.30 lakhs annually. There are 2444 Adhoc LPS teachers with a fixed pay of Rs. 3000/- p.m. with a total requirement of Rs. 879.84 lakhs annually. In addition there are 340 LPS teachers under SSA for whom State share of 10% will be required.

There are 711 pre-primary teachers with a fixed pay of Rs. 1800/- p.m. The salary is too meagre and is thus proposed to be enhanced at par with the Lower Primary Adhoc teachers at Rs. 3000/- p.m. The amount involved is Rs. 179.18 lakhs annually. The enhancement is proposed w.e.f. 1.12.2008.

There are 56 Govt. UPS teachers and 1840 number of existing adhoc UPS teachers. In addition there are also 1223 UPS under SSA for whom 10% State Share will be required with 1 (one) teacher to be paid by the State. The amount required for salaries of all UPS Teacher

including State share for SSA is Rs. 936.68. An amount of Rs.1500/- is proposed for the 11th Plan for SSA Rs. 250.00 lakhs is proposed for 2008-09, as State share.

The National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (NPNSPE) known as Mid Day Meal Scheme is being implemented in the State for providing cooked meals for every child in Govt. and Govt. Aided Primary Schools & EGS Centre and for every child in Govt. Aided Upper Primary Schools in 9 Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs). The cost for conversion of foodgrains has to be met jointly by the Govt. of India @ Rs. 1.80 per child per day and the State Govt. @ Rs. 0.20p per child per day for Primary level and Rs. 2.30 per child per day and Rs. 0.20p by Govt. of India and State Govt. respectively at the Upper Primary level. Kitchen devices are being provided by the Govt. of India @ Rs. 2500/- per school and Rs. 2000/- per EGS Centre. Govt. of India has provided fund also for Monitoring, Management and Evaluation (MME) of the Scheme. Constructions of Kitchen sheds @ Rs. 60,000/- per school for 2539 Govt. LP Schools has been provided by the Govt. of India. The projected outlay for 11th Plan for Midday Meal is Rs.2500.00 lakhs and for 2008-09 an amount of Rs.400.00 lakhs is being proposed.

In order to clear the backlog of untrained teachers 2 year diploma course are being conducted by the DIETs. Further, teachers are being deputed in two cycles within a year for the certificate course for Primary Education (CPE) being conducted by IGNOU. There are also various short term training being conducted by DERT, DIET and at the Block Resource Centres. An amount of Rs. 220.00 lakhs is being proposed to meet the expenses.

An amount of Rs. 80.00 lakhs is proposed for maintenance of Non Formal Education Centres now EGS Centres under SSA. The SSA State share for non salary component is proposed for Rs. 250.00 lakhs. As such the total proposed outlay for Elementary Education is Rs. 7150.00 lakhs.

10.1.4 Adult Education

An amount of Rs. 30.00 lakhs is proposed for Adult Education of which Rs. 20.00 lakhs for maintenance of staff under DAEO/DSEO and meeting the contingency purposes. Rs. 10.00 lakhs is proposed to strengthen the Total Literacy Campaign, Post Literacy Project and Continuing Education Programme to remove illiteracy in the adults.

B. SECONDARY & HIGHER EDUCATION

10.1.5. Secondary Sector

During 2008-09 the existing liabilities like salaries to Govt. Establishment and recurring maintenance grant to Non-Govt. Institutions needs to be maintained. In addition, there is need (a) to extend the revised pay scale to Deficit Pattern Secondary Schools, (b) to assist the newly permitted secondary schools (c) to extend extended rate of Grant-in-aid to science teachers/Adhoc School teachers in the Adhoc Sec. Schools, (d) Other programmes will include provision of basic facilities like school buildings, furniture, Science equipments and Co-curricular activities like Science Seminar and exhibition etc. An amount of Rs. 1000.00 lakhs is proposed for the 11th Plan for setting up of Navodaya Vidyalaya type of Schools in each Block.

10.1.6. Higher Secondary Sector

Besides maintaining the existing liabilities in 74 Higher Secondary Schools, (18 Govt. and 56 Non-Govt.) there is a need (a) to extend extended rate of Grant-in-aid to Non-Govt. Higher Sec. Schools (b) assist the newly permitted Higher Secondary Schools (c)

to set up more Govt. Higher Secondary Schools through out the State in order to cater to the need of transferring the Plus two stage from the college to the school level. (d) To assist more new Higher Secondary Schools to be set up in future, (e) There is also a need for assistance for building, equipments etc.

10.1.7. College & Higher Education

The existing committed liabilities are to be maintained. Besides there is a need to assist the newly permitted colleges and also to extend the assistance for buildings etc.

10.1.8. Language Development

The recognition of Khasi and Garo languages by the Sahitya Academy will depend on the enrichment of these languages in various field likes science, classics, folktales, cultural heritage. The promotion of language will be done through assistance to authors, translation and publication. The existing liability of grant-in-aid to Sanskrit Tol will be continued during 2008-2009

10.1.9. Youth Welfare Programme For Students (NCC & NSS)

This programme is partly operated by the DHTE and major share opted by Director of Sports & Youth Services.

The National Service Scheme covers students of College and University level. At present there are approximately 3000 NCC cadets which is not even 10 % of the College/University student population. It is proposed to increase the NCC, Scouts & Guides & Jr. Red Cross activities in the State to cover all the Districts / Sub-Divisions within the next five year plan and target at least 20 % of the student population. A sum of Rs100.00 lakhs is proposed during the 11th five year plan 2007-2012.

It may be mentioned that the Ministry of Culture, Youth & Sports Department has approved the establishment of a State level NSS cell to be financed by the Govt. of India in order to increase the activities under the National Service Scheme.

10.1.10. Vocational Education / Training :-

It is proposed to implement Vocational Education in right earnest so as to divert at least 25% of students completing 10 years education to the vocational stream, reducing the pressure on the universities and also preparing students for gainful employment. This would enhance individual employability, reduce the mismatch between demand and supply of skilled manpower and provide an alternative for those pursuing higher education thus ultimately diversify educational opportunities and bring about a change in the structure of the working population from the present rate of 2%-3% who are engaged in the industrial sector.

The Department is encouraging the Private organization to establish Vocational institution for offering short term courses on vocational education. At least 2 vocational institutes will be established in each district and 3 Secondary/Higher Secondary institutions will be identified for running courses in vocational education. At present Govt. is giving grant for vocational education to Don Bosco Technical School, Shillong. **For the Annual Plan 2008-09 an outlay of Rs. 100.00 lakhs is proposed for Vocational Education and Training. This outlay is to be utilized by Education Department in consultation with Planning Department and the concerned Department.**

10.1.11. I.T. Education :-

A strategic IT vision for the State titled “IT Vision 2020” has been drawn up by the State Government to cover various aspects of ICT development for the State as well as for promoting IT education. The overriding focus of the vision is the creation of jobs through ICT within the State. Human Resource and Skill Development besides facilitating placements to youth and student will be the prime focus. The Government envisages reaping the benefits of ICT revolution in terms of jobs for local youths which will eventually increase the State GDP, socio-economic upliftment and improvement of human development indices. As of now, youth from the State are forced to migrate to other parts of the country to find jobs in IT/ITeS industries and software companies.

IT Department has envisaged the need to have a finishing school in IT Sector. The school will provide training, expertise to students and youth and also create a talent pool to make them employable in the rapidly growing ICT sector and local needs of NeGP. The Government intends to train 2000 students over a period of 2(two) years thereby making them IT professional ready for the job market. It may be mentioned that NASSCOM (An autonomous body under Ministry of Communication & Information Technology) are scouting for 2000 students during 2007-08 for employment in the IT Sector but has not been able to reach the target.

It is estimated that an amount of **Rs. 2.00 crores** would be required during the first year to kick start the initiative which would go a long way in creating employable students in the IT Sector. The proposal will be implemented by IT Department.

C. TRAINING :

The programmes under the sector are being administered by the Directorate of Educational Research & Training (DERT) These comprises improvement of the quality of education through training of teachers, research and innovation including the development of curricula etc.

1. Long –term training

To help clear the backlog of In-service untrained Teachers at the Elementary stage, Long-term In-service Trainings for primary teachers are being conducted at the Government Basic Training Centres (BTCs) located at Shillong, Thadlaskein, Resubelpara and Tura as well as at the non-Govt. Cherra Teachers Training Centre, Sohra. The duration of the training programme is two year.

Long-term In-service Trainings for Upper Primary Teachers are being conducted at the Government Normal Training Schools (NTSSs) located at Sohra and Tura as well as at the District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) located at Sohra, Thadlaskein, Resubelpara, Nongpoh, Nongstoin, Tura and Baghmara. Untrained Primary Teachers are also provided training at the above DIETs during 2007-2008. As per the direction of the National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) the duration of the Training Course is two years.

2. Basic Computer Training for U.P. School Teachers

140 Upper Primary Teachers were provided training in Computer Awareness at the Computer Cell of the DERT, Shillong. This scheme will be continued during 2008-09.

3. State Level Screening Test for National Talent Search Examinations & State Talent Search Examinations.

State Level Screening Test for Selecting 50 bright students from Meghalaya for appearing at the National Talent Search Examination is being conducted every year. State Talent Search Examinations at the close of the Upper Primary stage and at the close of the Secondary Stage

are also being conducted for selecting 30 & 50 talented tribal students respectively for award of Talent Incentives. As usual these examinations will be conducted during 2008-09.

4. Intelligence Test for Talented Children from Rural Areas.

Intelligence Test will continue during 2008-09 for selecting talented students from rural areas for award of National Scholarships at the Secondary Stage through the Directorate of Higher & Technical Education, Meghalaya.

5. Evening Coaching Classes for Tribal Students in Science, Mathematics & English.

This scheme was continued during 2008-09. About 4200 tribal students will be provided free coaching classes in Science, Mathematics and English in 92 (ninety two) Coaching Centres located in different districts for improving their performance in the above core subjects as well as their overall performance at the SSLC examination through improved knowledge in English.

6. Grants-in-Aid to Meghalaya Board of School Education (MBOSE):

This scheme will be continued during 2008-09 and the amount proposed for MBOSE is Rs. 17.00 lakhs.

7. Training of Lower Primary School Teachers on foundation course for children with disabilities in Distance mode.

During 2007-08, 41 L.P. School Teachers drawn from all the 7(seven) districts of the state were trained. This scheme will continue during 2008-09.

8. EDUSAT

The uplinking Hub of the Educational Satellite has been installed and proposal for construction of sound proof studio and air conditioning of rooms is made. During 2008-09 this scheme will be continued.

10.1.13. NON LAPSABLE CENTRAL POOL OF RESOURCES :

The infrastructure gap in the Education Sector is huge which will take a very long time to bridge in view of the fund constraint. As at present, almost the entire Plan Outlay each Year is barely sufficient to meet the committed liabilities towards maintenance of teachers etc. The State Government have been trying to source funds from the M/O DONER under Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) to bridge this gap which is very crucial to the improvement of the quality of Education in the State.

Towards the end of the Ninth Plan, the Planning Commission have sanctioned Rs 14.40 crores & Rs 8.00 crores for the construction of Primary & Upper Primary School Buildings and Rs 2.56 crores for the construction of the R.K.Mission School building, Teacher's Quarters & Student's Home at Cherrapunjee which have since been completed.

During the 10th Plan, the M/O DONER have sanctioned Rs 2.00 lakhs as addl. Requirement of R.K. Mission School, Cherrapunjee for the construction building for laboratory and computer classroom, Rs 2.86 crores for Mawsynram Border Area College, Rs 3.37 crores for Thomas Jones Synod College, Jowai. An amount of Rs. 7.44 Crores have been released by the Ministry of DoNER during 2005-06 and 2006-07 as financial assistance for conversion cost under Mid Day Meal Programme.

Further, an amount of Rs. 2.26 crores for the construction of O.M.Roy Memorial School at Kynton Massar, Mawlai, Shillong & Rs 2.34 crores for the construction of School building & Staff Quarters at Sutnga Presbyterian Higher Secondary School, Sutnga, Jaintia Hills, Rs. 6.34 Crores for the SAC Expansion Programme, Shillong and Rs. 10.27 Crores for the Construction of the Tikrikilla College Complex, West Garo Hills Districts have been approved by the Ministry of DoNER but funds for the same are yet to be released.

The broad break-up of the proposed outlay for the 11th Plan and the Annual Plan 2008-09 under General Education Sector (StatePlan) is given in the following table:-

Rs. in lakhs							
Sl.No	Major Heads/Minor Heads of Development	Tenth Plan 2002-07 Projected Outlay (at 2001-02 Prices)	Tenth Plan 2002-07 Actual Expenditure	Eleventh Plan 2007-12 Projected Outlay at 2006-07 prices	Annual Plan 2007-08		Annual Plan 2008-09 Proposed Outlay
					Agreed Outlay	Anticipated Expenditure	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	<u>2202- General Education</u>						
A	01. Elementary Education	18510.00	21030.72	49980.00	6500.00	6008.74	7150.00
	04. Adult Education	104.00	98.60	150.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
	Total A:	18614.00	21129.32	50130.00	6530.00	6038.74	7180.00
B	02. Secondary Education	5322.00	6262.92	24472.00	974.00	1905.04	2408.25
	03. University and Higher Education	1023.00	1806.56	8008.00	209.00	620.18	683.50
	04 I.T. Education			1000.00			200.00
	05. Language Development	25.00	12.88	40.00	1.30	1.00	8.00
	Earmarked to NCC/NSS			100.00			75.00
	Earmarked to 4202- Capital Outlay			500.00			100.00
	Total B:	6370.00	8082.36	34120.00	1184.30	2526.22	3474.75
C	Educational Research and Training	416.00	311.17	750.00	85.70	85.70	95.25
	Grand Total A+B+C	25400.00	29522.85	85000.00	7800.00	8650.66	10750.00

10.2 TECHNICAL EDUCATION

10.2.1. The 11th Plan Proposed Outlay for this Sector is Rs. 30629.00 lakhs. The approved outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.400.00 lakhs which is anticipated to be utilized in full. The proposed outlay for 2008-09 is Rs.1585.00 lakhs.

10.2.2. The Directorate also looks after Technical Education in the State through Shillong Polytechnic which has four (4) Streams namely, Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and

Electronics besides sponsoring students for various technical courses outside the State. Technical Education is being augmented through introduction of additional courses in Shillong Polytechnic, namely, 3years Diploma in Computer Science and Engineering and 2 years post Diploma in Information Technology besides setting up 2 new polytechnics in Jowai and Tura respectively. The new courses introduced are (1) Tura Polytechnic – Food Processing and Preservation (b) Computer Application (c) Medical Electronics and (2) Jowai Polytechnic – (a) Architectural Assistantship (b) Costume Design and Garment Technology (c) Automobile Engineering.

The Scheme-wise proposed outlay for the 11th Plan and the Annual Plan 2008-09 is given in the following table:-

Rs. in lakhs.

Sl. No	Major Heads/Minor Heads of Development	Tenth Plan 2002-07 Projected Outlay (at 2001-02 Prices)	Tenth Plan 2002-07 Actual Expenditure	Eleventh Plan 2007-12 Projected Outlay at 2006-07 prices	Annual Plan 2007-08		Annual Plan 2008-09 Proposed Outlay
					Agreed Outlay	Anticipated Expenditure	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	2203-Technical Education						
	Directorate/ Polytechnics	5500.00	334.79	29529.00	385.00	385.00	1555.00
	SPIUS		4925.00				
	Earmarked to PWD		5.38	1100.00	15.00	15.00	30.00
	Earmarked to NCC/NSS		10.00				
	Total: 2203	5500.00	5275.17	30629.00	400.00	400.00	1585.00

10.3. SPORTS AND YOUTH SERVICES

10.3.1 The proposed outlay for the 11th Plan for Sports and Youth Services sector is Rs.12000.00 lakhs. The approved outlay for the Annual Plan 2007-08 is Rs.1100.00 which is expected to be utilised in full. **The proposed outlay for the Annual Plan 2008-09 is Rs.1375.00 lakhs.**

10.3.2 With the objective of creating necessary infrastructure to facilitate development of sports and games and to also take up related youth welfare activities the highest priority is to pay special attention to the provision of sports infrastructure and facilities right from the village and block levels to the District and State Level. One of the reasons is that plan allocation for the Sports sector has remained more or less static for the last five years and needs to be substantially increased.

10.3.3 The broad break-up of the proposed outlay for the 11th Plan (2007-2012) and the Annual Plan 2008-09 is given in the following table:-

Rs. in lakhs

Sl. No	Major Heads/Minor Heads of Development	Tenth Plan 2002-07 Projected Outlay (at 2001-02 Prices)	Tenth Plan 2002-07 Actual Expenditure	Eleventh Plan 2007-12 Projected Outlay at 2006-07 prices	Annual Plan 2007-08		Annual Plan 2008-09 Proposed Outlay
					Agreed Outlay	Anticipated Expenditure	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
“2204 SPORTS & YOUTH SERVICES”							
1	001 Direction & Administration.	500.00	710.93	3500.00	200.00	200.00	300.00
2	101 – Physical Education	26.52	1.34	60.00	0.50	0.50	0.66
3	102 – Youth Welfare Programme for Students	90.00	87.70	310.00	12.00	12.00	20.00
4	104 – Sports & Games	2426.62	3229.58	7172.00	707.50	707.50	871.34
5	01 – C.M.Y.D. Schemes	106.86	132.50	208.00	30.00	30.00	33.00
6	02 – I.S.Y.D. Schemes	750.00	750.00	750.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
	TOTAL	3900.00	4912.05	12000.00	1100.00	1100.00	1375.00

10.4 ARTS & CULTURE

10.4.1 The proposed outlay for the 11th Plan is Rs.6000.00 lakhs and the approved outlay for 2007-08 is Rs. 675.00 lakhs which is anticipated to be utilized in full. **The proposed outlay for the Annual Plan 2008-09 is Rs.850.00 lakhs.** The Tenth Plan outlay for Arts & Culture was Rs.2000.00 lakhs and the actual expenditure was Rs.2410.26 lakhs.

Preservation, documentation, research, promotion, development and augmentation of Arts & Culture in the State continue to be the important objectives of the Arts & Culture Department. For achieving these objectives, a separate Department of Arts & Culture was created in the year 1988 to deal exclusively with the preservation of ancient arts, culture and heritage including promotion and expansion of cultural activities. The approach to the Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007 – 2012 will be to maximize benefits from the existing arrangement and facilities build up the basic infrastructure for the promotion and preservation of cultural heritage and artistic form to spread these activities and to encourage modern creative streams and literature.

10.4.2 The broad schematic outlays proposed for the 11th Plan (2007-2012) and for the Annual Plan 2008-09 are as follows:-

Major Heads / Minor Heads of Development	Tenth Plan 2002 - 07	Tenth Plan 2002-07	Eleventh Plan 2007-12	Annual Plan 2007-2008		Annual Plan 2008-09 Proposed Outlay
	Projected Outlay (at 2001-2002) Prices	Actual Expenditure	Projected Outlay at (2006-2007) prices	Agreed Outlay	Anticipated Expenditure	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2205 - Arts & Culture						
001 - Direction and Administration	64.50	98.20	647.40	43.60	43.60	91.82
101 - Fine Arts Education	50.50	56.65	540.60	16.45	16.45	27.61
102 - Promotion of Arts & Culture	778.00	682.71	1265.26	172.84	172.84	182.67
103 - Archaeology & Archaeological Survey	16.50	52.75	284.80	8.10	8.10	20.35
104 - Archives	16.00	18.55	284.20	4.80	4.80	8.65
105 - Public Libraries	109.50	181.02	641.40	44.06	44.06	94.02
107 - Museum	38.00	118.74	455.60	55.61	55.61	72.20
108 - Anthropological Survey	8.00	11.44	270.20	5.90	5.90	8.47
800 - Other Expenditure	886.00	1053.53	1310.54	283.64	283.64	299.21
State Cultural Complex, Shillong Under PWD (Capital Outlay)	33.00	136.67	300.00	40.00	40.00	45.00
Total	2000.00	2410.26	6000.00	675.00	675.00	850.00

10.4.3 Centrally Sponsored Schemes:

The Department of Arts and Culture have not been able to get any financial assistance except for computerization of State Central Library and the State Museum, during the 10th Five Year Plan Period. Hence, it is proposed to submit schemes that can be shared for expenditures both by the State and the Centre and started the Multipurpose- Cultural Complexes schemes in the Districts during the Eleventh Five Year Plan. During the Five Year Plan period the total amount of **Rs. 1200.00 lakhs** is provided under the Central share of **Rs. 69.60 lakhs** under the State matching share contribution. And the amount of **Rs. 1083.45 lakhs** under the Central share and **Rs. 126.70** under the state share for 2008-2009

10.4.4 Twelfth Finance Commission Award

The Development and protection of Heritage site in the State have been provided by the Twelve Finance Commission Award amounting to **Rs. 125.00 lakhs** for 2008-2009. The above proposed activities of the Department of Arts and Culture hope to expand development and create infrastructural Facilities in the State with a view to preserve, protect, promote and conserve the rich traditional culture of the people of the State as entrusted with the Government of Meghalaya, during the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

10.5 MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH

10.5.1 The proposed outlay for the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) is Rs. 63,381.00 lakhs which includes a proposed Rural Health component of Rs.31,946.00 lakhs. The proposed outlay for the Annual Plan 2007-08 is Rs. 5,000.00 lakhs which includes a proposed Rural Health component of Rs. 3500.00 lakhs and is expected to be utilized in full. The proposed outlay for Annual Plan 2008-09 is Rs. 7,800.00 lakhs of which Rural Health is Rs. 3,610.00 lakhs.

The following programmes of the Department aims at a rapid transition and transformation in which efficient health systems will improve quality of life, well being of the people and reduce burden of diseases which in turn will increase economic productivity and growth.

10.5.2. NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH MISSION (NRHM):-

The NRHM was launched in April 2005 in the State with a view to bring about marked improvement in the health System and health status of the people. The mission seeks to provide universal access to equitable, affordable and quality health care to the people and especially the poor and the vulnerable sections of community residing in the rural areas throughout the country. The duration of the mission is 7 years (2005-2012).The state and District Health Missions and Societies are constituted for effective implementation of the goals of the Mission.

Physical targets under NRHM:-

In line with the goals of the Mission the State expects the outcome of NRHM by 2012 will be as follows :

- a. **IMR** to be reduced to **30/1000** live births.
- b. **MMR** to be reduced to **100/1000,000**.
- c. **TFR** to be brought to **2.1**
- d. **Malaria mortality reduction** rate - **50%** upto **2012**.
- e. **Cataract Operation:** increasing to **1000** cases per year until **2012**.
- f. **Leprosy prevalence rate:** to be brought to less than **1/10,000**.
- g. **Tuberculosis DOTS Services** : from the current rate of **1.8/10,000,85 %** cure rate to be maintained through the entire Mission period.
- h. **34 Community Health Centres** to be upgraded to **Indian Public Health Standards**.
- i. **Utilisation of First Referral Units** to be increased from **less than 20% to 75%**.
- j. Link Workers (**ASHA**) will be engaged in all the Villages of the State (5438 ASHAs in place against a total of 6180 is required).

10.5.3. DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE:-

A. MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS:-

At present, the Department has 8 Hospitals, 24 CHCs, 98 PHCs and 401 Sub-Centres. The targeted achievement during the Plan period is to upgrade the existing Hospitals, CHCs to Hospitals, setting up of new CHCs, PHCs and Sub-Centres and also setting up of additional 10 CHCs, 20 PHCs and 200 Sub-Centres,

Accident and Trauma Centres at Tura, Williamnagar and Jowai, Training Institute on Para-Medical workers including Blood Bank Units at all District Hospitals with 24 hours delivery services would be set up.

B. EQUIPMENTS:-

- 1) Pasteur Institute, Shillong would endeavour to set up the New Tissue Culture (NTCARV) for preparation of anti-rabies vaccines.
- 2) District Hospitals would be provided with Laparoscopic and Endoscopic machines including
- 3) 18 ECG machines would also be provided at all District Hospitals and CHCs located at the District and Sub-Divisional Headquarters.
- 4) 18 X-Ray machines would also be provided at all major Hospitals/ CHCs. 25 Portable X-Ray machines.

C. MANPOWER:-

The department is at present having a strength of 78 Specialist Doctors, 490 General Doctors, 36 Dental Surgeons, 1232 Nurses, 1000 Multipurpose Health Workers and 300 Para-Medical staff.

Keeping in view the resources available and the assessment to equip both Hospital and CHCs with specialized manpower including Nurses and Para-Medical staff.

D. The following programmes are to be continued during 2008-09:-

- 1) Maternal and Child Health & Family Welfare Programmes
- 2) Popularisation of Alternative Medicine Systems like Ayush
- 3) Access to Essential Drug
- 4) Integration of NRHM with National Health Programmes

10.5.4 CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES:

The national Programmes on control of Communicable Diseases will also be continued during the Eleventh Plan Period, where special attention will be given to control of Malaria and Tuberculosis diseases to reduce the menace of the diseases. An Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme has already been initiated and will be carried on during the Eleventh Plan. The same will be followed with respect to schemes such as Establishment of Ayurvedic/Homeopathic Wing in all the districts.

10.5.5 The broad break-up of the Eleventh Plan (2007-2012) and the Annual Plan 2008-09 are indicated below:-

		STATE PLAN		(Rs. Lakhs)	
Sl. No.	Items	Eleventh Plan 2007-12 proposed outlay	Annual Plan - 2007-08		Proposed Outlay for 2008-09
			Agreed Outlay	Anticipated Expenditure	
1	2	3	4	5	6
	<u>Medical & Public Health</u>				
1.	Urban Health Services- Allopathy	16048.00	1896.90	1896.90	1876.90
2.	Urban Health Services- Other System of Medicines	1566.00	81.50	81.50	116.50
3.	Rural Health Services- Allopathy	32000.00	4500.00	4500.00	3810.00
4.	Medical Education, Training & Research-	1823.00	296.90	296.90	300.90
5.	Public Health	1773.00	261.70	261.70	306.70
6.	General (Other Expenditure)	6790.00	463.00	463.00	389.00
7.	National Rural Health Mission	3381.00	-	-	1200.00
	Total = (Medical & Public Health)	63381.00	5000.00	5000.00	7800.00

10.6 WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION

10.6.1 In Meghalaya, the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector is under the control and supervision of the Public Health Engineering Department. Provision of sufficient and safe drinking water supply in both rural & urban areas of the State including provision of rural & urban sanitation facilities are the primary objectives of the Government in this sector. The main thrust of the Department during the 11th Plan period would be to cover all rural habitations such as Comprehensive Action Plan (CAP)-99, Slipped Back and Newly Grown-up Habitations as envisaged in the Bharat Nirman Programme with 40 lpcd of potable water.

10.6.2 HIGHLIGHTS OF TENTH PLAN ACHIEVEMENT UNDER STATE PLAN:-

The projected outlay under Water Supply & Sanitation Sector for the 10th Plan was Rs.23500.00 lakhs while the actual expenditure was Rs.18536.52 lakhs only. While an amount of Rs.15207.24 lakhs have been utilised for rural water supply programmes, an amount of Rs.1950.77 lakhs only have been spent for urban water supply programmes. Rs.74.10 lakhs only was utilised for rural sanitation programmes and Rs.45.00 lakhs was given as grants in aid to Meghalaya Pollution Control Board The Finance Commission

Award amounting to Rs.151.99 lakhs have also been utilised during the Plan period. The expenditure on other programmes like Direction & Administration, Residential & Non Residential Building, Survey, Computerization Project and Urban Water Supply Maintenance accounts for a total of Rs.1107.42 lakhs.

10.6.3 Rural Water Supply Programme: The Physical Coverage of NC/PC/Iron Affected Rural Habitations with drinking water during the 10th Plan is 2781 Nos.(both State & Central) as against the target of just 2316. However, as per the Report, as on 1.4.2007, there are 3163 nos. slipped-back including newly grown-up habitations in the State. Hence, there is much more that have to be done in the 11th Plan.

10.6.4 Urban Water Supply Programme: During the Tenth Plan, under Urban Sector, the Dam of the GSWSS has been completed; the Pumping Machineries of Stage-I pumping machineries of GSWSS have been replaced; the Augmentation of Jowai WSS raising the pumping capacity to 1.00 MGD from the earlier 0.40 MGD capacity have been commissioned; the Augmentation of Simsangiri WSS was also commissioned; Works progressed for Baghmara WSS under Centrally sponsored AUWSP, Tura Phase-III WSS, Jowai WSS & Mairang WSS under NLCPR and Nongpoh WSS was included for funding under NLCPR

10.6.5 Rural Sanitation Programme: Under Rural Sanitation Programme, much headway could not be made due to revision of Guidelines by Government of India and due to reluctance of the people to contribute. However, during the Tenth Plan a total of 263 nos. of schools were provided with Sanitation facilities and 3(three) Women Sanitary Complexes have been constructed. Apart from this, the Total Sanitation Campaign(TSC) was launched in East Khasi Hills, West Garo Hills & East Garo Hills District & 510 units of Individual house hold latrines were constructed by the beneficiaries under the guidance of District Water Supply & Sanitation Mission (DWSM) constituted in each District. Projects for Districts of Ri Bhoi, West Khasi Hills & Jaintia Hills also were sanctioned.The implementation of Swajaldhara Programme was taken up from the year 2004-05 with the involvement of beneficiaries in planning & implementation. A total of 34 nos. of projects have been taken up under the Programme; out of which 5 nos. have been completed during the Plan period. Out of the projected 10th Plan outlay of Rs.500.00 lakhs, an expenditure of just Rs.74.10 lakhs has been incurred under the Rural Sanitation Programme.

10.6.6 HIGHLIGHTS OF TENTH PLAN ACHIEVEMENT UNDER CENTRALLY SPONSORED PROGRAMMES:

Under Centrally Sponsored Programme, the expenditure during the 10th Plan was Rs.15567.01 lakhs out of which Rs.14388.27 lakhs was spent for ARWSP(Normal) for rural water supply & Rs.177.29 for AUWSP for Urban WSS. The balance of Rs.1001.45 lakhs was spent on other programmes like Submission programme for tackling Excess iron, IEC Project, Computerization, Estt. Of Monitoring Cell & Investigation Units, Estt. Of District Level Laboratory, PM's Package and Flood Damage.

10.6.7 Under C.S.S, during the Tenth Plan period, a total of 1515 nos. of Schools and 239 nos. of ICDS Centres have been provided with water supply. While under the Prime Minister's Package, an amount of Rs.631.33 lakhs have been spent where 956 Hand Pumps have been installed, 853 nos. of Schools provided with water supply and 1276 nos. of

Traditional Sources have been revived. Under AUWSP, an amount of Rs.177.29 lakhs have been utilized solely for the implementation of Baghmara WSS.

10.6.8 PROPOSED OUTLAY FOR THE ELEVENTH PLAN(2007-12), APPROVED ANNUAL PLAN (2007-08) AND PROPOSED ANNUAL PLAN (2008-09) UNDER STATE PLAN:

The break-up of the Proposed State Plan Outlay of Rs.55000.00 lakhs during the Eleventh Plan, Approved Outlay of Rs.4700.00 lakhs during 2007-08 and the Proposed Outlay of Rs.5875.00 lakhs for the Annual Plan 2008-09 is indicated below:-

(Rs. In lakhs)

Major Head/Minor Head of Development	10th Plan (2002-07) Projected Outlay at 2001 Prices	10th Plan (2002-07) Expenditure	11th Plan Proposed Outlay	Anticipated expenditure 2007-08 as per Agreed Outlay	Proposed Outlay for 2008-09
Rural Water Supply Programme	14860.00	15207.24	33000.00	3800.00	4500.00
Urban Water Supply Programme	4680.00	1950.77	17400.00	450.00	450.00
Rural Sanitation Programme	500.00	74.10	1200.00	100.00	250.00
Grants in aid to MPCB	247.20	45.00	690.00	30.00	25.00
Urban Sanitation Programme	1200.00	0.00	500.00	25.00	10.00
Finance Commission Award	152.00	151.99	400.00	0.00	0.00
Other Programmes	1860.80	1107.42	4909.00	295.00	640.00
(i)Direction & Administration	1126.05	564.76	2599.00	100.00	375.00
(ii)Non Residential Building	300.00	270.85	550.00	90.00	120.00
(iii)Residential Building	250.00	182.99	550.00	55.00	100.00
(iv)Survey	10.00	2.81	60.00	0.00	1.00
(v)IEC Cell	45.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(vi)Computerization Project		4.87	100.00	0.00	10.00
(vii)Water Quality Surveillance /Strengthening Dist laboratories	129.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	4.00
(viii)Urban Water Supply Maintenance	0.00	81.14	500.00	50.00	-
(ix) Grants in aid to SEIAA/Traditional Institutions, Local Bodies, etc.	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	30.00
Total:	23500.00	18536.52	58099.00	4700.00	5875.00

10.6.9 PROPOSED OUTLAY DURING ELEVENTH PLAN (2007-12), APPROVED OUTLAY DURING 2007-08 AND PROPOSED OUTLAY FOR 2008-09 UNDER CENTRALLY SPONSORED PROGRAMME:-

The outlay projected under Centrally Sponsored Programme during Eleventh Plan is Rs.31360.00 lakhs. The outlay of Rs.7576.86 lakhs for Annual Plan 2007-08 is anticipated to be utilized in full. An amount of Rs.10357.00 lakhs is proposed for the Annual Plan 2008-09 out of which Rs.10000.00 lakhs is for ARWSP (Normal) for Rural Water Supply alone.

10.6.10 IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES/PROGRAMMES DURING 2007-08 & 2008-09:

(A) Rural Water Supply Programme:- Provision of safe drinking water in rural areas has been included as one of the components under Bharat Nirman. The Bharat Nirman Programme is a step taken towards building up a strong Rural India by strengthening the infrastructure in six areas & Drinking Water is one of the component, with the help of a plan to be implemented in four years, from 2005-06 to 2008-09. It is targeted to cover the remaining not covered (NC), partially covered (PC) habitations, which includes CAP 99 habitations, slipped back & newly identified category and water quality affected habitations (iron affected habitations in the State) by 2008-09. Government of India supplements the efforts of State Governments by providing financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The action plans under Bharat Nirman Programme are highlighted below:

(i) **Comprehensive Action Plan-99(CAP-99):** As on 1.4.2007 and as updated in web site, the remaining CAP- 99 habitations in the state are 45(44 PC+1NC) nos. only. While the NC habitation & 34 PC habitations are targeted to be covered during 2007-08, the remaining 10 PC habitations are targeted to be covered during 2008-09.

(ii) **Slipped Back i/c Newly Grown habitations:** As on 1.4.2007, there are 3163 nos. of slipped back i/c newly grown up habitations in the State. This figure, however, does not include habitations slipped back between 2005-06 & 2006-07, as updated or being updated in Yearly Status Report (YSR). Out of the above, a total of 1435 & 1728 habitations are targeted to be covered during 2007-08 & 2008-09 respectively.

(iii) **Quality Affected habitations:** As on 1.4.07 there remains 45 nos. of Iron affected habitations to be covered by 2008-09. This figure, however, does not include habitations identified subsequently as quality affected in Yearly Status Report (YSR). Out of the above, a total of 30 habitations will be covered during 2007-08 & the rest 15 habitations during 2008-09.

The target, however, can be achieved only if adequate fund under ARWSP & State Plan is made available.

(B) Urban Water Supply Programme:- Under the sector, the main goal is to complete the balance works of the ongoing Schemes namely GSWSS, Baghmara WSS & to provide State share for Tura Phase-III WSS funded under NLCPR. Replacement of pumping machineries of Stage-II Pumps has already been completed & with this, the system of 3-stage

pumping has been converted to 2-stage pumping. The water supply situation in Shillong City has improved after this. Expedient implementation of other DONER funded schemes such as Jowai WSS, Mairang WSS & Nongpoh WSS is also in the priority list of the Dept. Posing project on Urban water Supply under JNURM is also given priority by the Dept. So far Project for Shillong CDP has already been sent for consideration under JNURM & Tura Phase-I&II Augmentation WSS & Nongpoh WSS under UIDSSMT.

(C) Rural Sanitation Programme:- Under this sector, the aim is to implement Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) in order to attain the ultimate goal of 100% sanitation coverage in rural areas. TSC has already been launched in six districts & for remaining district of South Garo Hills, sanction is awaited from Govt. of India, after which programme will also be launched there.

(D) Urban Sanitation Programme:- The Shillong Sewerage scheme covering 30% of the City area and drainage master plan project will be implemented with JNNURM funding/ADB assistance. Apart from this, Sewerage schemes for other towns of the State will be initiated for taking up schemes under UIDSSMT programme with Central support.

10.6.11. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR ONGOING SCHEMES:-

I. STATE PLAN:-

(i) There are 361 Nos. of on-going Rural Water Supply Schemes, out of which 78 Nos. are physically completed. An amount of Rs.8250.26 lakhs would be required to complete the remaining 283 Nos. Under Water Supply Programme, there are only 12 Nos. of on-going schemes and the amount of Rs.1906.63 lakhs would be required to complete them.

(ii) As for Buildings, there are 8 Residential Buildings costing Rs.315.85 lakhs under construction. The balance amount required to complete the schemes is Rs.204.44 lakhs. Further, a total of 20 Non-Residential Buildings costing Rs.544.98 lakhs are also under construction and a balance amount of Rs.322.39 lakhs is required to complete the same.

(iii) Apart from this, there are ongoing schemes under Revenue head for Direction & Administration. During the Ninth & Tenth Plan, two Zones, three Circles, five Divisions, Nine Sub-divisions & substantial number of additional posts were sanctioned. These are yet to be normalized & thus to be met from Plan. Further, Est. of Monitoring Cell, Investigation Division created under Central Sector is funded on 50:50 basis by Central & State Govt. The State share for these is thus required to be provided. Apart from this, salary of staffs in HRD cell is also required to be met from State Plan.

(iv) During 2007-08, the availability of fund under Urban Sector is Rs.450.00 Lakhs, out of which loan component is Rs.200.00 Lakhs, which may not be realized. Thus effective availability is only Rs.250.00 Lakhs. This shortage of fund would surely jeopardize the time schedule for completion of these schemes.

(v) It is estimated that about Rs.1656.00 lakhs of committed liability is likely to spill over in the beginning of the Annual Plan 2008-09. For smooth implementation of the Schemes, outlay under Urban sector is required to be enhanced to at least Rs.500.00 lakhs during 2008-09.

(vi) For Implementation of six numbers of TSC projects sanctioned so far, State share required to be provided is approx. Rs.1134.00 lakhs. Out of this, Rs.100.00 lakhs has been kept in the outlay for 2007-08; it is proposed to provide Rs.300.00 lakhs during 2008-09 to bring down the State Share for implementation of this prestigious programme of the Govt. of India.

(vii) Recently Govt. has constituted the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) & PHED has been designated as Nodal Deptt. It has been assessed that about Rs.25.00 Lakhs would be required in each year as recurring expenditure & approximately Rs.40.00 Lakhs as one time non-recurring expenditure initially. SEIAA is expected to start functioning during 2007-08. An amount of Rs.30.00 lakhs is proposed for 2008-09. Another Rs.50.00 lakhs is proposed for Grants-in-Aid to Pollution Control Board.

II. CENTRAL SECTOR/CENTRALLY SPONSORED PROGRAMMES:-

(i) **Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP):-** As on 1.4.2007, there are 746 nos. of ARWSP schemes costing Rs.20100.71 lakhs under implementation. The committed liability under various programmes of ARWSP as on 1.4.2007 is about Rs.14300.00 lakhs. Allocation for the State during 2007-08 as fixed by Govt. of India is Rs.4446.00 lakhs. So far Rs.2223.00 lakhs has been released in two installments. The present available fund under ARWSP is Rs.3485.17 lakhs. Considering the unspent balance of Rs.1262.17 lakhs at the beginning of the financial year 2007-08. Govt. of India has been requested to enhance the outlay under ARWSP to Rs.7500.00 Lakhs considering the increased target fixed under Bharat Nirman Programme. Subject to availability of Rs.7500.00 lakhs during 2007-08, coverage of 1500 habitations under rural sector is expected to be achieved.

(ii) **National Rural Drinking Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance Programme (NRDWQM&SP):-** Government of India has launched National Drinking Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance Programme (NRDWQM&SP) during 2005-06, which involves laboratory and Spot testing of water samples collected from different locations in the water supply system including all sources (including private) water treatment plants, distribution system and house reservoirs and 100% funding would be provided by Government of India. An amount of Rs.25.49 Lakhs was released during 2006-07. During 2007-08, another Rs.30.45 Lakhs was released. The programme was launched on 18.6.2007 at the State level & then in Aug & Sept., 2007 in four Districts. The other three Districts would also be covered by the first week of October, 2007 & then the training at various levels would be organized. Actual water analysis would start after that only.

(iii) **Management Information System (MIS):-** There is an unspent balance of Rs.1.96 Lakhs as on 1.4.2007, out of the release made during 2006-07. Computers have been provided up to Sub-Divisional Level. Development of customized software is in advance stage. However, connectivity is yet to be provided.

(iv) **Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC):-** Launched in 2003-04 in the District of East Khasi Hills & West Garo Hills, the Programme has been extended to Ri Bhoi District during 2005-06 and to East Garo Hills, Jaintia Hills & West Khasi Hills Districts during 2006-07. The Project for South Garo Hills has been submitted to GOI and is awaiting sanction. The sanctioned amount for all Districts is Rs.5389.67 lakhs. Out of the Approved Central share of Rs.2816.13 lakhs, an amount of Rs.844.83 lakhs has been released by GOI and a total of

Rs.313.10 lakhs only have been utilised upto September, 2007. The approved State share for this Programme is Rs.1133.56 lakhs and the approved Beneficiary share is Rs.773.84 lakhs. Out of the utilised amount of Rs.313.10 lakhs, a total of Individual Household Latrines have been constructed where 3306 Nos. belongs to BPL & 411 Nos. to APL families. Besides, 16 Sanitary complexes for Women, 412 School Toilets, 16 Toilets for Anganwadi and 1 Rural Sanitary Mart have been constructed. It may be mentioned that about Rs.1100.00 Lakhs has to be provided as State share for the implementation of TSC projects for all these six districts sanctioned. Further, the DPR in respect of one remaining District viz. South Garo Hills District has already been sent to Govt. of India for sanction, which would also require considerable amount of State share to be provided when sanctioned.

10.6.12. WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS UNDER NLCPR :-

Under **Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources(NLCPR)**, an amount of Rs.4181.18 lakhs has been spent during the 10th Plan for implementation of Greater Shillong WSS, Tura Phase-III WSS, Jowai WSS & Mairang WSS. At present, the Water Supply Schemes being implemented under NLCPR funding are Tura Phase-III WSS @ 2160.24 lakhs, Jowai WSS @ Rs.1541.13 lakhs & Mairang WSS @ Rs.806.56 lakhs. Recently on 26.3.07, Nongpoh WSS, with an estimated cost of Rs.1746.72 lakhs has also been included for funding under NLCPR. Out of the total amount of Rs.3009.71 lakhs released by DONER for the ongoing projects, an amount of Rs.2940.46 lakhs has been utilised upto 31.3.2007. Utilisation Certificates for an amount of Rs.2612.53 lakhs have also been submitted. During 2007-08, another Rs.400.00 lakhs was released for Jowai WSS & Rs.30.00 lakhs for Mairang WSS.

The Physical Progress for Tura Phase-III WSS is about 77% & for Jowai WSS is about 38%. For Mairang WSS, the work started during 2006-07 & the progress is about 20%. Efforts are being made for completing Tura Phase-III WSS by 2007-08 & Mairang WSS and Jowai WSS by 2008-09. For Nongpoh WSS, the works would be started during 2007-08.

10.7 (A) HOUSING (GENERAL)

10.7.1 The Approved Tenth Plan Outlay for Housing is **Rs.6435.00 lakhs**, out of which **Rs.3385.56 lakhs** was utilized during the whole 10th Plan period. **The approved outlay for the Annual Plan 2007-08 is Rs. 600.00 lakhs** and it is anticipated that the whole amount will be utilized. **The budgetted outlay for the 11th plan is Rs.12,148 lakhs** and an Outlay of **Rs750.00 lakhs** is budgetted for the **Annual Plan 2008-09** for continuation of the schemes briefly described below :-

1. **Rural Housing Scheme :-** This Scheme was implemented since 1981-82. Under this Scheme, three bundles of C.G.I. Sheets are given as grant-in-aid to the bonafide Meghalayan houseless poor rural villagers who own a plot of land and willing to construct a house up to the roof frame level with their own resources. From 1981-82 to 2005-2006 a total number of 58,010 rural houseless families have benefited from this scheme. During the **Annual Plan 2008-09** an outlay of **Rs. 600.00 lakhs** is budgetted under this Scheme for providing roofing materials to 4062 rural poor families.

2. **Direction and Administration :-** This scheme is meant for running the administration and strengthening of the administrative set up. An outlay of **Rs. 165.00 lakhs** is budgetted during **11th Plan** and **Rs.38.00 lakhs** for the **Annual Plan 2008-09**.
3. **Training :-** Under this scheme trainees are sponsored and awareness programme techniques in cost effective and eco-friendly technology in Housing matters are conducted. An outlay of **Rs. 10.00 lakh** only is budgetted during 11th Plan and **Rs.0.10 lakhs** for the **Annual Plan 2008-09**.
4. **Assistant to the Meghalaya State Housing Board:-** An outlay of **Rs115.00 lakhs** is budgetted during the 11th plan period and **Rs.10.00 lakhs** for the Annual Plan 2008-09 for giving as grant-in-aid to the Meghalaya State Housing Board to partly meet the administrative expenses of the Board.
5. **EWS/LIG Loan-cum-subsidy Scheme :-** This scheme was found to be not economically viable as the Govt. commitments and subsidy for this Scheme is very high. In the Eleventh Plan with the budgetted Outlay of **Rs.2000.00 lakhs** it is proposed to settle the outstanding loan and interest borrowed by the Government from the HUDCO in a phased manner beginning from the Annual Plan 2007-08.
6. **Rental Housing Scheme :-** Rental houses will be built in all places where there is a demand for such accommodation for the State Govt. employees on transferable job. An outlay of **Rs. 608.00 lakh** only is budgetted during 11th Plan and **Rs.35.00 lakhs** for the Annual Plan 2008-09.
7. **Departmental Residential and Non-Residential Building :-** An outlay of **Rs.100.00 lakh** only is budgetted during 11th Plan and **Rs.35.00 lakhs** for the Annual Plan 2008-09 for construction of staff quarters and development of Departmental land.
8. **Construction of EWS Houses:-** Under this Scheme, Housing Department construct a group of houses at different Districts of the State as per plan and specification prescribed for E.W.S. of the Community for the purpose of allotting these houses to the E.W.S. of the Community who are permanent residents in the area concerned on hire purchase basis. An outlay of **Rs.100.00 lakh** only is budgetted during 11th Plan to undertake the construction of 100 numbers of EWS houses in different districts of the state.
9. **Land Acquisition and Development Scheme:-** Land will be acquired and developed with services/amenities and will be sold/leased out to those families mostly in town who do not own any plot nor can they get suitable plots at reasonable price. An outlay of **Rs.150.00 lakh** only is budgetted during 11th Plan and **Rs.31.90 lakhs** for the Annual Plan 2008-09 to acquire 3 hectares of land and to develop 150 hectares of the acquired land.
10. **Middle Income Group Housing Scheme:-** The applicant under the MIG category will be extended loan at the prevailing ceiling and rate of interest of HUDCO as fixed from time to time. The fund required will be borrowed from the financial institutions. An outlay of **Rs.500.00 lakh** only is budgetted during 11th Plan period.

Centrally Sponsored Scheme

1. **Construction of Night Shelter:-** This Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation since 1988-89. The objective of the scheme is to provide Night Shelter and pay and use toilet facilities to all urban shelterless. Under this scheme, the Housing Department has so far constructed only 1 (one) Night Shelter at Williamnagar in the year 1988-89. This scheme will be very useful to the public especially the poor villagers who visited the town, for treatment in Hospitals etc. An outlay of **Rs.50.00 lakh** only is budgeted during 11th Plan period.

10.7(B) POLICE HOUSING_(Residential)

10.7(B).1. **The Projected Outlay for the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012) is Rs 1000.00 lakhs, The Approved Outlay for 2007=2008 is Rs 100.00 lakhs and the amount is expected to be utilized in full. The Proposed Outlay for the Annual Plan 2008-2009 is Rs 125.00 lakhs.** The Projected Outlay of the 10th Plan (2002-2007) under Police Housing was Rs 820.00 lakhs and the actual expenditure was Rs.267.78 lakhs only.

10.7(B).2 The present level of Housing availability for Police Personnel is GO's Quarters-40.17%, U/S Quarters-73% and L/S- Quarters20.72 % .During the 10th Plan, funds received were utilized for the spill over schemes of the 9th Plan .It was only during the financial year of 2006-2007 that New Works i.e. Construction of 4 units U/S qtrs , 3 units GO's quarters and Commandant's residence had been taken up and during 2007-2008, 4 Units U/S quarters, 18 units L/S quarters ,1 unit GO's quarter and extension of Police Guest house are being taken up.During 2008-2009 the proposed new schemes are construction of 3 units GO's quarters, 4units L/S quarters and 18 units L/S quarters.

10.8 URBAN DEVELOPMENT

10.8.1 The 11th Plan Outlay for Urban Affairs is Rs.32166.00 lakhs and the approved outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.3043.00 lakhs which is expected to be utilised in full. **For the Annual Plan 2008-09, the proposed outlay is Rs.3850.00 lakhs.**

10.8.2 The Ninth and Tenth plan policy which were adopted, aimed towards decentralizing the activities from congested urban centres, orderly growth of towns / potential growth centers through creation of infrastructure. Setting up of a New Township near Shillong, strengthening of the Local Bodies in the urban centers, upgradation and improvement of the slum areas including poverty alleviation were also given priority during the plan periods.

The above policy and objective has been extended during the Eleventh plan period with main thrust on up gradation of the urban infrastructure and sustainability of assets created. The proposal for the Annual Plan 2008-09 is based largely on the same objective and strategy. However, in view of launching of the central programme viz. JNNURM, UIDSSMT

and IHSDP, the policy will henceforth shift towards urban reforms to improve the urban governance, transparency and accountability in urban local bodies, better delivery of services to citizens, adopt a participatory approach to ensure sustainability of projects. The underlying factor will be to improve the quality of life of citizens.

10.8.3 The following schemes will be taken up for implementation during 2008-09:-

Infrastructure Development: The objective of the scheme includes development of town and community level urban infrastructure and land acquisition cost for such projects etc. This scheme will continue in the Eleventh Plan in order to meet the requirement of locality level components which are not covered under JNNURM, UIDSSMT & IHSDP.

Special Urban Works Programme including Chief Minister's Urban Development Fund: This programme is implemented in the urban constituencies of the state with a view to generate wage employment through creation of socially and economically useful asset for improvement of social, economic and environmental conditions in consonance with the policy of Government of India for MP Local Area Development Programme.

Environmental Improvement of Urban Slum: This scheme which is a part of the 20 Point Programme is being implemented in the slum areas of 6 (six) towns i.e., Shillong, Tura, Jowai, Baghmara, Williamnagar and Nongstoin.

Assistance to Local Bodies: Under this scheme Grant-in-Aid assistance are extended to urban Local Bodies and Development Authority for physical infrastructure works, purchase of vehicles etc. An amount of Rs. 10.00 lakhs is earmarked for this scheme during 2008-09.

Direction & Administration: It is necessary to strengthen the Department in terms of adequate and requisite technical as well as secretarial manpower in order to efficiently plan, implement and manage the schemes and programmes. An amount of Rs. 75.00 lakhs is earmarked for this purpose during 2008-09.

Urban Development projects for Shillong (UDPS): Shillong, the capital city of Meghalaya has been selected for funding by Asian Development Bank for urban infrastructures projects including capacity building and an amount of Rs. 349.75. crores has been agreed to support for the project. The funding is likely to come to the State Government in the ratio 90:10 with 90 percent being grant and 10 percent loan. The agreement is likely to be signed soon and the implementation of projects will start from 2008-2009.

Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns and Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme: These are Centrally Assisted schemes introduced by the Government of India with the objective of cities to realize their full potential and become true engines of growth. Focused attention will be given to integrated development of infrastructural services in the selected cities in a mission mode. The National Urban Renewal Mission has two sub-Mission namely 'Urban Infrastructure and Governance' wherein the main thrust will be on major infrastructure relating to Water Supply including Sanitation, Sewerage, Solid Waste Management, Road Network, Redevelopment of Inner City Areas etc., and the sub-Mission "Basic Services for the Urban Poor" will include programme like

Slum Improvement, Site and Services, Environmental Improvement and Housing etc. Shillong, the capital city has been selected under the Mission.

Other towns will be covered under the omni-bus scheme 'UIDSSMT and IHSDP'. The funding patterns of these schemes are in the ratio of 90:10 (share of Central, State/ULB).

All these schemes are linked to reforms in the urban sector and for which a MOA has been signed by the State Government. Implementation of the reforms will be initiated immediately.

The Planning Commission has in the meantime made an allocation of Rs 9654.00 lakhs for Meghalaya for the programme. An amount of Rs. 1062.00 lakhs has been earmarked during the Current Financial Year 2007-2008 leaving the balance of Rs. 8592.00 lakhs which is to be utilized for the next four years @ Rs. 2148.00 lakhs per year. As per funding pattern on 90:10 ratio, an amount of Rs. 239.00 lakhs is proposed against central share of Rs. 2148.00 lakhs during 2008-2009. Hence, the total amount of Rs. 2387.00 lakhs is being proposed for the Annual Plan 2008-2009.

Construction of Departmental Buildings: Under this scheme work for construction of Residential and Non-Residential building in all the District Headquarters is being taken.

New Shillong Township: To accommodate the future population of Shillong, a proposal for setting up of a new township designed for 2,00,000 populations was conceived by the department. An area of 2030 hectares has been identified to the east of the Shillong city. It is proposed to develop the township as a joint venture involving both Govt. and private initiative. Govt. intervention is restricted to acquiring and developing 500 hectares of land while in the remaining areas only the bulk infrastructure will be laid by the Govt. Development in the 500 hectares is expected to provide the impetus for growth and development in the remaining 1530 hectares. As of date, 370.26 hectares of land has already been acquired and acquisition of the balance 129.74 hectares is under progress. Meantime, the State Government has already appointed Consultant for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the different sectors like road, power etc. The actual development of Government land as well as works for laying the infrastructure is proposed to be taken up.

10.8.4 The broad schematic outlays for the 11th Plan 2007-2012 and for the Annual Plan 2008-09 are as below:-

Rs. in lakhs.

Sl. No	Major/Minor Heads of Development	Tenth Plan 2002-07 Projected Outlay (at 2001-02 prices)	Tenth Plan 2002-2007	Eleventh Plan 2007-2012	Annual Plan 2007-2008		Annual Plan 2008-2009
			Actual Expenditure	Projected Outlay (at 2006-07 prices)	Agreed Outlay	Anticipated Expenditure	Proposed Outlay
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	03-IDSMT-051-Construction (01)-IDSMT	200.00	48.00	-			
	05-Other Urban Development Schemes-051-Construction (03) I.D.	500.00	747.86	500.00	80.00	80.00	80.00

Sl. No	Major/Minor Heads of Development	Tenth Plan 2002-07 Projected Outlay (at 2001-02 prices)	Tenth Plan 2002-2007	Eleventh Plan 2007-2012	Annual Plan 2007-2008		Annual Plan 2008-2009
			Actual Expenditure	Projected Outlay (at 2006-07 prices)	Agreed Outlay	Anticipated Expenditure	Proposed Outlay
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	(04)-SUWP including CMSUDF-05-Other Urban Development Schemes-800-Other Expenditure	1325.00	1758.50	3250.00	650.00	650.00	650.00
	(06)-I.S & G.I.S. (National Urban Information System)	70.00	11.50	50.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
	80-General-001-direction & Administration	300.00	270.65	400.00	68.00	68.00	75.00
	003-Training of Personnel-(01) Training of personnel in Town & Rural Planning	2.50	-	-	-	-	-
	191-Assistance to Local Bodies, Development Authorities etc.	50.00	61.05	100.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
	04-NSDP-(02) Central Assistance of NSDP	550.00	307.57	-	-	-	-
	04-Sum Areas Improvement-051-Construction-(01) Slum Improvement Schemes in congested Town Areas	150.00	199.96	270.00	45.00	45.00	45.00
	05-Other Urban Development Schemes (05) SJSRY	120.00	23.92	180.00	20.00	20.00	102.00
	(07) I.S.U.I.	410.00	36.00	-	-	-	-
	(06)-NLPCR (state share)	200.00	4.00	50.00	-	-	-
	800-Other expenditure-(03) E.F.C.A.	250.00	-	-	-	-	-
	(a) J.N.N.U.R.M. (b) U.I.D.S.S.M.T (c) I.H.S.D.P.	-	100.00	21716.00	1062.00	1062.00	2750.00
	Urban Development Project for Shillong (UDPS)	-	-	500.00	1032.00	1032.00	-
	(02) Construction of Residential Buildings (01) Office Buildings	50.00	43.52	150.00	25.00	25.00	28.00
	800-Other expenditure-Satellite Township for Shillong	6472.50	2318.00	2000.00	41.00	41.00	100.00
	(a) A.C.A			1000.00			
	(b) Loan			2000.00			
	(c) E.A.P						
	TOTAL: -	10650.00	5930.53	32166.00	3043.00	3043.00	3850.00

10.8.6

CENTRALLY SPONSORED / CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEMES:

Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana: The unified Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme under the nomenclature SJSRY is being implemented in Shillong, Tura, Jowai, Williamnagar, Baghmara and Resubelpara. The scheme is aimed towards the upliftment of the quality of life of urban poor through encouragement of self-employment and provision of wage employment. The projected outlay for the Eleventh Plan was Rs. 180.00 lakhs for implementation of the schemes which include the Self Employment, Wage Employment as well as Community Structure Components. During the Current Financial Year, the approved

outlay is Rs. 20.00 lakhs which is the state share and for the Annual Plan 2008-09, the proposed outlay is Rs. 102.00 lakhs which is against the central share of Rs. 254.81 lakhs.

National Urban Information System: This is a newly launched Centrally Sponsored Scheme with an objective to develop the database and geographical information system of the urban centers in order to facilitate utility and urban planning cost effectively by using the available effective advanced technology. This will also facilitate developing the urban management system and expected to enhance the delivery system over a period of time. An amount of Rs. 10.00 lakhs was approved for the Current Financial Year being the state share of the programme and Rs. 10.00 lakhs is the proposed outlay for the Annual Plan 2008-09 which is against the central share of Rs. 25.00 lakhs.

10.9 INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

10.9.1. The information and Public Relation Department have an important and vital role to play in the development and advancement of the State. In line with the Government policy to bring the administration closer to the people, it has a crucial task in informing the people at the grassroots level of various schemes, projects and initiatives taken up by the Government for the benefit of the people. Besides, the Department has also to project, promote and publicize the potentials of the State at the Regional, National and International level. The proposed outlay for the Eleventh Plan is **Rs.3000.00** lakhs. The approved outlay for the Annual Plan 2007-08 is Rs.300.00 lakhs and the anticipated expenditure is Rs.300.00 lakhs. **The proposed outlay for the Annual Plan 2008-2009 is Rs.375.00 lakhs.**

10.9.2. The achievements during the Tenth Plan period are indicated below:

1. Maintenance of 8 (eight) Sub-divisional Information and Public Relations Offices,
2. Renovation and Extension of Fixed Loud Speaker system in Shillong.
3. Maintenance of Fixed Loud Speaker system at District/Sub-Divisions.
4. Maintenance of Press and Publication Wing in the Department.
5. Organised/Participated in Exhibition at the State, District and Sub-Divisional level.
6. Maintenance of Rural Integrated Information Centres.
7. Maintenance of Video Programme Production Unit.
8. Maintenance of Exhibition Wing.
9. Procured 7 (seven) Vehicles for Extensive Awareness Programmes,
10. Participated in the India International Trade Fair at Delhi.
11. Presented Tableau in the Republic Day Celebrations at Delhi.
12. Erected Hoardings at the State and District level.
13. Organized Tours for the Local Press.
14. Produced Video films.

10.9.3. The total proposed outlay of the above schemes for the Annual Plan 2008-09 is Rs. 375.00 lakhs. The schematic outlays proposed for the Annual Plan 2008-09 are indicated in the Table below:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Items	Eleventh Plan 2007-12 Approved Outlay	Annual Plan - 2007-08		Proposed Outlay for 2008-09
			Agreed Outlay	Anticipated Expenditure	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Direction & Administration	500.00	75.55	75.55	100.00
2	Meghalaya Information Commission (RTI)	605.00	59.50	59.50	65.00
3	Research and Training	20.00	1.00	1.00	2.00
4	Advertising & Visual Publicity	610.00	93.25	93.25	123.00
5	Press Information Services	60.00	4.50	4.50	5.00
6	Field Publicity	345.00	6.00	6.00	8.00
7	Photo Services	50.00	0.50	0.50	2.00
8	Publications	610.00	58.70	58.70	70.00
9	Other Expenditures	200.00	1.00	1.00	-
	Total	3000.00	300.00	300.00	375.00

10.10 WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES/ SCHEDULED TRIBES/ OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES

10.10.1 The proposed outlay for the 11th Plan is Rs.150.00 lakhs and the Annual Plan approved outlay of 2007-08 is Rs.12.00 lakhs which is expected to be utilised in full. **The proposed outlay for 2008-09 is Rs.15.00 lakhs.** The Tenth Plan approved outlay for this sector was Rs.55.00 lakhs, and the actual expenditure is Rs.52.97 lakhs.

10.10.2 The All India Pre Examination Training Centre (AIPETC) implemented under this sector is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and the provision proposed is meant for meeting the State's Share for imparting coaching classes to Schedule Caste/ Scheduled Tribe candidates who intended to appear at the Civil Services Examination conducted by UPSC every year.

10.10.3 Schemes to be continued during 2008-09 are as follows :-

(a) Coaching/ Training programmes :-

While the Coaching Scheme and programmes for the Civil Services Examination, both preliminary and main courses, will continue to receive the centre's absolute priority. It is also proposed to secure the services and professional expertise of resource personnel in the line. The course particularly the Civil Services (Main) Examination would be more purposeful by introducing the capsule on "Mock Interview".

(b) Library and Reading Facilities :-

The existing Library and Reading Room of the Centre is proposed to be developed further with additional accommodation providing adequate sitting facilities to the trainees/ candidates. The accession to Library books and provisions of professional journals, magazines and newspapers would be kept for the use of the trainees/ candidates.

10.11 LABOUR AND LABOUR WELFARE

10.11.1 The proposed outlay for the 11th Plan is Rs.500.00 lakhs. The approved outlay for the Annual Plan 2007-2008 is Rs.60.00 lakhs which is expected to be utilized in full. **The proposed outlay for 2008-09 is Rs.75.00 lakhs.**

It is proposed to continue the District Labour Offices at Nongpoh and Baghmara and Sub-Divisional Labour Office at Khliehriat for proper implementation of various Labour Laws such as (i) Minimum Wages (ii) Child Labour Act and Rules (iii) Contract Labour Act and Rules (iv) Shop and Establishment Act and Rules (v) Motor Transport Act and Rules (vi) Inter State Migrant Act and Rules etc. The amount proposed for 2008-2009 is Rs.30.00 lakhs.

Further, the Labour Welfare Centres at Mendipathar, Byrnihat, Umiam and Khliehriat will be continued for providing free training in sewing, knitting and embroidery to the workers and their family members with a view to enable them to augment their income thereby raising their standard of living. Amount proposed is Rs.35.00 lakhs.

For the construction of Officer and staff quarters of the District Labour Office, Williamnagar in East Garo Hills District, an amount proposed is Rs.5.00 lakhs.

Boilers and Factories : The Inspectorate is functioning with Skeleton staff since the date of its inception in 1973. With the present trend of development in the field of Technology and the expansion of the Industrial Sector where many Industries have been set up in the State especially in the Medium Scale Sector, registration & inspection of these factories and boilers are numerous and cannot be taken up only with the existing manpower. It is therefore proposed to strengthen the administration at the Headquarter and the establishment of district Offices at Ri- Bhoi, West Garo Hills & Jaintia Hills Districts. The amount proposed for the Eleventh Plan is Rs 50.00 lakhs and an amount of Rs. 5.00 lakhs is proposed for the Annual Plan 2008-2009.

10.12 EMPLOYMENT & CRAFTSMEN TRAINING

10.12.1 The proposed outlay for the 11th Plan is Rs.4101.00 lakhs. The approved outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.350.00 which is anticipated to be utilized in full. **The proposed outlay for 2008-09 is Rs.440.00 lakhs.**

During the 10th Plan period under the Prime Minister Package, a Centrally Sponsored Schemes(CSS) viz. the “Establishment of ITIs in North Eastern States & Sikkim” are being implemented and the same is extended during the 11th Plan period and the aforesaid Scheme is scheduled to expire on 31.03.2008. For continuity and sustenance, it is contemplated that some components of these Schemes are to be included as new plan Schemes during the 11th Five Year Plan period.

10.12.2 **Implementation of the following schemes will be continued during 2008-09.**

(a) **Employment Services :**

1. Strengthening of Headquarter Establishment in Directorate.
2. Resource & Manpower Monitoring Cell in Directorate.
3. Employment Market Information Unit in District Employment Exchange, Williamnagar.
4. Strengthening Divisional Employment Exchange, Shillong.
5. Vocational Guidance Unit in District Employment Exchanges, Williamnagar/Tura.
6. Incentives to SC/ST in Coaching-cum-Guidance Centre(GCG), Shillong.
7. Employment Information & Assistance Bureau at Amlarem/ Pynursla/ Dadenggre.
8. Sub-Divisional Employment Exchanges, Nongpoh /Mairang /Ampati /Baghmara / Khliehriat.
9. Construction of Office Building, Employment Exchange, Ampati.
10. Expenditure for implementation of Right to Information Act.

(b) **Craftsmen Training :**

1. Setting up of Industrial Training Institutes(ITIs) at Nongstoin/ Nongpoh/ Williamnagar/ Baghmara.
2. Advance Course in the Trade of Dress Making.
3. Introduction of new Trades in ITIs, Shillong/Tura/Jowai/(W)Shillong.
4. Incentive to ITI Trainees.
5. Strengthening of Vocational Training Wing in Directorate.
6. Upgradation/ Modernisation of equipments of existing ITIs, Shillong/ Tura/ Jowai/ (W)Shillong.
7. New ITIs, Nongstoin/Williamnagar/Nongpoh.
8. Provision of Placement Cell at Directorate, ITIs, Shillong/ Tura/ Jowai/ (W)Shillong/Nongstoin/Williamnagar and Nongpoh.
9. Construction of Office Building ITIs (W)Shillong/Williamnagar.
10. Fencing of ITI land at Umpling, Shillong and ITI Tura.
11. Construction/Fencing of ITI building, Baghmara, implemented during 10th Plan under “CSS– Establishment of ITIs in North Eastern States and Sikkim”.
12. Electrical Energy supply for ITIs Shillong/Tura.

10.12.3 **New Schemes proposed to be included in the 11th Plan (2007-12) and Annual Plan 2008-09.**

(a) **Employment Services :**

1. Setting up of Employment Market Information Unit in District Employment Exchanges.
2. Setting up of new Coaching-cum-Guidance Centre, Tura.
3. Setting up of Employment Exchanges in Sub-Divisional (Civil) Headquarters at Dadenggre and Amlarem.

4. Setting up of Vocational Guidance Unit in District Employment Exchanges.
5. Acquisition of land/Construction of Building/Fencing of Employment Exchanges, Shillong/Resubelpara.

(b) Training Wing(ITIs) :

1. Craftsmen Training (ITIs) and Apprenticeship Training
2. Modernisation/Strengthening of existing ITIs, Shillong/(W)Shillong/Tura by introduction of new Trade implemented during 10th Plan period under CSS.
3. Fencing and construction of ITI building, Baghmara (implemented during 10th Plan period under CSS).
4. Upgradation into Centres of Excellence(COE) at ITIs Shillong and Tura.
5. Purchase of land/Fencing and construction of ITI buildings, Nongstoin/Nongpoh.
6. Wall fencing of Govt. land at ITIs Rynjah, Shillong/Tura.
7. Electrical Energy Supply for ITIs Shillong/Tura/Jowai.
8. Setting up of new ITIs at Sub-Divisional(Civil) Headquarters in the State.

10.12.4 The broad schematic outlays proposed for the 11th Plan 2007-2012 and Annual Plan 2008-09 are as follows:

Rs. in lakhs							
Sl. No	Major Heads/Minor Heads of Development	Tenth Plan 2002-07 Projected Outlay (at 2001-02 Prices)	Tenth Plan 2002-07 Actual Expenditure	Eleventh Plan 2007-12 Projected Outlay at 2006-07 prices	Annual Plan 2007-08		Annual Plan 2008-09 Proposed Outlay
					Agreed Outlay	Anticipated Expenditure	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	Employment Services	329.00	208.02	853.00	117.80	117.80	174.50
B	Craftsmen Training(ITIs) and Apprenticeship Training.	421.00	251.91	3248.00	232.20	232.20	265.50
	Grand Total A+B	750.00	465.93	4101.00	350.00	350.00	440.00

10.13 SOCIAL WELFARE

10.13.1 The Department have undertaken a large number of major initiatives in the Social Welfare Sector, such achievements are vocational training programmes, rehabilitation services to the disabled, training and capacity building for self employment. Schemes are implemented according to the type of disability, environment and social life of the disabled persons. In pursuance with the Disability Act, 1995 several programmes were incorporated towards the welfare and rehabilitation of the Disabled and Handicapped persons according to availability of funds . NGOs and Voluntary Organisations play a vital role in the development of the society and most of the schemes are implemented through NGOs/Voluntary Organisations by providing training and financial assistance to the NGOs and Voluntary

Organisations. Effort is being made to mobilize the Non- Governmental Organisations to take up schemes of Central as well as State Sector.

10.13.2 The Eleventh Plan Proposed Outlay is **Rs. 8210.00 lakhs**. The Approved Outlay of **Rs.1442.52 lakhs** during 2007-08 is expected to be fully utilised and the Proposed Outlay for the Annual Plan 2008-09 is **Rs.1847.00 lakhs**. Out of the Tenth Plan Projected Outlay of **Rs. 833.00 lakhs** the actual expenditure during the Tenth Plan under Social Welfare Sector is **Rs.3112.73 lakhs**.

The Department proposes to continue implementation of the following schemes/programmes during 2008-09:

10.13.3 NATIONAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME:

i) National Old Age Pension Scheme:- The Programme envisages payment of financial assistance to old age persons of the age from 65 years and above residing in the villages and urban areas who live below the BPL who are destitutes.

(ii) National Family Benefit Scheme:- The Programme provides lump sum assistance of Rs 10,000/- to the households living below poverty line on the death of a primary bread winner in the age of 18 to 64 years to help to the immediate need of the family.

During 2008-09 an amount of **Rs 1535.00 lakhs** is proposed under the Scheme.

10.13.4. WELFARE OF HANDICAPPED :

i) Scholarship to Physically Handicapped Students :

During 2007-08, it is expected to cover 592 students. Proposal for enhancement the rate of scholarship is under the active consideration of the government since the rate of scholarship for the physically handicapped is too meagre. During 2008-09 an amount of **Rs.4.00 lakhs** is proposed to cover 650 beneficiaries.

ii) Grant in aid to Voluntary Organisations :

Financial assistance is given to Voluntary Organisations for maintenance of special school, vocational training etc for the physically challenged person An amount of **Rs.3.00 lakhs** is proposed during 2008-09 for the purpose.

iii) Assistance to Physically Handicapped Persons for Vocational Training/ for Self Employment :

One year Vocational training is imparted to physically handicapped persons in carpentry, handicraft, knitting, tailoring etc. During the training period they are given a stipend of Rs.500/- per month each and an honorarium of Rs.800/- per month is given to the instructors. During 2007-08 an amount of **Rs.3.00 lakhs** is provided to cover 76 numbers of beneficiaries. In view of the price of food commodities it is propose to enhance the honorarium of Instructor from Rs 800/- to Rs 1200/-per month. An amount of **Rs.3.00 lakhs** is proposed during 2008-09 to cover the same number of beneficiaries and to meet the necessary expenditure under the programme.

iv) Implementation of the Disability Act, 1995 :

In pursuance of the Disability Act, 1995 disabled students are given financial assistance in the form of uniform grant, book grant, conveyance allowance, and unemployment allowance to the disabled persons. During 2007-08, 600 disabled students will be covered under the Scheme and an amount of **Rs.4.00 lakhs** is provided. During 2008-09 it is proposed to enhance the rate under the Scheme since the rate is too low and complaints were received on the low rate of financial assistance provided under the Scheme. This was also discussed in the Mobile Court under the Person with Disabilities Act held recently at Shillong. Hence the amount of **Rs.5.00 lakhs** is proposed to cover 700 beneficiaries.

v) Rehabilitation Treatment for the Disabled :

The main objective of the scheme is to rehabilitate the persons with disability as normal citizen. This Scheme will include treatment of all types of disabilities. Under the Scheme, financial assistance for a maximum amount of Rs.25000/- for treatment outside the State is provided to the family whose income does not exceed Rs.3000/- per month based on the recommendation of the Government Medical Officer. During 2008-09 an amount of **Rs1.00 lakhs** is proposed to cover 4 physically challenged persons.

vi) NPRPD – National Programme for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities :

The NPRPD is a Central Sector Scheme with the basic objective of providing comprehensive rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities, especially in rural areas closer to their doorstep through a four-tier delivery system established at Community, Block, District and State levels. There is a provision for two Community Based Rehabilitation Workers (CBRWs) at the Community and two Multipurpose Rehabilitation Workers (MRWs) in districts covered under the scheme. A District Resource Centre have been set up at Shillong and Tura and also State Resource Centre was established at Shillong during 2002-03.

As per Planning Commission directives the NPRPD scheme has been made a State Scheme and provision under State Sector of the Annual Plan needed to be provided to maintain the CBRW/ SRC Shillong, Tura and payment of honorarium to the staff of the above establishments, office contingencies, training programmes, workshop etc. An amount of **Rs.50.00 lakhs** is proposed during 2008-09 to meet the necessary expenditure.

vii) Implementation of PWD Act, 1995 – Appointment of Commissioner of Disabilities :

In pursuance of Section 60 of the Disability Act, 1995, the full fledged Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities have been appointed with the following supporting staff i.e 1(one) U.D.A. and 1 (one) peon.

In view of the heavy responsibilities workload and for better coordination with other Departments, it is proposed that one post of Disability Programme Officer along with skeleton ministerial staff be created.

During 2008-09 an amount of **Rs.15.00 lakhs** is proposed to meet the necessary expenditure.

10.13.5 DIRECTION AND ADMINISTRATION :

i) Directorate of Social Welfare, Shillong :

During the Annual Plan 2008-2009 it is proposed to revive the post of Assistant Director of Social Welfare (Services in need of care and protection) due to expansion of schemes and programmes and also additional skeleton staff be created to handle the workload in the Directorate.

During 2008-09, an amount of **Rs.28.50 lakhs** is proposed to meet the necessary expenditure at the Directorate level.

ii) Joint Directorate of Social Welfare at Tura :

The present Joint Directorate which is manned by a single officer and skeleton staff i.e. U.D.A. -1, L.D.A.- 1, Typist - 1 and peon - 1 need to be strengthened. It is therefore necessary to create 1 (one) Asstt. Director of Social Welfare along with skeleton ministerial staff to assist the Joint Director of Social Welfare for the smooth and effectively implementation of various scheme.

An amount of **Rs.14.00. lakhs** is proposed during 2008-09 to meet the necessary expenditure.

iii) District Social Welfare Officer :

During the Annual Plan 2008-09 it is proposed to create 2 (two) posts of Computer Assistants and one Statistical Asstt. in each District, and replacement of two vehicles. The above two posts of L.D. Assistants are essential for the two districts offices i.e. Ri Bhoi and South Garo Hills as at present these offices have been sanctioned only with 1 (one) L.D.A. each. The work load at the District Offices are increasing and are facing great hardship in timely disposing of the work, hence creation of the post of Statistical Asstt. is found essential. It is also proposed to provide each district office with one photocopier machine and a fax machine to ensure smooth functioning of the offices.

During 2008-09 an amount of **Rs.28.00 lakhs** is proposed.

iv) Field Survey of Social Problems:

During the Annual Plan of 2007-08 an amount of **Rs.2.00 lakhs** is provided for conducting the survey on problems of sexual abuse and trafficking of women and children. The expenditure is also **Rs.2.00 lakhs**. During 2008-09 an amount of **Rs.2.00 lakhs** is proposed for the purpose of conducting survey to ascertain the deprivation of children in need of care and protection.

v) Government Contribution to Meghalaya State Social Welfare Advisory Board:

During 2008-09 an amount of **Rs.5.00 lakhs** is proposed for meeting 50 per cent State share to the Central Board's grant for the maintenance of the establishment of State Social Welfare Board.

10.13.6. WELFARE OF AGED, INFIRM AND DESTITUTES

i) National Plan Of Action For Women Grant In Aids For Voluntary Organisation For Care Of Destitute, Widows, Aged And Infirm Women:

Financial assistance is given to Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of destitutes, widows, aged and infirm women. An amount of **Rs 2.00 lakhs** is provided during 2007-08 for covering 2 (two) voluntary organizations. During 2008-09 an amount of **Rs.2.00 lakhs** is proposed.

ii) Medical Treatment For The Aged :

An amount of **Rs. 3.75.lakh** is provided during 2007-08 to cover 181 aged persons. During 2008-09, an amount of **Rs.5.00 lakh** is proposed to cover 150 beneficiaries at the enhanced rate proposed of Rs 200/- per beneficiary.

iii) National Plan of Action for Older Persons :

In pursuance of the National Policy for Older Persons and Plan of Action of the Government of India to strengthen the legitimate place of the elderly in the society it is proposed to conduct advocacy meet/ sensitization programme for strengthening the integration and bond between the young and the old. During 2008-09 an amount of **Rs.0.50 lakh** is proposed.

iv) International Day for Older Persons :

October 1st has been declared every year as the International Day for Older persons and Govt. of India have instructed to mark the day through appropriate programmes aimed at celebrating old age in a befitting manner. To celebrate the day in all the District Headquarters in the State during 2008-09, **Rs.1.50 lakhs** is proposed.

10.13.7 CAPITAL OUTLAY :

i) Construction of the Directorate of Social Welfare Shillong :

During 2008-09, an amount of **Rs.60.00lakhs** is proposed for construction of office building for the Directorate of Social Welfare.

ii) Construction of Joint Directorate at Tura :

During 2008-09, it is proposed to construct officer's quarter and Grade IV Quarters at Tura since the Department has got its own land. In addition it is also proposed to construct a guest house for the purpose of accomodating the officials of the Department who are on tour to Garo Hills, as it has been experienced that there is a problem of

accommodation in the Government Guest House. Hence the amount of **Rs.34.00 lakhs** is proposed for the purpose.

iii) Construction of Probationary Hostel and Reformatory School :

The three homes set up under the Juvenile Justice Act 2000, are being housed in rented building with insufficient facilities and space. It is therefore necessary to construct own buildings/homes. It may be mentioned that the Directorate of Social Welfare had already taken action with Urban Affairs Department for allotment of five to six acres of land at New Shillong Township. Hence during 2008-09 an amount of **Rs.50.00 lakhs** is proposed to start the construction in the phase manner.

10.14. WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

10.14.1- Women and Children are the most important section in our society. Hence, top priority is to be taken in implementing programmes for their welfare. Orphans, destitutes, children and deserted women require Government intervention to overcome their problems. Educating and raising women's economic status means educating and improving the economic condition of a family. Children on the other hand are vulnerable, helpless on their own, and it is the duty of the Government and NGOs to intervene and react to the field situation to bring about a healthy environment amongst women and children in the State.

10.14.2 The Eleventh Plan and Annual Plan 2008-09 Projections :

The 11th Plan Proposed Outlay under Women and Child Development is **Rs 790.00 lakhs**. The Approved Outlay for 2007-08 is **Rs 132.48 lakhs** which is expected to be fully utilised. The Proposed Outlay for the Annual Plan 2008-09 is **Rs 128.00 lakhs**.

The following schemes/programmes are proposed to be implemented during 2008-09:

10.14.3 CHILD WELFARE:

i) Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations Working in the Field of Child Welfare:

Financial assistance is given to voluntary organisations working for the welfare and development of children in rural areas like creches, orphanages etc. The department also motivate the non-governmental organisations to take up other schemes such as foster care, adoption services, welfare services for street children and working children (Child Labour). The amount of **Rs. 26.00 lakhs** is provided during the Annual Plan 2007-08 to cover 60 NGOs and so the anticipated expenditure. During 2008-09 an amount of **Rs.20.00 lakhs** is proposed to cover 65 NGOs.

ii) Creches for State Govt. Employee's Children:

There is 1 (one) Creche run for the benefit of the State Govt. Employee's Children at Shillong. The amount of **Rs. 0.80 lakh** is provided during 2007-08 for maintenance of the Crèche covering 40 beneficiaries. During 2008-09, an amount of **Rs.1.00 lakh** is being proposed.

10.14.4. CORRECTIONAL SERVICES :

i) Implementation of Children Act. Establishment of Juvenile Guidance Centre:

During the Annual Plan 2007-08, **Rs.51.68. lakhs : Rs.43.42. lakhs** State and Central share respectively is provided for the maintenance of the existing three Homes at Shillong and Tura. The Juvenile Justice Care and Protection of Children Act 2000 which replace the Juvenile Justice Act 1986, clearly define that two separate home should be set up for the delinquent juvenile i.e. Observation and Special Home and a separate Home for the neglected children known as Childrens' Home which may be run by NGOs with financial assistance 50: 50 basis between the Central and State Government.

Accordingly during 2008-09 it is proposed to set up one Children's Home in Shillong under Section 34 of the above Act for the reception and rehabilitation of child in need of care and protection pending enquiry report if any and subsequently for their care, treatment, education, training development and rehabilitation separately for boys and girls with 25 inmates and also to set up one Shelter Home for the children in the urgent need of care and protection such as destitute, street children and runaway children, requiring immediate shelter such as victim of domestic violence and trafficking etc. An amount of **Rs51.68. lakhs** is provided during 2007-08 and so the anticipated expenditure. During 2008-09, an amount of **Rs.60.00. lakhs** is proposed to meet the expenditure including proposal for setting up the Homes as mentioned above.

ii) Grant in aid to Voluntary Organisations for Protective Homes and Anti Drug Campaign:

An amount of **Rs. 3.00 lakhs** is provided during 2007-2008 for giving grant in aids to NGOs/Voluntary Organisations for Prevention Activities and Creating Awareness for drug alcohol abuses etc. and so the anticipated expenditure. During 2008-09, it is proposed to support the NGOs working in the field of women's issues for setting up of temporary shelter/protective homes for women who are victim of domestic violence and to organise sensitisation programme for the police, judiciary, health etc personnels and N.G.Os. an amount of **Rs3.00.lakhs** is proposed.

iii) Celebration of Anti Drug Day:

June 26th is observed as an International Day for Drug Abuse. The Department in collaboration with NGOs observed the Day in all the seven District Headquarters to highlighting the problems faced by the Drug users and prevention on Drug Abuse. During 2007-08 an amount of **Rs.0.50. lakh** is provided and so the anticipated expenditure. During 2008-09 an amount of **Rs0.50. lakh** is proposed .

iv) Intervention Programmes for Drug Abuse:

The problem of drug addiction is one of the main issues in the present context and the Department had proposed to organise two Seminar on Drug asbuse for the officials and non-officials at Shillong and Tura during 2007-08 and the amount proposed is **Rs.1.00 lakh**. The anticipated expenditure during 2007-08 is Rs.1.00 lakh. During 2008-09 an amount of **Rs.1.00 lakh** is proposed for conducting workshop on drug abuse.

10.14.5. WOMEN WELFARE:

i) Training Centre for Self Employment for Women in Need of Care and Protection:

At present, the State Govt. is running 3 (three) training centres for 105 destitute women. The training centres impart training in tailoring, knitting, embroidery and weaving for a period of one year. During the training period a stipend of Rs. 500/- per month per trainee is given. After successful completion of the training, they are given a token grant of Rs. 5000/-, Rs. 4000/- and Rs. 3500/- respectively according to the grade they secured to enable them to start their own self employment. In view of the escalation of food commodities it is proposed to enhance the rate of stipend to Rs. 600/- p.m. At present the above 3 training centres are located at Shillong, Jowai and Tura only with a capacity of 40, 25 and 40 respectively. It is felt necessary to diversify and upgrade the training in few more trades such as leather works, toy making etc in the training centre at Shillong since these trades have more employment/ income avenues.

One year Computer Training is imparted to 10(ten) orphan and destitute girls in collaboration with Ramkrishna Mission Laitumkhrah Shillong.

During 2008-09 it is proposed to enhance the duration of the course on computer training from one year to 16 months to enable the trainees to be equipped with the present advance information technology, hence an amount of **Rs.10.00 lakhs** is proposed.

ii) Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Setting up Training Centres for women and care of their children :

Financial assistance is given to voluntary organisations working for the welfare of women in different activities such as handicrafts, training centres. An amount of **Rs.1.00 lakh** is proposed during 2008-09 for covering 15 voluntary organisation.

iii) National Plan of Action on Women's Policy and Empowerment:

The Department had initiated preparation of the State Plan of Action on Women's Policy and Empowerment. The Plan of Action incorporated programme action oriented on women's component and other related women's activities of allied Department. Effort is also being made for convergence and networking of women's development programmes at different level with NGOs which have strong presence at the community level for the empowerment of women During the 2008-09 it is propose to hold the workshop on Gender Budgetting for State Government Officials and **Rs.3.50. lakhs** is proposed.

iv) Meghalaya State Commission for Women :

The State Commission for Women was set up in the State during 2004-05 on the lines of the National Commission. During 2007-08, an amount of **Rs.27.00 lakhs** is being provided for meeting the expenses on maintenance of the office of the Chairperson, honorarium of members, salaries of officer, staff and other expenses. During 2008-09, an amount of **Rs.25.00 lakhs** is proposed to meet the expenditure of the establishment.

v) Setting Up Employment -cum-Income Generating Units For Women (NORAD) :

It is proposed to take advantage of the scheme to train women folks in different income generating trades so as to enable them to earn their livelihood and improve

their economic status in the Training Centres for Self Employment for Women in need of Care and Protection. The objective of the scheme is to train women, preferably in the non-traditional areas and to ensure their employment. During 2006-07, the scheme has been transferred from Centrally Sponsored Scheme to the State Government with effect from 1.4.2006 vide Govt. of India letter D.O. No.19-12/2005/Swawlamban (NORAD) dt.5.7.2005 and State Government approval conveyed vide letter No.SW(S)80/2004/221 dt.7.11.2006.

An outlay of **Rs.4.00 lakhs** is provided during 2007-08 and so the expenditure for covering four voluntary organisations. During 2008-09 an amount of **Rs.3.00 lakhs** is proposed.

10.14.6 CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES:

The following Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented by the Department :

i) Integrated Child Development Services Scheme:

During 2008-09, an outlay of **Rs 2988.53 lakhs** is proposed to meet the necessary expenditure of the existing and additional infrastructure indicated below :

- (1) 1 (one) State ICDS Cell attached to the Directorate of Social Welfare.
- (2) 5 (five) District ICDS Cells with Head Quarter at Shillong, Tura, Nongstoin, Jowai and Williamnagar..
- (3) 39 (thirty nine) ICDS Projects offices at Block Level Head Quarter(s).
- (4) 2 Urban ICDS Project in Shillong and Tura with 190 AwCs..
- (5) 3198 Anganwadi Centres and 1234 Mini Anganwadi Centres

ii) Training Programme of the Anganwadi Workers Under the ICDS Scheme:

Meghalaya has 2 (two) AWTCs, one located at Shillong the Headquarter which caters to the ICDS functionaries from East Khasi Hills, West Khasi Hills, Jaintia Hills and Ri Bhoi Districts. Another training centre located at Tura covering West Garo Hills, East Garo Hills and South Garo Hills Districts. Government of India has also sanctioned one MLTC located in the State Headquater Shillong which conducted all training programmes of middle level field functionaries, the Lady Supervisors. The MLTC also conduct the innovative training programme to in collaboration with SIRD and allied Department.

The MLTC has also brought out publications and pamphlets, posters and have translated the materials in local languages (Khasi and Garo) to disseminate information on Nutrition, Health and Education etc. During the year. 2008-09 an amount of **Rs 60.00 lakhs** is proposed to cover 1915 AWWs/ helpers etc.

iii) Nutrition Surveillance System (NSS) :

The project is implemented through National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) Hyderabad in collaborative exercise between Department of Women and Child Development, NIN and the State Govt. The project involves training/ reviewing/ monitoring on the implementation of ICDS Programme at the district level and project levels and also involving Anganwadi Workers. During 2008-09 a token provision of **Rs.7.50 lakhs** is proposed .

iv) Balika Samridhi Yojana (BSY) :

Balika Samridhi Yojana (BSY) was introduced during 1997-98 and was implemented in the State covering 12357 beneficiaries. The Scheme aims at giving prime importance to a girl child to ensure population stabilization with gender equity and sustain socio-economic development.

The benefits under (BSY) is restricted to two girl child. The BSY is part of the long term strategy to change social attitude and behavioural practices towards the girl child. During 2007-08, an amount of **Rs.20.00 lakhs** is provided but no fund has to been release by Govt. of India till date .A token provision of **Rs.20.00 lakhs** is proposed during 2008-09.

v) Kishori Shakti Yojana – KSY (Adolescent Girls Scheme) :

The scheme Kishori Shakti Yojana, a component of ICDS scheme aims to improve the nutritional health of the adolescent girls, promote awareness of health, hygiene, nutritional and family care, link them for learning life skill and take steps to become productive member. The scheme is in operation in all the 39 ICDS Projects as per the guidelines of Govt. of India. During 2008-09 an amount of **Rs 42.90 lakhs** is proposed.

vi) Integrated Women's Empowerment Programme (IWEP) :

Integrated Women Empowerment Programme is implementing in the 5 (five) Community and Rural Development Blocks viz; Betasing in West Garo Hills, Mawshynrut in West Khasi Hills, Resubelpara in East Garo Hills, Umling in Ri Bhoi District and Mylliem in East Khasi Hills. The first phase will be over in 2006-07 and it has been extended to 2007-08. The second phase will start from 2008 .It is proposed that during the 2nd Phase, 6 Community and Rural Development Blocks will be recommended for implementation of the scheme.

The objectives of the Scheme is establishment of self reliant women's self help groups (SHGs), creation of confidence and awareness among members of Self Help Groups, social , economic and political issues. An outlay of **Rs.12.00 lakhs** is proposed during 2007-08 but Govt. of India has not release fund since fund allotted for the first phase has been achieved by the State. During 2008-09, an outlay of **Rs.12.00 lakhs** is being proposed.

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES :

Implementation of Children Act. Establishment of Juvenile Guidance Centre :

During the Annual Plan 2007-08, **Rs.51.68. lakhs : Rs.43.42. lakhs** State and Central share respectively is provided for the maintenance of the existing three Homes at Shillong and Tura. As per the Juvenile Justice Care and Protection of Children Act 2000 which replace the Juvenile Justice Act 1986, clearly defined that two separate home should

be set up for the delinquent juvenile i.e. Observation and Special Home and a separate Home for the neglected children known as Childrens' Home which may be run by NGOs with financial assistance on 50:50 basis between the Central and State Government.

Accordingly during 2008-09 it is proposed to set up one Children's Home in Shillong under Section 34 of the above Act for the reception and rehabilitation of child in need of care and protection pending enquiry report if any and subsequently for their care, treatment, education, training development and rehabilitation separately for boys and girls with 25 inmates and also to set up one Shelter Home for the children in need of care and protection such as destitute, street children and runaway children requiring immediate shelter such as victim of domestic violence and trafficking etc. An amount of **Rs 43.42. lakhs** is provided during 2007-08. and an amount of **Rs.44.00. lakhs** is proposed for the year 2008-09 to meet the necessary expenditure including proposal for setting up the Homes as mentioned above.

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

Construction of Anganwadi Centres under ICDS Scheme :

Government of India has sanctioned so far 1725 anganwadi buildings. Each building has one room attached with kitchen, store room, water tank and toilet facilities @ of **Rs.1.25 lakhs/ Rs.1.75 lakhs**. 700 anganwadi buildings have been completed and construction of 457 Anganwadi buildings is under progress during 2007-08.

During the 2008-09, it is proposed to construct 800 anganwadi centres, and an amount of **Rs.1400.00 lakhs** is provided as token provision.

10.15 NUTRITION

The Eleventh Plan Proposed Outlay is **Rs.31,000.00 lakhs**. The Approved Outlay of **Rs. 2000.00 lakhs** during 2007-08 is expected to be fully utilised and the Proposed Outlay for the Annual Plan 2008-09 is **Rs.2,500.00 lakhs**. Out of the Tenth Plan Projected Outlay of **Rs.3,750.00 lakhs**, the actual expenditure during the Tenth Plan under Nutrition Sector is **Rs.8324.07 lakhs**.

Schemes to be implemented under Nutrition during 2008-09 are as follows:

i) Supplementary Nutrition in Urban Areas :

S.N.P. in Urban Areas is provided to malnourished children below 6 years of age, expectant and nursing mothers of low income group in all the Districts headquarters. The programme is run by the District Social Welfare Officers through the non-governmental organisations and communities in 63 centres covering 13200 beneficiaries i.e. East Khasi Hills - 12 centres, West Garo Hills - 10 centres, Jaintia Hills - 9 centres, East Garo Hills, South Garo Hills, Ri Bhoi District and West Khasi Hills District - 8 centres each. The cost of foodstuff given to each beneficiaries is @ Rs.1.20/- for children and @ Rs.1.50/- for pregnant and nursing mothers for 300 days in a year i.e. 25 days in a month. Foodstuff such as Bengal gram, groundnut, soyabean, suji, dried peas are provided to the beneficiaries at the rate

mentioned above. An amount of Rs.100.00 lakhs is provided to cover 13200 beneficiaries during 2007-08 and so the anticipated expenditure. During 2008-09 an amount of Rs.100.00 lakhs is proposed to cover 13200 beneficiaries of the five districts only i.e. Jaintia Hills, East Garo Hills, South Garo Hills, Ri Bhoi and West Khasi Hills since in two districts i.e West Garo Hills and East Khasi Hills have been sanctioned with Urban ICDS Projects.

Centrally Sponsored Scheme – Distribution of Nutritious Foods and Beverages:

Special Nutrition Programme:

i) National Nutrition Mission :

National Nutrition Mission was introduced by the Government of India during the year 2002-03 for implementing subsidized foodgrains to adolescent girls, expectant and nursing mothers belonging to Below Poverty Line families and undernourished. In Meghalaya, East Khasi Hills District has been selected for covering seven ICDS Projects. The programme is to be implemented in the lines of weighing and identification of undernourished, distribution of 6 kgs of foodgrains (wheat/ rice) based on local habitual through Public Distribution System. Training in weighing, health and nutrition education, health check up, referral services, to conduct IEC programme and purchase of weighing scales. The programme is to be implemented through a network with the Department of Food and Civil Supplies and Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district for necessary arrangement of foodgrains and distribution through Public Distribution System.

During 2007-08 an outlay of **Rs.20.00 lakhs** was provided for covering the seven ICDS Projects of East Khasi Hills District. During 2008-09 a token provision of **Rs.20.00 lakhs** only is proposed .

ii) Supplementary Nutrition Programme for ICDS Scheme :

The Social Welfare is the Nodal Department in the implementation of Supplementary Nutrition Programme in the State i.e. by providing supplementary nutrition to children below 6 years, pregnant and nursing mothers and adolescent girls to improve the health and nutritional status of women and children in rural areas. In the implementation of SNP Scheme food stuff i.e. Bengal gram, Ground nut, Soya bean, Dried peas, Suji, Rice flakes, Green peas, Sugar, Onion, Mustard oil, and Iodised salt are being distributed to the beneficiaries through AWCs in the 39 ICDS. The present unit cost under S.N.P. per beneficiary per day is @ Rs.2.00p for 0 - 6 years children, @Rs.2.70p for severely malnourished children, @ Rs.2.30p for pregnant mother, nursing mother and adolescent girls. The number of feeding days in a year is 300 days i.e. 25 days in a month.

During 2007-08, Govt. of India had sanctioned 2 Urban ICDS Projects, with 190 AWCs, 19 more AWCs and 1234 Mini AWCs. It may be mentioned that 50% of the actual expenditure for SNP in ICDS is borne by the Govt. of India since 2005-06.

During the Annual Plan of 2007-08 a token provision of **Rs.3865.00 lakhs** is provided for covering 500000 beneficiaries. During 2008-09, an amount of **Rs.2500.00 lakhs** is proposed to cover 589975 beneficiaries in the 39 ICDS Projects and 2 Urban ICDS Projects.