

CHAPTER III

SPECIAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

3.1. BORDER AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

3.1.1 Financial: - The Tenth Plan approved outlay for the Development of the Border Areas bordering Bangladesh is Rs. **4470.00** lakhs. The actual expenditure incurred during the first three years of the Tenth Plan i. e. 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 is Rs.**1835.22** lakhs. The Approved outlay for the Annual Plan 2005-06 is Rs.**650.00** lakhs which is expected to be fully utilized. **The proposed outlay for the Annual Plan 2006-07 is Rs. 559.00 Lakhs under Border Areas Development Schemes.**

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

- a. Distance from the international boundary with Bangladesh (approximately 10Kms at the crow flies distance).
- b. Degree of economic backwardness.
- c. Dependence upon the traditional trade relations with the country now known as Bangladesh.

3.1.3 Border Villages: - A master list of border villages was prepared by the Government for implementation of integrated schemes under the Border Areas Development Programme in 1974 and had been revised in 1982 and 1992. As of now, there are 1566 villages falling in the Border areas which covers an area of 4430 Square Kilometers, running laterally about 443 Kms from Dona-Malidor areas in Jaintia Hills District to Mahendraganj in the West Garo Hills District and thence for some distance towards Monkachar in the District of West Garo Hills District. The District-wise break up in respect of number of villages and length of area is as indicated below: -

Sl.No.	Name of the District	No. of villages	Length of international boundary
1.	Jaintia Hills	152	107 Kms.
2.	East Khasi Hills	383	101 Kms.
3.	West Khasi Hills	208	43 Kms.
4.	West Garo Hills	367	114 Kms.
5.	South Garo Hills	456	78 Kms.
	Total	1566	443 Kms.

These 1566 villages were divided into 12 areas under the charge of one Border Areas Development Officer (BADO) each for the administrative convenience and for the purpose of implementation of schemes etc. as below:

Name of the BADO	No. of villages	Population (2001 census)	Name of the District
1. Khliehriat	76	20927	Jaintia Hills
2. Dawki	76	36025	Jaintia Hills
3. Shillong	26	15276	East Khasi Hills
4. Sohra	104	30516	East Khasi Hills
5. Pynursla	117	61756	East Khasi Hills
6. Mawsynram	136	45003	East Khasi Hills
7. Ranikor	208	62781	West Khasi Hills
8. Ampati	86	29332	West Garo Hills
9. Dalu	166	49331	West Garo Hills
10. Kalaichar	115	48447	West Garo Hills
11. Baghmara	211	44524	South Garo Hills
12. Gasuapara	245	38798	South Garo Hills

The areas as notified above fall either fully or partly under the 17 Blocks below: -

Name of the Block	No. of notified border villages	Population (2001 census)	Name of the District
1. Khliehriat	74	20551	Jaintia Hills
2. Saipung	2	376	Jaintia Hills
3. Amlarem	76	36025	Jaintia Hills
4. Mawkynrew	26	15276	East Khasi Hills
5. Shella-Bholaganj	104	30516	East Khasi Hills
6. Pynursla	117	61756	East Khasi Hills
7. Mawsynram	136	45003	East Khasi Hills
8. Ranikor	138	44615	West Khasi Hills
9. Mawkyrwat	61	16224	West Khasi Hills
10. Nongstoin	9	1942	West Khasi Hills
11. Betasing	86	29332	West Garo Hills
12. Dalu	155	48807	West Garo Hills
13. Zikzak	121	48003	West Garo Hills
14. Chokpot	117	14585	West Garo Hills
15. Baghmara	123	30319	South Garo Hills
16. Rongara	91	19145	South Garo Hills
17. Gasuapara	130	20241	South Garo Hills

3.1.4 Implementation of Schemes during the Ninth Plan Period under the Special Central Assistance (BAPD): - During the Ninth Plan period an amount of Rs. 2264.00 lakhs was allocated by the Planning Commission as shown below: -

(i)	1997-98	Rs.395.00 lakhs
(ii)	1998-99	Rs.411.00 lakhs
(iii)	1999-2000	Rs.452.00 lakhs.
(iv)	2000-2001	Rs.470.00 lakhs.
(v)	2001-2002	Rs.536.00 lakhs.
(vi)	2002-2003	Rs.800.00 lakhs.

The above allocations were utilised for the following schemes: -

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| (i) | Rural Electrification | - 42 villages. |
| (ii) | Micro Hydel Projects | - 2 nos. |
| (iii) | Ropeways projects (covering 59 villages) | - 39 nos. |
| (iv) | Construction/ extension of School buildings | - 411 nos. |
| (v) | Illumination of caves | - 3 nos. |
| (vi) | Construction of footpath/ footbridges | - 332 nos. |
| (vii) | Construction of Community Halls | - 25 nos. |
| (viii) | Construction of link roads | - 21 villages. |
| (ix) | Construction of playground | - 23 nos. |
| (x) | Construction of market stalls | - 35 nos. |
| (xi) | Construction of bus waiting sheds | - 13 nos. |
| (xii) | Drinking water & sanitation facility | - 108 nos. |
| (xiii) | Individual schemes under Agriculture, Horticulture,
Industries, Veterinary, Fisheries, Handloom & Sericulture | - 564 families. |

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3.1.5 C. A. Under Art 275 (I) : An amount of **Rs. 30.00 lakhs** was approved during 2003-04 and out of the fund received from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs during March 2003 an amount of Rs. 20.00 lakhs was released for grounding the schemes of Tea Plantation at Mawlyngot and an outlay of Rs. 10.00 lakhs was released for setting up of the Food Processing Unit at Wahkdait. An amount of Rs. 20.00 lakhs was proposed during 2005-06, and an outlay of **Rs.28.00** lakhs was proposed during 2006-07.

3.1.6 Border Areas Development under Special Central Assistance : Border Areas Development is implementing the state scheme and also scheme under Special Central Assistance (BADP) which is 100% funded by the Government of India. The schemes under Special Central Assistance (BADP) are being implemented by the Local Committees formed by the concerned villages with the technical supervision from the Department for (i) Generating employment amongst the local people of the area and (ii) better quality and early completion of the schemes except those schemes which are highly technical in nature where implementation has to be done through the technical department only. An amount of **Rs. 494.00** lakhs was the approved allocation during 2005-06. The schemes implemented under **SCA for BADP** during 2003-04, 2004-05 and schemes for 2005-06 are indicated in the table below.

Name of Scheme	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Construction/ Extension of School buildings	76 nos.	88 nos.	75 nos
Community Hall	22 nos.	22 nos	26 nos
Footbridges	56 nos.	26 nos.	136 nos
Footpath	63 villages.	65 villages	26 nos
Link road	14 villages.		30 nos
Playground	34 villages.	31 villages	26 nos
Community Farm	10 nos.		
Market stall	10 villages.	13 villages	8 nos

Fisheries	116 families.		21 nos
Betel nut soaking pond	62 families.		
Sewing machine	11 nos.		
Piggery schemes	63 families.		
Goatery scheme	19 families.		
Drinking well	43 nos.		
Water supply	4 villages.	42 villages	
Handicraft	10 families.		
Bee keeping	20 families.		
Handloom	13 families.	1 no.	
Minor Irrigation	2 nos.		6 nos
Sanitation	12 units.		
Industries schemes	7 units.	4 nos	
Ropeways	6 nos. in 3 villages.		
Improvement of playgrounds		9 villages	
Health & Sanitation		46 nos	60 nos
A.H. & Vety.		2 nos.	7 nos
Agriculture & Allied Sectors		2 nos.	
Assistance to Community based Organisations Associations, etc		28 nos.	
Approach roads		3 villages	
Sericulture		2 units	
Purchase of Solar voltage energy light		11 nos.	
Teaching aids & study materials for schools		10 nos.	
Sanitary latrines		7 nos.	
Improvement of sports & cultural activities		9 nos.	
Ring well R.C.C.		10 villages	
Water tank		8 villages	
Soil conservation, cash crop		1 unit	
Embankment			3 nos
Retaining Wall			5 nos
Godown			1 nos
Restaurant			4 nos

An outlay of **Rs.559.00** lakhs was proposed during 2006-07.

3.1.7 Education: Scholarships/stipends to border areas students: An amount of Rs. 21.42 lakhs in 2003-04 was spent to provide financial aid to the border areas students to pursue further study both within and outside the state. An amount of **Rs.38.00** lakhs earmarked during 2005-06 is expected to be utilised in full. The Scheme is for an award of scholarship to the students hailing from notified border villages will continue for those students securing 1st Tenth position and 1st Division at Class IV and Class VII scholarship

examination of the Meghalaya Board of School Education and those at the Post Metric Stage studying in the High Schools and colleges within and outside the state. During 2006-07 an outlay of **Rs.42.00** lakhs was proposed for the purpose.

3.1.8 Establishment (Directorate): Land acquisition and construction of offices of the BADOs. During 2003-04 an amount of **Rs. 3.86** lakhs was spent for construction of garage at Baghmara and Ranikor. Construction of public toilet at BADO office, Pynursla and construction of C.C. footpath at Sohra. In 2004-05, an amount of Rs. 28.50 lakh is earmarked for taking up fencing work of offices of BADOs, approach road to offices of BADOs, garages, renovation work, etc. An amount of **Rs.38.00** lakhs earmarked during 2005-06 is expected to be utilised in full. During 2006-07 an outlay of **Rs. 43.00** lakhs was proposed for the purpose.

3.1.9 The schematic expenditure/ anticipated expenditure/ and proposed outlay for 2006-07 is shown at Table I below:-

Table-I

Name of the Scheme	Actual Expenditure 2003-04	Actual Expenditure 2004-2005	Anticipated Expenditure 2005-2006	Proposed Outlay 2006-2007
Scholarship/ Stipends to Border Areas students.	21.42	30.00	30.00	42.00
Construction of Roads in the Border Areas.	30.00	29.66	30.00	42.00
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Direction & Administration.	27.50	24.54	35.00	43.00
Agro. Custom Hiring in the Border Areas.	1.68	1.79	2.00	4.00
Land Acquisition & Construction of office building for the office of BADOs.	3.86	20.38	31.00	82.00
Special Central Assistance under Border Areas Dev. Programme (BADP).	470.00	548.00	494.00	559.00
C.A. under Article 275(1)	50.55	-	20.00	28.00
Total	605.01	654.37	642.00	800.00